

**St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Official Minutes**  
**November 19, 2013**  
**I.B.E.W., Local #1 Hall**

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council was called to order by Vice President John Ebeling, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

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

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Michael Breihan, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, John Finder, Tom George, Mike Goebel, Steve Hollis, Earline Jones, Patrick Kammer, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, John O'Mara, Gary Otten, Tony Rippetto, Jeff Roorda Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Pat White and Mark Woolbright.

**Excused and Recorded as Present:** Robert Soutier, Don Willey and David Zimmermann.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Vice President Ebeling asked that everyone keep Labor Council President Bob Soutier in their thoughts and prayers because he was home recovering from recent surgery.

**AFFILIATIONS**

**SEATING OF DELEGATES**

Vice President Ebeling called David Beard, Iron Workers District Council of St. Louis, MO and Vicinity; Kraig Maness, IAFF, Local #73 and John Moyle, IBEW, Local #1 to the podium and gave them the oath of office to represent their local unions as delegates to the St. Louis Labor Council.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the October 15, 2013 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President John Ebeling read the November Executive Board report:

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**  
St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
Location: Machinists' District No. 9  
Friday, November 15, 2013

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order by President Robert Soutier at approximately noon on Friday, November 15, 2013.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Michael Breihan, Dave Politte for Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, John Finder, Tom George, Earline Jones, Patrick Kammer, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Brian Chumley for John O'Mara, Gary Otten, Tony Rippetto, Jeff Roorda, Gary Smith, Clint McBride for Don Willey, Pat White, Jen Stuhlman for Mark Woolbright, and Dave Zimmermann.

**Excused and recorded as present:** Mary Armstrong, Mike Goebel, Steve Hollis, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, Mark Staffne, and John Stiffler.

President Soutier began the meeting by thanking everyone for coming on Friday, as he will be undergoing a surgery on Monday and would not have been able to attend the regularly scheduled meeting.

President Soutier announced that the 2014 Executive Board and Delegate Meeting schedule showed that the first two Executive Board meetings of the year fell on "Monday" holidays, (January 20<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Day and February 17<sup>th</sup> Presidents Day); thereby making it difficult for them to have their Executive Board meeting at the Machinists Hall since it will be closed.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to hold the January meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Machinist Hall meeting room, and the February Executive Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the same venue.

All other meetings are according to schedule.

President Soutier informed the Board that we have met the \$25,000 match made by the Simmons Law Firm for their \$5 for the Fight contribution.

Soutier explained how Gordon Smith, Jr. with CWA, Local 6300 is trying to create a "Next Generation Workers Group" by educating young workers on the current issues and why the Unions are important, as well as focusing on mobilizing and organizing young members and workers.

President Soutier asked that each union send a list of 4 or 5 young, rank and file members who would be willing to participate in this effort to the Council office, including names, address, emails, etc. so that they may be contacted with information to further this project.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to back this initiative.

A discussion was held on the pros and cons of holding the 2014 Tug-o-War in conjunction with the Labor Day Parade. Seeing as how it will be the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of St. Louis, it would be a great time to showcase the area unions.

It was decided to speak with Gary Bess, the Director of Parks in St. Louis; and start there to see if it would be feasible to hold everything in Forest Park or the downtown area.

Soutier brought it to the attention of the Board that the Ambush soccer team has had no union participation thus far and were concerned. The Ambush was hoping for ticket sales from area unions in order for them to donate a portion of the proceeds to the Five for the Fight program.

Pat White, Business Rep with USW – Gas Workers, Local 11-6 said that he would follow up with the Ambush people to see what can be done.

The costs of the monthly Labor/Faith breakfasts meetings was discussed and several unions volunteered to help pay for those. A letter of request will be sent to each union by the Council.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 MO Division spoke about the United Way Board and the lack of union participation. She gave a friendly reminder and asked that if you are a member of the Board to please make an effort to attend the meetings in the future as it is a vital part of our community and worthy of our participation.

Jeff Roorda, with the Police Officer's Association passed out a flyer regarding a fundraiser for him on Sunday, November 24 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at The Kelley Group offices at 409 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis 63103

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

Fraternally,



Robert A. Soutier, President  
opeiu #13

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the November Executive Board report as read.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President Ebeling read a letter that he received from the United Mine Workers of America. He stated that the letter was sent to all Union leaders who spoke at the rallies held in downtown St. Louis to thank them for their support of the United Mine Workers of America members who were demonstrating to reach a settlement with Peabody Energy and Patriot Coal to fund health care benefits for retirees, dependents and surviving spouses affected by the bankruptcy decision of last May.

Vice President Ebeling spoke about union members who had traveled a long distance to attend the rallies and the importance of all union members to continue their support.

#### **COPE REPORT**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Vice President Ebeling reported the BLS Price Index for October 2013 at 701.406.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bernie Ryan, IBEW, Local #1, spoke regarding a commercial on radio station KYKY 98 expressing opposition to unions and Right to Work. He stated that the ad especially targeted the Teachers.

Yvette Goods, IBEW Local #1, informed the delegates of the EWMC (Electrical Workers Minority Caucus) annual coat drive to be held December 14 from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. She stated the event would include music and food and that new and like new coat donations are requested. The ticket price is \$10.00.

Yvette Goods, IBEW Local #1, also reminded the delegates of the retirement party and benefit for Kevin Madden, Labor Tribune, to be held on Wednesday, December 4, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Maggie O'Briens.

