

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
October 20, 2009
I.B.E.W., Local #1 Hall

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council was called to order by President Robert Soutier at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

President Soutier led the delegates in the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance to our country's flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Soutier asked for a moment of silence for Dave Sinclair who passed away on September 25, 2009 and for Jim Hathman, Retired District Council President of International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental & Reinforcing Ironworkers, who passed away on October 16, 2009.

ROLL CALL

Roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Nancy Cross, Tony Ellebracht, Tom George, Michael Goebel, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Perri Pryor, Tony Rippeto, Mark Staffine, John Stiffler, and Patrick White.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Donald Giljum, Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett, Jim Dougherty, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Jr., Patrick Kellett, Gordon King, Gary Reay, Joseph Schonlau, Gary Smith, Vincent Todt, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

President Soutier called upon First Vice President John Ebeling to present the 2009 Andy Owens Community Service Award to Tony Ellebracht past President of the Communication Workers of America, Local #6300.

Ebeling read a short bio on honoree Tony Ellebracht presenting him with the much deserved award. Vice President Ebeling then presented Tony's wife Suzanne with a dozed red roses.

President Soutier then recognized Dave Sinclair posthumously for his outstanding efforts in being such an excellent friend to labor and his community by presenting him the Robert J. Kelley Friend of Labor Award.

Dave Sinclair's son Dan Sinclair accepted the award on his father's behalf and said a few words about his father and his relationship with the unions.

Flowers were also given to be presented to Mrs. Dave Sinclair by her son.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Barbara Sellini, with the American Postal Workers St. Louis Gateway Area to the podium and gave her the oath of office to represent her local union as a Delegate to the St. Louis Labor Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the September 15, 2009 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First Vice President, John Ebeling read the Executive Board report as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Location: Machinist's District No. 9
Thursday, October 15, 2009

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Robert Soutier.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, (Gary Otten for Joseph Barrett), Nancy Cross, Jim Daugherty, Tony Ellebracht, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Patrick White and David Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Don Giljum, Mary Armstrong, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Jr., Mike Goebel, Pat Kellett, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Vincent Todt and Mark Woolbright.

Also present were Richard Horn, former Federal Mediator; Senator Tim Green; Abner Martinez of the US Census; Marcia Cline, United Way; and Stacy Newman and Joe Keaveny.

President Soutier introduced both Stacy Newman, candidate for House District #73 and Joe Keaveny, candidate for State Senate District #4.

Both candidates spoke and asked for the C.O.P.E. endorsement in the special election to be held on November 3, 2009. A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse both candidates.

Richard Horn spoke to the Board about a new seminar he would like to hold with the Labor Council called "Ask the Expert." He said he will bring in mediators, arbitrators and board agents to speak one-on-one with the participants in the class. The Board will aim for an early 2010 date for the seminar.

Soutier introduced Abner Martinez to speak about the 2010 census and the importance of filling out and sending in the forms as soon as they are distributed in April of 2010. Martinez stated that we could possibly lose a congressional seat if we do not get an accurate count.

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President Soutier reminded the Delegates of the Andy Owens and Robert J. Kelley awards presentation to be held at the next Delegate meeting on Tuesday evening October 20 at 7:30 at the IBEW, Local #1 Hall.

President Soutier spoke to the Board regarding the letter he sent to the Mayor and City Council members of the City of Bridgeton regarding the awarding of the electrical contract on construction of the new Bridgeton Government Center.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to discontinue the union radio promotion. The decision was made to send a letter to the stations involved stating to cut all further radio spots.

Senator Tim Green spoke to the Board about the motion he made at the August Delegate meeting and the reasons behind the motion. After much discussion, it was decided that the intent was not to tie the hands of the Board, but to make sure that the Council get top billing on any joint fundraisers. The Senator also spoke about the fundraising and the need to spend our dollars wisely.

President Soutier advised the Board that the Bank of America was secretly funding the campaign against the Employee Free Choice Act. Soutier asked the Board to move any monies they may have invested in Bank of America to other banks.

Dave Zimmermann asked the Board to endorse Chuck Banks, a candidate for Executive Director of Jefferson County. The Board took no action, due to the fact that the filing period has not passed and there are other candidates in the field that are also "labor friendly."

Kevin McNatt advised the Board that his Local #74 has returned to Unite Here internationally.

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Robert A. Soutier, President
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A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier reported on the recent AFL-CIO Convention proceedings at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA. and the newly appointed officers.

Soutier reported on the Bridgeton City Council meetings and asked that the Delegates attend the upcoming Wednesday, October 21st meeting at which the Council will hear opinions regarding hiring union electrical workers vs. non-union workers for the construction of the new Bridgeton Government building.

