

Spring Meeting, 2016

Silver Spring, MD, APRIL 25 – 29, 2016

FIRST SESSION

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 25, 2016. General Executive Board members present were, Larry Kinnear, Richard Murphy, Bob Hykaway, Janis Borchardt, Paul Bowen, Kenneth Kirk, Marcellus Barnes, Rafael Rivera, Yvette Trujillo, Gary Johnson, Sr., Robin West, Charles Watson, Claudia Hudson, Bruce Hamilton, Michelle Sommers and James Lindsay. International President Lawrence Hanley presided. Also in attendance were International Secretary-Treasurer Oscar Owens, International Executive Vice President Javier M. Perez, Jr., ATU General Counsel Robert Molofsky, and Senior Staff Director/Executive Assistant to the International President Lauri Straughan.

International Vice Presidents Gary Rauen and John Costa were excused from the meeting.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

International President Hanley convened the meeting, reviewed the agenda for the Board meeting, significant issues, challenges and actions during the reporting period. Among the issues highlighted for discussion later in the week was the rapid development and expansion of transportation network companies (Uber, Bridj, Lift, etc.) to provide both transit, paratransit and small bus service in cities throughout the US and Canada. He reported on the expanding training programs provide by the ATU at the newly renovated ATU-TEC Campus, including special programs for local officers and International Vice Presidents, on ATU joint industry councils, collective bargaining, arbitration, and public engagement.

President Hanley also gave a comprehensive summary report on the completion of building renovations on the ATU-TEC Campus, including the three residential buildings, former archives building and Chapel. He noted use of the facilities by other unions, including the Postal Workers, CWA and the Coalition of Labor Union Women. In lieu of a “grand opening” Hanley advised the Board that the ATU would have a series of open houses for former International Officers and other invited guests. He also advised the board that change in the tax advantages of “selling” solar panel tax credits has resulted in a delay and possible scaling back of the solar energy system to be installed on the ATU-TEC Campus. President Hanley also reported that efforts were continuing through retained brokers to sell the former ATU Headquarters Building located at 5025 Wisconsin Ave., NW, DC.

AUDIT COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Appointed to the Audit Committee were International Vice Presidents Marcellus Barnes, Ray Rivera, and Yvette Trujillo. International Vice President Barnes was designated as Chair.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER ON ATU MS RESEARCH FUNDS APPROVED

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the International Secretary-Treasurer's report on ATU MS Research Funds was approved.

Financial statements for the period of July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, for both the U.S. and Canadian MS Research Funds follow:

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER ON ATU-COPE APPROVED

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the General Executive Board approved the report of the International Secretary-Treasurer on ATU-COPE. The report, as presented, appears below.

The Amalgamated Transit Union Committee on Political Education (ATU-COPE) program collects voluntary contributions from ATU members for the purposes of making contributions to and expenditures for candidates for federal, state and local offices and addressing federal, state and local political issues.

ATU-COPE consists primarily of the Voluntary Account, which is used to make contributions to candidates for federal elections (i.e., U.S. Senate, U.S. House and U.S. President), and to state and local candidates in jurisdictions which strictly regulate political contributions. In addition to the Voluntary Account, ATU-COPE maintains the Special Holding Account for contributions to state and local candidates and also maintains separate accounts in Florida, Missouri, New York, and Wisconsin, as required by those states' laws.

The highlights of the contributions paid from the various funds (combined) for the six month period ending December 31, 2015, are as follows:

Federal

Senatorial Campaigns	\$ 55,000.00
Congressional Campaigns	\$142,000.00
Other	\$ 42,500.00

State

Senatorial Campaigns	\$ 28,806.00
Representative Campaigns	\$ 31,321.00
Other	\$ 35,400.00

Local

Mayoral Campaigns	\$ 10,900.00
Councilperson Campaigns	\$ 10,175.00

Other

\$ 43,000.00

Between July 1, 2015, and December 31, 2015, ATU-COPE took in contributions totaling \$538,694.55. As of December 31, 2015, the funds had a combined available balance of \$787,202.14.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER ON THE ATU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the following International Secretary-Treasurer's Report on the ATU Scholarship program.

