

**St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Official Minutes**  
**June 19, 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, June 19, 2012.

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, John Finder, Michael Goebel, Earline Jones, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Charles McNeil, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, Tony Rippetto, Jeff Roorda, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Patrick White, Don Willey, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

**Excused and Recorded as Present:** Tom George, Mark Staffne and John Stiffler.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the May 15, 2012 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**AFFILIATIONS**

**SEATING OF DELEGATES**

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Soutier called on First Vice President, John Ebeling to read the Executive Board report as follows, however he did not read the COPE recommendations:

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
Location: Machinists' District No. 9  
Thursday, June 14, 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, June 14, 2012.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Gary Otten for Joseph Barrett, Nancy Cross, John Finder for Joseph Schonlau, Mike Goebel, Earline Jones, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Tony Rippetto, Jeff Roorda, Gary Smith, Jen Stuhlmann for Mark Woolbright and Dave Zimmermann.

**Excused and recorded as present:** Mary Armstrong, Dave Cook, Tom George, Gordon King, Tom McNeil Jr., Mike Mehringer, John O'Mara, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Patrick White and Don Willey

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Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Marcia Cline and Roz Sherman Voellinger of the United Way.

President Soutier gave the oath of office to new Executive Board member John Finder, who replaces retiring member Joe Schonlau.

President Soutier spoke about the Labor and Faith breakfasts each month and urged board members to attend.

Soutier reminded board members that the July Executive Board meeting is canceled and beginning in September 2012, all delegate meetings will start at 6:30 p.m.

The Board was reminded about the United Way trap shoot to be held on September 28, 2012 and the MO AFL-CIO Convention from September 9 - 12, 2012 in Kansas City, MO.

Kevin McNatt asked the Board to support a letter extending basic rights of nondiscrimination to all lesbian, gay and bisexual people in our community for employment, housing and public accommodations. The board voted to support efforts to grant rights to all.

President Soutier reminded the board about the Labor Day Parade, to be held on September 3, 2012 and the theme which is "We Are The 99%".

Soutier advised the board about a conference call with U.S. Senator Clair McCaskill on June 27, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

The board asked President Soutier to set up interviews with candidates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District election.

The board voted on the following COPE recommendations for the primary elections only and will make new recommendations for the general election.

**MO State Senate**

District #1

Dual: a. Sue Schoemehl (D)  
b. Jim Lembke (R)

District #3

Joe Fallert (D)

District #5

Robin Wright Jones (D)

District #13

Gina Walsh (D)

District #15

Eric Schmitt (R)

District #23

Tom Dempsey (R)

**MO State House of Representatives**

41<sup>st</sup> District

Ed Schieffer (D)

63<sup>rd</sup> District

Bill Stinson (D)

64<sup>th</sup> District

Wayne Henke (D)

65<sup>th</sup> District

Anne Zerr (R)

66<sup>th</sup> District

Tommie Pierson

67<sup>th</sup> District

Steve Webb

68<sup>th</sup> District

Bert Atkins

69<sup>th</sup> District

Margo McNeil

70 <sup>th</sup> District	Bill Otto (D)
71 <sup>st</sup> District	Tracy McCreery
72 <sup>nd</sup> District	OPEN
74 <sup>th</sup> District	OPEN
75 <sup>th</sup> District	Sylvester Taylor
77 <sup>th</sup> District	Doug Clemens
83 <sup>rd</sup> District	Gina Mitten
85 <sup>th</sup> District	Clem Smith
87 <sup>th</sup> District	OPEN
88 <sup>th</sup> District	Jill Schupp
90 <sup>th</sup> District	Deb Lavender
91 <sup>st</sup> District	Jeanne Kirkton (D)
92 <sup>nd</sup> District	Genise D. Montecillo (D)
93 <sup>rd</sup> District	OPEN
94 <sup>th</sup> District	Vicki Lorenz Englund (D)
95 <sup>th</sup> District	Joe Zelle (D)
97 <sup>th</sup> District	John McCaherty (R)
102 <sup>nd</sup> District	John Callahan (D)
104 <sup>th</sup> District	Terry Lesinski (D)
107 <sup>th</sup> District	Rod Hoffman (D)
109 <sup>th</sup> District	Ann Schroeder (D)
111 <sup>th</sup> District	Michael Frame (D)
112 <sup>th</sup> District	Paul Wieland (R)
113 <sup>th</sup> District	Jeff Roorda (D)
114 <sup>th</sup> District	T. J. McKenna (D)
115 <sup>th</sup> District	Rich McCane (D)
118 <sup>th</sup> District	Benn Harris (D)
119 <sup>th</sup> District	Dave Hinson (R)

**North County:**

**Committeemen and Committeewomen**

Ferguson Township	Patricia F. Bynes
Midland Township	Bob Dody
Midland Township	Shelly Cantrell Heiton
Spanish Lake Township	Orlando Smith
Lewis & Clark Township	Timothy Michael Jones
Florissant Township	Jeffrey Caputa

**Spanish Lake Fire District  
Bond Issue Prop S**

YES

**West Overland Prop S**

YES

**St. Louis County Councilman**

2 <sup>nd</sup> District	Kathleen Kelly Burkett
4 <sup>th</sup> District	Mike O'Mara

**South County:**

**St. Louis County Councilman**  
6<sup>th</sup> District

Steve Stenger

**Franklin County**

Commissioner 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Commissioner 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Franklin County Assessor  
Franklin County Sheriff  
Franklin County Treasurer