President Soutier gave the Delegates an example of recent and astonishing corporate greed. He reported that the CEO of United Health Care was paid \$1.6 billion in one year which equates to \$4.3 million dollars each day of the year.

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President Ebeling reported the BLS index at 646.948 for September 2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Fred Wolfmeyer, Vice President American Postal Workers St. Louis Gateway Area, advised the Delegates that they are in a campaign to stop the closings of area post offices. He asked the Delegates to sign the provided cards to be sent to Senator Claire McCaskill in support of saving the post offices. He also stated that he would pay the postage.

Tom Sansevere, IBEW, Local #1 thanked the Council for helping with the Bridgeton City Council vote on the electrical contract for the new government center.

Leon Arties, IBEW, Local #1 asked the Delegates for donations to help with the coat drive they will be holding for Christmas to be held on December 5, 2009.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 reminded the Delegates of the CBTU Awards Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009.

Ken Truemper advised the Delegates of the trivia night for the University of Missouri on November 13, 2009.

GOOD AND WELFARE

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The community services' drawing was held.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before the delegates, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Fraternally,

Robert A. Soutier, President
St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO

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The following Delegates were present:

Administrator's Association of the St. Louis Public Schools, Local #44
88 Members

Aluminum, Brick & Glass Workers Local #169 – 284 Members

Asbestos Workers Local 1 – 369 Members
John Stiffler

Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Bakers No. 4 – 963 Members

Bricklayers No. 1 – 1093 Members
Joseph Schonlau

Chemical Workers Union No. 432 – 172 Members

Communications Workers No. 6300 – 4248 Members
Tony Ellebracht
Ron Munford

Print & Media Sector
John Ebeling
No. 6350 – 209 Members
No. 6377 – 50 Members
Earline Jones
No. 6390 – 150 Members

St. Louis Mailers Union No. 3/CWA 14620 – 250 Members
James Metz

St. Louis Newspaper Guild No. 47/CWA 36047 – 353 Members
Laurie Waterhouse

Intl. Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers No. 818 – 21 Members

Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers No.1 – 4300 Members
Tom George
Leon Arties
Tom Berger
Matt Gober
Yvette Goods
Jacob Hummel
Brian Lavac

Bernie Ryan
Tom Sansevere
Bill Waterhouse

No. 2 – 600 Members
No. 4 – 296 Members
Fran Dilliard
Mike Pendergast
No. 1439 – 593 Members
Mark Staffne
No. 1455 – 650 Members

Elevator Constructors No. 3 - 352 Members
Vince Todt

Operating Engineers No. 148 – 1,453 Members
Don Giljum
Michael Yates

Federal Labor and Trade Unions No. 20711 (Advertising, Publicity and Newspaper Representatives)
8 members

Fire Fighters No. 73 – 434 Members
No. 757 – 72 Members
No. 1889 – 118 Members
No. 2665 – 1,839 Members
Mark Woolbright
No. 2677 – 21 Members

Lindbergh Federation of Food Service Employees Local 6006 – 40 Members

Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastic and Allied Workers (GMP) Local 182B – 45 Members

American Federation of Government Employees No. 3354 – 50 Members

GCC/IBT International Union No. 38 N – 100 Members
William Sullivan, Jr.
No. 6-505M – 1240 Members
Chico Humes
Donald Osiek

Iron Workers Bridge and Structural Iron Workers No. 396 – 850 Members

Tom McNeil
Bill Brennell
Mike Butler
Don Robertson
Frank Winterer

Laborers International Union
No. 42 – 250 Members
Rich McLaughlin
No. 53 – 400 Members
Mike Benigno
No. 110 – 500 Members
Rick Casson
Curt Wheeling
Don Willey
No. 660 – 225 Members
Perri Pryor

Letter Carriers Branch No. 343
1400 Members
Mike Chenot
Gus Frank
Keith Gentry
Melvin McNair
Pamela Stepney

Longshoremen
No. 1652 – 20 Members

Machinists & Aerospace Workers
Progressive Lodge No. 41
697 Members
Stephen Branson
Michael Diefenbach
Michael C. Ribbert

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
167 Members
Charles Groeteke

Automotive Lodge No. 777
1769 Members
Mark Conner
Calvin Davis
Michael Hahn
Dave Meinell
Mike Musgrove
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton

District 837 Lodge “A”
1948 Members
Ron Evola
Kurt Manns
Steve Newell

Tim Randall
District 837 Lodge “B”
1465 Members
Bert Atkins
Don Lummus

Production Workers Lodge 1345
1455 Members
Robert Soutier
Ellen Arbogast
James Dees
Marvin Gray