The selection process for the Amalgamated Transit Union 2015 Scholarship competition named in memory of Joseph Welch, retired International Vice President, who passed away in February 2014, was completed during this period by the Scholarship Selection Committee. The Committee was chaired by James Kennedy, Jr., Consultant, Amalgamated Bank. Committee members consisted of Trip McLaughlin, Senior Vice President, Investments, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter; John W. Harrison, III, President of Eberts & Harrison; and Cynthia Watson of Watson Labour Lawyers.

A total of 59 applications met all of the program's requirements. These were reduced to 12 finalists. A merit system that weighted scholastic performance, school evaluations, personal activities (a biographical statement) and the required essay, was used to select the winners.

The Committee complimented the applicants for their interesting biographical statements and essays. This year's winners are as follows:

Heidi Myung, daughter of ATU Local 825 member NoSung Myung, who plans to pursue a degree in hotel management.

Rachel Cucinella, daughter of ATU Local 1056 member Anthony J. Cucinella, who plans to pursue a degree in literature/studio art.

Paula Bongiovanni, daughter of ATU Local 726 member Anthony Bongiovanni, who plans to pursue a degree in biology.

Luke Tortora, son of ATU Local 726 member Gregory Tortora, who plans to pursue a degree in chemistry pre-med.

Bronte Johnston, daughter of ATU Local 113 member James K. Johnston, who plans to pursue a degree in health science.

There were no applications for the vocational/technical scholarship.

REPORT ON OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES HEALTHCARE COST SAVINGS

President Hanley advised the Board that the International was benefitting in significant cost savings from its May 2015, action to self-insure the benefit program with CareFirst/Blue Cross/BlueShield. A report on year-long savings was being completed and would be provided at the next meeting.

Discussion on 2016 Presidential Election Campaign

President Hanley led a discussion on recent developments in the Presidential election campaign and the reasons underlying ATU's initial endorsement of Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders. Based on the outcome of an ATU member survey and recognition of Sanders longstanding commitment to labor's agenda in opposition to unfair trade agreements, strong support for infrastructure investment, free college tuition, and single payer health care, President Hanley discussed the impact Sanders campaign has had on the Democratic Party and the positions of Secretary Hillary Clinton during the campaign. The members of the Board engaged in a wide ranging discussion on the choices facing voters and the extreme consequences should Donald Trump prevail.

REPORT ON CURRENT CONTRACT AND OTHER FIELD CAMPAIGNS

President Hanley updated and the Board discussed, the status and lessons learned from our ongoing contract campaign in Grand Rapids (Local 836), including the success of our first amendment litigation to enjoin attacks on our first amendment rights to leaflet; opposition to actions by the City Attorney in Alexandria, LA (Local 981), to limit the rights of ATU Officers to speak out on public issues of transit funding and safety; continuing legal and legislative/political efforts in New York City (Local 1181) to secure reemployment rights for school bus employees; the contract campaign in Atlanta (Local 732), to enforce our member's Section 13C rights for employees of MARTA, whose paratransit jobs are being contracted to MV Transportation; and the emerging campaign to reach a new contract in Buffalo (Local 1342), with the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority.

DISCUSSION ON THE FRIEDRICH'S CASE

Jonathan Lange, from the Industrial Areas Foundation updated the Board on the status of the case and ATU's ongoing training program, pending the outcome of the case before the Supreme Court. As a result of the untimely death of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Scalia the prospect of a tie vote, effectively upholding the right of public sector unions to charge non-members a fair share fee for representation and contract enforcement seemed promising. Lange stressed that the "relief" from a tie vote may very well be temporary and the continued need to train officers and members through one-on-one conversations to more effectively recruit and retain members remained essential to the strength of the labor movement.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The remainder of the session was devoted to discussion among the International Executive Officers and members of the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2016.