Byron Clemens, AFT #420, informed the delegates of a petition drive by Rex Sinquefield regarding a constitutional amendment to take public funding away from public schools and privatize them. He warned the delegates not to sign this petition.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Vice President Ebeling informed the delegates that he attended a recent South County Labor Club meeting. He stated that Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster attended and gave a very good presentation. Vice President Ebeling said that the Attorney General warned that when Right to Work comes again it will take more than phone calls and hand bills to fight. Vice President Ebeling stated that delegates and union members need to be educated about Right to Work and he asked that they speak about the issue to family members, neighbors, and anyone who will listen.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING**

The 50/50 drawing was held and won by Bernie Ryan, IBEW, Local #1 and an officer of South County Labor. He donated his winnings to the IBEW Relief Fund.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Fraternally,

John Ebeling, Vice President

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## **November 2013 Attendance**

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

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

**Bricklayers No. 1** – 1093 Members  
John Finder

**Chemical Workers Union No. 432** – 172 Members

**Communications Workers No. 6300** – 4248 Members  
Mike Mehringer  
Earline Jones  
Jim Kolve  
Gordon Smith, Jr.

**Print & Media Sector John Ebeling**  
**No. 6350** – 209 Members  
**No. 6355** – 47 Members  
**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

**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  
Jennifer Bader  
Matt Gober  
Yvette Goods  
Dan Kloepfel  
John Moyle  
Bernie Ryan  
Kim Sachse

**No. 2** – 600 Members  
**No. 4** – 315 Members

**No. 1439** – 593 Members  
Mark Staffne  
Doug Mueller  
Mike Walter

**No. 1455** – 650 Members  
**Elevator Constructors No. 3** - 352 Members

**Operating Engineers No. 148** – 1,453 Members  
Keith Linderer  
Michael Yates  
**No. 513** – 500 Members  
Pat Kammer

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

**Fire Fighters No. 73** – 434 Members  
Jeff Glorioso  
Kraig Maness  
**No. 757** – 72 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  
Steve Hollis

**GCC/IBT International Union No. 38 N** – 100 Members  
**No. 6-505M** – 1240 Members  
Chico Humes  
Michael Congemi  
Donald Osiek  
Ken Truemper

**Insulators and Allied Workers Local 1** – 369 Members  
John Stiffler

**Iron Workers Bridge and Structural Iron Workers**

**No. 396** – 850 Members  
 Tom McNeil  
 Travis Barnes  
 Bill Brennell  
 Mike Butler  
 Don Robertson  
 William Trendley

**Laborers International Union**  
**No. 42** – 250 Members  
**No. 53** – 400 Members  
**No. 110** – 500 Members  
 Don Willey  
 Clinton McBride  
**No. 660** – 225 Members  
**Letter Carriers Branch No. 343**  
 1400 Members  
 Pamela Stepney

**Longshoremen**  
**No. 1652** – 20 Members  
**Machinists & Aerospace Workers**  
**Progressive Lodge No. 41**  
 697 Members  
 Stephen Branson  
 Michael Diefenbach  
 Richard Feldhaus  
 Larry Williams

**I.A.M.A.W. No. 387**  
 854 Members  
 Zach Frago  
 Steve Gibson  
 Chuck Hendricks  
 Ruben Melton  
 Larry Parker  
 Rich Peppers

**Tool and Die Lodge No. 688**  
 167 Members  
 Bob Meilink

**Automotive Lodge No. 777**  
 1769 Members  
 Tony Rippetto  
 Mark Conner  
 Calvin Davis  
 Joe Moran  
 Dennis Schleeper  
 Terry Sutton  
 Ron Wolff

**District 837 Lodge “A”**  
 1948 Members  
 Robert Fritz

Sandra Henderson  
 Kurt Manns  
 Steve Newell

**District 837 Lodge “B”**  
 1465 Members  
 Don Lummus

**Production Workers Lodge 1345**  
 1455 Members  
 Robert Soutier

**Lodge No. 1745** – 303 Members  
**Musicians No. 2-197** -543 Members  
 Gary Smith  
 Randall Holmes

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

**Plumbers and Pipe Fitters**  
**No. 562** -- 1000 Members  
 John O’Mara  
 Brian Chumley  
 Mike Grady

**Sprinkler Fitters No. 268**  
 350 Members

**Police Officers**  
**St. Louis Police Officers Assoc.**  
**FOP #68** – 1138 Members  
 Jeff Roorda

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

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

**American Federation of State,**  
**County and Municipal Employees**  
**Institutional and Public**  
**Employees No. 410** – 150 Members  
 Daniel Dyer  
 Ervin Hupp  
 Kris Mueller

**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  
Michael Murphy  
**Healthcare Missouri**  
– 700 Members  
**Sheet Metal Workers**  
**No. 36** – 1,731 Members  
David Zimmermann  
Ted Ramsdell

**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

**U.S.W., No. 11-152** – 45 Members  
**U.S.W., No. 11-194** – 251 Members  
**U.S.W., No. 169G** –  
**U.S.W., No. 884** – 87 Members

**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  
John Becker  
Dave Lalumondier

**Transit Union**  
**No. 788** – 1,220 Members  
Michael Breihan

**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  
David Cook  
Nancy Parker  
Karen Settlemoir-Berg  
Harriett Weaver

**COUNCILS, DISTRICTS,**  
**JOINT BOARDS**

Building and Construction Trades Council  
Jeff Aboussie

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

David Beard

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

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