

**St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Official Minutes**  
**August 21, 2012**  
**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, August 21, 2012.

President Soutier 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:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, John Finder, Michael Goebel, Tom George, Earline Jones, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, Gary Otten, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Patrick White, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright.

**Excused and Recorded as Present:** Jeff Roorda, John Stiffler and David Zimmermann.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the July 17, 2012 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

We respectfully ask for a moment of silence for Art Martin former Attorney with Schuchat, Cook & Werner, and friend to Labor who passed away suddenly on August 21<sup>st</sup> of a heart attack and also Debbie Milligan, wife of Kurt Dierkes, Financial Secretary with Cement Masons, Local #527, who passed away on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**AFFILIATIONS**

Missouri Public Workers Union, CWA, Local #6355 has requested to affiliate with the St. Louis Labor Council. There was a motion to accept the request to affiliate. The motion was seconded and approved to accept CWA, Local #6355 as member of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO

**SEATING OF DELEGATES**

President Soutier called Michael Breihan, President of Transit Union, Local #788 to the podium and gave him the oath of office to represent his local union as a delegate to the St. Louis Labor Council.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**  
St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
Location: Machinists' District No. 9  
Thursday, August 16, 2012

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 on Thursday, August 16, 2012.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Mike Goebel, Earline Jones, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Gary Otten, Tony Rippetto, Jeff Roorda, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Patrick White, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright.

**Excused and recorded as present:** Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, John Finder, Chico Humes, Gordon King, Tom McNeil Jr., Mike Mehringer, John O'Mara, Gary Smith, and Dave Zimmermann.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Roz Sherman Voellinger of the United Way, and Karen Lyons, St. Louis Labor Council.

President Soutier introduced Scott Sifton-D who is running for State Rep in the first District against Senator Jim Lembke-R. Sifton asked for the support of the Board.

An involved discussion followed Sifton's request. A motion was made, seconded and approved to have President Soutier ask President Hugh McVey of the MO AFL-CIO to put this topic on his agenda at his upcoming convention.

President Soutier then had Kevin McNatt, President Unite Here, Local 74 introduce Jessica Smith with LifeLine, David Williams, with Flag Ship Rx and Tom Hanley with A&E. They explained a disease prevention and wellness screening program that would benefit our members greatly. After much discussion, it was decided that a time and place would be set up in the future to have these health screenings for our union members.

President Soutier then introduced Lenny Jones and Stephanie Haynes with SEIU Healthcare who spoke a little bit about organizing workers in the healthcare field such as home healthcare workers, children's healthcare workers and hospital workers such as service, maintenance workers and technicians within Tenant, SLU and Des Peres Hospitals.

President Soutier announced that CWA Local 6355 has applied for affiliation with the St. Louis Labor Council.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the affiliation.

President Soutier mentioned the Labor Day parade on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and announced that this would be the first year that the clergy would be marching in the parade.

Soutier talked about the labor/faith breakfasts that take place once a month at Maggie O'Brien's. It was suggested that a letter be sent out to the Board asking for assistance in helping to pay for these monthly breakfasts.

President Soutier informed the Board about Metropolitan Congregations United, an organization headed up by Father Creason and Reverend David Gerth, hoping to build healthy communities. They are seeking financial help with their G.O.T.V. event to be held on October 14, 2012 at the Sheet Metal Workers hall.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to send this out in letter form to the Board asking for any financial assistance they can give.

President Soutier read the following COPE recommendations for approval:

**State Senate:**

District #5 - Jamilah Nasheed-D, Motion, seconded and approved

District #68 - Keith English-D, Motion, seconded and approved

District #71 Susan Meredith-D, Motion, seconded and approved

District #72 Mary Nichols-D, Motion, seconded and approved  
District #73 Courtney Curtis-D, Motion, seconded and approved  
District #74 Sharon Pace-D, Motion, seconded and approved  
District #75 Rochelle Walton Gray-D, Motion, seconded and approved  
District #77 Kimberly Gardner-D, Motion, seconded and approved  
District #78 Penny Hubbard-D, Motion, seconded and approved  
District #79 Michael Butler-D, Motion, seconded and approved  
District #87 HOLD  
District #93 Bob Burns-D, Motion, seconded and approved

David Cook, President UFCW, Local #655 made a motion to leave State Senate District #1 "open". There was a second.

There was a question from John Stiffler, Bus. Mgr Insulators and Asbestos Workers, Local #1 and another discussion ensued on Lembke vs. Sifton for Senate District #1.

After a lengthy dialogue, the original motion to leave Senate District #1 "open" was opposed.

There was a motion to endorse Lembke. The motion was seconded and approved to endorse Jim Lembke-R for State Senate District #1.

Roz Sherman Voellinger of the United Way spoke about the upcoming Labor/United Way Kick-off Campaign. This year's trap shoot will be held on Friday, September 28, 2012 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Winchester Trap Facility with a barbeque following at the Machinists Hall in East Alton, IL. Roz said the goal this year has been set at \$25,000 and is asking for Labor's entire support.