SECOND SESSION

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. General Executive Board members present were, Larry Kinnear, Richard Murphy, Bob Hykaway, Janis Borchardt, Paul Bowen, Kenneth Kirk, Marcellus Barnes, Rafael Rivera, Yvette Trujillo, Gary Johnson, Sr., Robin West, John Costa, Charles Watson, Claudia Hudson, Bruce Hamilton, Michelle Sommers and James Lindsay. International President Lawrence Hanley presided. Also in attendance were International Secretary-Treasurer Oscar Owens, International Executive Vice President Javier M. Perez, Jr., ATU General Counsel Robert Molofsky, and Senior Staff Director/Executive Assistant to the International President Lauri Straughan.

International Vice President Gary Rauen was excused from the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE FALL 2015 GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING APPROVED

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the fall General Executive Board Meeting were approved, as amended

APPEAL TO THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

APPEAL NO. 1

Clifford Strickler

LOCAL UNION 583 (CALGARY, AB)

There came before the General Executive Board an appeal by Clifford Strickler, a member of Local 583 (Calgary, AB), of the September 21, 2015, decision of International President Lawrence Hanley. Therein, President Hanley denied Brother Strickler's challenge to Local 583's decision not to further consider certain charges which were preferred against former Local 583 President/Business Agent Doug Johannes, pursuant to ATU Constitution and General Laws, Section 22, *Charges, Trails and Penalties*.

Brother Strickler appeared before the General Executive Board via telephone conference call and provided a full explanation of the issues and concerns underlying his appeal.

Upon a thorough deliberation of all the facts and evidence in this case, the General Executive Board, upon motion duly made and seconded, voted to uphold the decision of the International President.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The remainder of the session was devoted to discussion among the International Executive Officers and members of the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2016.

THIRD SESSION

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. General Executive Board members present were, Larry Kinnear, Richard Murphy, Bob Hykaway, Janis Borchardt, Paul Bowen, Kenneth Kirk, Marcellus Barnes, Rafael Rivera, Yvette Trujillo, Gary Johnson, Sr., Robin West, John Costa, Charles Watson, Claudia Hudson, Bruce Hamilton, Michelle Sommers and James Lindsay. International President Lawrence Hanley presided. Also in attendance were International Secretary-Treasurer Oscar Owens, International Executive Vice President Javier M. Perez, Jr., ATU General Counsel Robert Molofsky, and Senior Staff Director/Executive Assistant to the International President Lauri Straughan.

International Vice President Gary Rauen was excused from the meeting.

RETIREMENT OF INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ANTHONY WITHINGTON

International President Hanley informed the Board that International Representative Anthony Withington retired effective May 1, 2016.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT APPROVED

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Report of the International President for the period July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, was approved.

STRIKE SANCTIONS

LOCAL 1573 (BRAMPTON, ON)

Upon the request of International Vice President Robin West, the General Executive Board granted strike sanction to the members of Local 1573 (Brampton, ON), employed by Brampton Transit.

REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

LOCAL 1576, (LYNNWOOD, WA)

By letter dated December 21, 2015, Local 1576 Financial Secretary John Sainz, requested financial assistance with expenses directly related to the organizing of new members who are employed by Island Transit.

The financial statement of Local 1576, for the period ended June 30, 2015, listed a beginning balance of \$505,594. Receipts for the period amounted to \$300,227 and disbursements were \$327,554, leaving a balance at the end of the period of \$478,267.

Currently, Local 1576 has 681 active members.

The General Executive Board, after careful review and consideration of the facts, voted to grant Local 1576's request for financial assistance in the form of a one-time payment of \$14,000.00.