Tim Brinker (R)  
Teresa Connelly (D)  
Angela J. Beckett (D)  
Gary F. Toelke (R)  
Debbie Willming Aholt (R)

**Jefferson County**

Circuit Judge  
Circuit 23 Division 1  
Sheriff  
County Treasurer  
County Assessor  
Public Administrator

Robert G. (Bob) Wilkins (D)  
Oliver "Glenn" Boyer  
Linda Nees (D)  
Terry Roesch (D)  
Bruce King (D)

**Jefferson County Council**

2<sup>nd</sup> District  
4<sup>th</sup> District  
6<sup>th</sup> District

Cheryl Herrmann (D)  
Timothy G. Meadows (D)  
Cliff Lane (D)

**Tri-County:**

**St. Charles County Council**  
District 6

Jerry Daugherty

**Lincoln County**

District 1 Associate Commissioner  
District 2 Associate Commissioner  
County Clerk  
Circuit Court District 45 Judge  
Administrator  
Sheriff

John Shepper  
Lisa Seely  
Crystall Hall  
Ben Burkemper  
Betty Cox  
Mike Kriegbaum

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 Executive Board Minutes as read.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier announced that he was going to keep the meeting short as this was also an evening to honor Marcia Cline, long-time United Way labor liaison, on her retirement.

Soutier reminded the delegates that the Labor Day Parade would again be held in downtown St. Louis on Monday, September 3, 2012. He encouraged everyone to get their applications in before the July cut off so that they could be included in the line-up drawing at the July delegate meeting.

President Soutier also reminded the group of the meeting time change. Beginning with the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the start time will now be 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. All future elections would still be held at the 8:00 hour.

Soutier also announced the cancellation of the July Executive Board meeting.

## COPE REPORT

President Soutier then read the Labor Club COPE recommendations (see above).

All recommendations were voted on and a motion was made, seconded and approved.

Shannon Duffy, CWA 36047 made a motion to amend the recommendation of District 5 – Robin Wright Jones for MO State Senate. He asked for the position to remain “OPEN”.

Mary Armstrong, President AFT, Local #420 supports the original endorsement of Robin Wright Jones.

Jeff Aboussie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer BCTC, voted to leave the endorsement as originally made for Robin Wright Jones.

Lew Moye, President CBTU also supported Robin Wright Jones for MO Senate, as did Mike Louis IAM&AW, Lodge 777.

Joe Feldman of the St. Louis City Labor Club had some last minute recommendations as follows:

### **St. Louis City Labor Club**

District 76	Chris Carter (D)
District 77	Chris Elliott (D)
District 78	OPEN
District 79	Marin Casas (D)
District 80	Mike Colona (D)
District 81	Jake Hummel (D)
District 82	Michelle Kratky (D)
District 84	Karla May (D)

Another motion was made, seconded and passed to leave the MO State Senate seat recommendation for Robin Wright Jones as is. All recommendations passed to endorse for the Primary.

Mike Louis, Lodge 777 thanked Bert Atkins for all of his hard work.

Byron Clemmons thanked everyone for endorsing his brother.

## COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index for May 2012 at 688.423.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 said that we need to recognize change, and support and begin to develop relationships with future candidates.

Jeff Aboussie, BCTC thanked everyone for their support of Jason Candor, State Rep from Kansas City who was an army intelligence officer, served in Afghanistan, ran for office, and is currently representing the working man.

Marcia Cline, SE1, reminded the delegates of the United Way Trap Shoot scheduled for Friday, September 28, 2012.

President Soutier introduced our new zone coordinator from the AFL-CIO 10-Point Program, Bradley Harmon. Bradley will be working out of the Labor Council office through the November election.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**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

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**June 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

**St. Louis Newspaper Guild No. 47/CWA 36047** – 353 Members  
Shannon Duffy

**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  
Lou Cunningham  
Yvette Goods  
Brian Lavac  
Bernie Ryan  
**No. 2** – 600 Members  
**No. 4** – 296 Members  
**No. 1439** – 593 Members  
Mark Staffne  
**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

**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  
Richard Feldhaus  
Zach Frago  
Michael Ribbert  
Larry Williams

**I.A.M.A.W. No. 387**

854 Members  
Steve Gibson  
Ruben Melton  
Larry Parker  
Rich Peppers

**Tool and Die Lodge No. 688**

167 Members  
Bob Meilink

**Automotive Lodge No. 777**

1769 Members  
Mark Conner  
Calvin Davis  
Mike Louis  
Dave Meinell  
Joe Moran  
Dennis Schleeper  
Terry Sutton  
Ron Wolff

**District 837 Lodge “A”**

1948 Members  
Sandra Henderson  
Steve Newell  
Kent Ule

**District 837 Lodge “B”**

1465 Members  
Bert Atkins  
Don Lummus

**Production Workers Lodge 1345**

1455 Members  
Robert Soutier  
Marvin Gray  
Michael Ringo

**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

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

Michael Murphy

**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

**U.S.W., No. 11-152 – 45 Members**

**U.S.W., No. 11-194 – 251 Members**  
Patricia Wynn

**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 Clemons  
Ray Cummings  
Donald Leisman

**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

**Transit Union**

No. 788 – 1,220 Members

**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  
Merri Berry  
Levi Eddins  
Rick Glidewell  
Gene Kaiser  
Nancy Parker  
Nikki Rich  
Karen Settlemoir Berg  
Nick Trupiano  
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 Rippetto

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

Lew Moye

A. Philip Randolph Institute,

St. Louis Chapter (APRI)

Coalition of Labor Union Women