Dave Cook gave a minimum wage update. He and Nancy Cross spoke on the importance of messaging your members on this topic.

John Ebeling, VP Print and Media Sector, CWA, Local 6300 gave an update on the bargaining meeting with the Post Dispatch. He said that the newspaper proposes to relocate all work of the five CWA workers now employed there by transferring those jobs to India. There will be more jobs lost in the near future due to this outsourcing.

President Soutier informed the Board that since it is the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Labor Council, he would be riding in a car in the parade to commemorate the occasion.

Soutier also told the members that Kate Souders, office assistant at the Council will be out for approximately four weeks, after the parade, to undergo surgery. He noted that Kate will be sorely missed and is wished a speedy and full recovery.

President Soutier also mentioned that Art Martin, Attorney with Schuchat, Cook & Werner died suddenly Saturday, August 11 of a heart attack. Art was an accomplished lawyer and a true friend of labor. He will be deeply missed by many.

Jeff Roorda, St. Louis Police Officer's Association announced the Jeff Roorda Golf Scramble to be held on Friday, September 14, 2012 at Sunset Hills Golf Club and asked for support of that endeavor.

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

Fraternally



Robert A. Soutier, President

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Soutier said that the above candidates beat our endorsed candidates in the primary election and that we would now be endorsing these Democratic candidates at the state convention. He said that all COPE recommendations would be finalized by the second week of September.

Soutier thanked all those involved with helping to make the 2012 Labor Day Parade a success.

President Soutier mentioned that walkers were still needed to walk with the "We Are the 99% Banner" in their work attire.

President Soutier reminded the group that beginning with the September 18<sup>th</sup> delegate meeting all subsequent meetings would now begin at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:30.

Soutier asked for prayers for Greg Booth, Business Manager with IBEW, Local 1, who is in the hospital and gravely ill.

### **COPE REPORT**

Please see above in Executive Board minutes.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Soutier reported the BLS index for July 2012 at 686.294

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING**

The community services' drawing was held. Donny Robertson, Ironworkers, Local #36 won and donated his winnings to the \$5 for the Fight Fund.

### **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

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**August 2012 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  
Joseph Schonlau

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

**Communications Workers No. 6300** – 4248 Members  
Mike Mehringer  
Earline Jones

**Print & Media Sector**  
John Ebeling  
**No. 6350** – 209 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  
Tom Berger  
Lou Cunningham  
Yvette Goods  
Brian Lavac  
Bernie Ryan  
Kim Sachse  
**No. 2** – 600 Members  
**No. 4** – 296 Members  
Fran Dilliard  
Michael Pendergast  
**No. 1439** – 593 Members  
Mark Staffne  
Doug Mueller

**No. 1455** – 650 Members

**Elevator Constructors No. 3** - 352 Members

**Operating Engineers No. 148** – 1,453 Members  
Keith Linderer  
Michael Yates

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

**Fire Fighters No. 73** – 434 Members  
**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

**GCC/IBT International Union No. 38 N** – 100 Members  
**No. 6-505M** – 1240 Members  
Chico Humes  
Donald Osiek  
Kenneth 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  
 Rick Casson  
 Ronny Griffin  
**No. 660** – 225 Members  
**Letter Carriers Branch No. 343**  
 1400 Members  
 Mike Chenot  
 Gus Frank  
 Pamela Stepney  
**Longshoremen**  
**No. 1652** – 20 Members  
**Machinists & Aerospace Workers**  
**Progressive Lodge No. 41**  
 697 Members  
 Stephen Branson  
 Michael Diefenbach  
 Michael Ribbert  
 Larry Williams  
**I.A.M.A.W. No. 387**  
 854 Members  
 Zach Frago  
 Steve Gibson  
 Ruben Melton  
 Larry Parker  
**Tool and Die Lodge No. 688**  
 167 Members  
 Bob Meilink  
**Automotive Lodge No. 777**  
 1769 Members  
 Calvin Davis  
 Dave Meinell  
 Joe Moran  
 Dennis Schleeper  
 Terry Sutton  
**District 837 Lodge “A”**  
 1948 Members  
 Sandra Henderson  
 Kurt Manns  
 Steve Newell  
 Kent Ule  
**District 837 Lodge “B”**  
 1465 Members  
 Bert Atkins  
 Don Lummus  
**Production Workers Lodge 1345**  
 1455 Members  
 Robert Soutier  
**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  
**Plumbers and Pipe Fitters**  
**No. 562** -- 1000 Members  
 John O’Mara  
**Sprinkler Fitters No. 268**  
 350 Members  
**Police Officers**  
**St. Louis Police Officers Assoc.**  
**FOP #68**  
 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  
 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  
**Sheet Metal Workers**  
**No. 36** – 1,731 Members  
 David Zimmermann  
 Joseph Feldman  
**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  
Gordon Hayman  
**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  
Mike Re’  
**U.S.W., No. 11-152** – 45 Members  
**U.S.W., No. 11-194** – 251 Members  
Patricia Wynn  
**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  
**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  
Reginald Cavitt

**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  
Eric Davis  
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  
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