Lodge No. 1745 – 303 Members
Musicians No. 2-197 -543 Members
Gary Smith
Jan Scott

Office and Professional Employees
No. 13 – 329 Members
No. 277 – 10 Members
Paul Winslow

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters
No. 562 -- 1000 Members
Patrick Kellett
Mike Grady

Sprinkler Fitters No. 268
350 Members

Postal Workers Union
St. Louis Gateway Area Local 8
1950 Members
Barbara Sellini
Local 7043 – 100 Members

Professional Airways System Specialist
(PASS) Gateway Chapter, #255
86 Members

Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Wkrs.
Roofers No. 2 – 400 Members

Seafarers International Union
300 Members

Service Employees Intl. Union
No. 1 (The MO Division)
– 3650 Members
Nancy Cross
Marcia Cline
Ed LaPorte
Michael Murphy

Sheet Metal Workers
No. 36 – 1,731 Members
David Zimmermann
Joseph Feldman

Jason Randl

I.A.T.S.E.

**Theatrical Stage Employees,
Moving Picture Technicians,
Artists and Allied Crafts**

Studio Mechanics

No. 493 – 90 Members

**Theatrical Employees - (Ushers,
Usherettes and Ticket Takers)**

No. B-2 – 225 Members

**Theatrical Brotherhood – (Stage
Hands) No. 6** – 124 Members

**Projectionists, Audio Visual
Engineers & Computer**

Technicians

No. 143 – 35 Members

Treasurers and Ticket Sellers

No. 774 – 57 Members

Theatrical Wardrobe Attendants

No. 805 – 28 Members

**United Steel Workers International
Union**

U.S.W. – Gasworkers, No. 11-6

917 Members

Pat White

Rod Herrmann

U.S.W., No. 11-152 – 45 Members

U.S.W., No. 11-194 – 251 Members

Judy Eggers

Paul Presson

Holly Sloan

U.S.W., No. 884 – 87 Members

Steelworkers

No. 9014 – 659 Members

Gary Reay

Wholesale Upholsterers

No. 25 – 32 Members

Awning & Tent Workers & Decorators

Decorators & Displaymen

No. 39 – 50 Members

Teachers

St. Louis Teachers

No. 420 – 1852 Members

Mary Armstrong

Byron Clemens

Lindbergh Federation

No. 2420 – 2 Members

Junior College Dist. Federation

No. 3506 – 87 Members

**Wentzville Federation of School-
Related Employees,**

No. 4894 – 150 Members

Teamsters

No. 688 – 500 Members

Michael Goebel

Dave Lalumondier

Roland Lewis

Pat Raftery

Transit Union

No. 788 – 1,220 Members

Edward Fleming, Jr.

Transport Workers Union of America

No. 529 – 423 Members

Transport Workers Union

Railroad Division

No. 1647 – 10 Members

Utility Workers

No. 335 – 446 Members

**UNITE HERE - Union of Needletrades,
Industrial and Textile Employees**

St. Louis District Joint Board

No. 56A – 75 Members

No. 74 – 2000 Members

Kevin McNatt

No. 104 – 10 Members

No. 254C – 10 Members

No. 428 – 5 Members

United Food and Commercial Workers,

No. 655 – 10,965 Members

Jim Dougherty

Randy Charboneau

Michael Kelley

Nick Trupiano

Harriett Weaver

**COUNCILS, DISTRICTS,
JOINT BOARDS**

Building and Construction Trades Council

Gerald Feldhaus

Communications Workers of America

City Council

Intl. Union of Electronic, Electrical,

Salaried, Machine & Furniture

Workers, IUE/CWA, District 8-6

MO State Conference of Electrical Workers

MO State Council of Fire Fighters
St. Louis District Iron Workers
District Council of St. Louis &
Vicinity
St. Louis Union Label and
Service Trades Council
Laura Moore
Eastern Mo. Laborers
District Council
Machinists & Aerospace Workers
District 9
Tony Rippeto
District Lodge No. 837
Gordon King
Painter's District Council No. #2
Joseph Barrett
Gary Otten
St. Louis Allied Printing Trades Council
Seafarers, St. Louis Port Council
Eastern Missouri Steel Council
SEIU MO / KS State Council
Teamsters Joint Council No. 13

AUXILIARIES

Missouri State AFL-CIO Aux.
International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers No. 1 Aux.
Graphic Communications Aux.
Allied Printing Trades Council Aux.
Auxiliary 29 to Typographical
Union No. #8

SUPPORT GROUPS

St. Louis Labor Council
Retirees Council
St. Louis Chapter, Coalition of
Black Trade Unionists
A. Philip Randolph Institute,
St. Louis Chapter (APRI)
Coalition of Labor Union Women