LOCAL 1333, (ROCKFORD, IL)

Local 1333, President/Business Agent Dale Smith, requested financial assistance to help reduce the amount of back per capita tax owed to the International.

The financial statement of Local 1333, for the period ended December 31, 2014, listed a beginning balance of \$18,808.25. Receipts for the period amounted to \$30,794.82 and disbursements were \$21,830.71, leaving a balance at the end of the period of \$27,772.36.

Currently, Local 1333 has 92 active members.

The General Executive Board, after careful review and consideration of the facts, voted to deny Local 1333's request for financial assistance.

LOCAL 1546, (BATON ROUGE, LA)

By letter dated October 13, 2015, Local 1546 President/Business Agent Naomi Guy, requested financial assistance with expenses incurred in the arbitration of four former local Board members who were suspended.

The financial statement of Local 1546, for the period ended December 2015, listed a beginning balance of \$3,814.95. Receipts for the period amounted to \$24,501.86 and disbursements were \$29,579.16, leaving a balance at the end of the period of <\$1,215.26>.

Currently, Local 1546 has 96 active members.

The General Executive Board, after careful review and consideration of the facts, voted to grant Local 1546's request for financial assistance, in the form of a six month waiver of per capita tax.

LOCAL 1767, (SAULT STE. MARIE, ON)

By letter dated August 12, 2015, Local 1767 President/Business Agent Louie Lewis, requested financial assistance in the form of a \$10,000 donation, to match the same amount donated by the Canadian Council, by way of a motion unanimously passed at the Canadian Council

Convention in Winnipeg, MB, June 6, 2015, to help offset expenses for wages and benefits for former Canadian Director Mike Mahar.

The financial statement of Local 1767, for the period ended December 31, 2015, listed a beginning balance of \$86.25. Receipts for the period amounted to \$45,141.14 and disbursements were \$33,544.67, leaving a balance at the end of the period of \$11,682.72.

Currently, Local 1767 has 65 active members.

The General Executive Board voted to place Local 1767's request for financial assistance on hold, pending additional documentation.

LOCAL 627, (CINCINNATI, OH)

By letter dated July 13, 2015, Local 627 President/Business Agent Troy Miller, requested financial assistance with legal costs associated with the Cincinnati Streetcar collective bargaining campaign.

The financial statement of Local 627, for the period ended December 2015, listed a beginning balance of \$14,616. Receipts for the period amounted to \$645,360 and disbursements were \$649,415, leaving a balance at the end of the period of \$10,561.

Currently, Local 627 has 762 active members.

The General Executive Board, after careful review and consideration of the facts, voted to grant Local 627's request for financial assistance, in the form of a two-month waiver of per capita tax.

PRESENTATION ON ATU-TEC OPERATING EXPENSES AND FINANCES

Randy Barber, an experienced economist and financial analyst retained by the International, reported to the Board on his review of ATU-TEC operating expenses, including staffing, hospitality and food service costs and revenue expectations, conference and meeting revenue, maintenance and repairs. He presented a detailed summary of cost and revenue drivers and estimates on benchmarks to be achieved to enable the Center to cover its costs and begin repayment of the loans. Members of the General Executive Board discussed in detail his assumptions and projections estimating that within two years of full operation the Center would Break even and be positioned to begin repayment of its loans.

REVIEW OF ATU-TEC SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT

ATU's retained solar energy expert, Arjun Makhijani serving as lead consultant on ongoing efforts to reduce electricity costs through the installation of solar panels on a portion of the ATU-TEC Campus, reported on the status of the project. Because of initial uncertainty as to whether the federal tax credits critical to the project's financing would be extended in 2016, progress on

the program had been delayed and is now stalled. Though the tax credits have been extended, because of the rush to enter into project agreements, the market for the Solar Renewal Energy Certificates (SRECS), needed to complete the deal was flooded, and we were not able to secure the necessary approvals. He discussed the option of the ATU paying for the installation, but it was premature for the Board to formally consider any such proposal. He will continue to monitor the market and advise us accordingly.

REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE/POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Jeff Rosenberg, Director of Government Affairs, reported to the Board on passage of the new five-year transportation bill, the “Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act” (FAST) providing for and overall 18% increase in transit funding by 2020. Rosenberg reported on ATU’s to secure language that any privately funded fixed guideway or bus rapid transit projects must be operated and maintained by an existing transportation provider in the area, thus protecting ATU member jobs. He discussed ATU’s leadership resulting in increased dedicated funding (89%) bus purchases, new mandates for rulemaking to address bus operator assaults, and expanded formula funding for paratransit operations, and increased federal support for workforce development programs. Also highlighted was Congress’s renewal of the employer provided tax free transit benefits.

State and local issues reviewed included ATU’s ongoing nationwide campaign to end bus blind spots which have been the cause of too many fatal left turn pedestrian fatalities, and ATU’s response to legislation in Massachusetts to strip “Pacheco” bill privatization protections from applying to MBTA contracts.

DISCUSSION ON IMPACT OF TRANSIT NETWORK COMPANIES(TNC’C) (LYFT, UBER, BRIDJ ETC.)

International President Hanley led a wide-ranging discussion on the impact of expanding transit and paratransit services provided by TNC, the challenges to limit their intrusion into service provided by ATU members, and the legal, legislative and regulatory challenges they pose. The Board was briefed in detail on the status of negotiations and the impact of a new tech company “Bridj” to use 14 foot buses to provide on call bus transit service in Kansas City. Unlike most other cities experimenting with the introduction of TNC services, the company agrees to recognize ATU Local 1287 and terms and benefits comparable to the KCATA. The Board then reviewed the rising incursion of TNCs as transit providers under contract to transit authorities for so-called “first mile/last mile service” and their expansion of service over bus routes operated by ATU members. In addition, the Board discussed ways to address the expansion of TNC as paratransit service providers, noting the significant safety issues they raise when exempt from any real background checks, training and accountability standards.

REPORT ON ORGANIZING

ATU Director of organizing reported on the extent and success of the ATU’s organizing program over the last six months. He informed the Board that the International led or assisted in

the successful organizing of 422 transit and allied workers into Locals 276 (Stockton, CA), 1027 (Fresno, CA), 1577 (West Palm Beach, FL) 1614 (Dover, NJ) and 1774 (Aspen, CO). This included five new transit systems and two private contractors. At the end of the reporting period the International was involved in campaigns at 8 different properties involving more than 787 employees. There was one decertification involving a unit of some 50 employees of Transdev in San Marcos, TX, which had been represented by ATU Local 1091(Austin, TX). A second decertification petition at Easton Coach involving Local 956 was successfully thwarted when the NLRB held in our favor on several unfair labor practice charges and ordered the employer to bargain with the local.

2016 CONVENTION GUEST FEE APPROVED

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the members of the General Executive Board approved a registration fee of \$175.00 for each delegate and guest. The fee remained unchanged from 2013.

AUDIT REPORT APPROVED

After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the members of the General Executive Board approved the report of the Audit Committee, for the six-month period ended December 31, 2015.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The remainder of the session was devoted to discussion among the International Executive Officers and members of the Board.

International President Hanley reviewed the training schedule for all Board members and International Representatives scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2016.

The official meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m., to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016.

FOURTH SESSION

ADVANCED EXCEL COMPUTER TRAINING PROGRAM

On Thursday, April 28, 2016, the members of the General Executive Board and International Representatives attended Advanced Excel computer training.

General Executive Board members present were, Larry Kinnear, Richard Murphy, Bob Hykaway, Janis Borchardt, Paul Bowen, Kenneth Kirk, Marcellus Barnes, Rafael Rivera, Yvette Trujillo, Gary Johnson, Sr., Robin West, John Costa, Charles Watson, Claudia Hudson, Bruce Hamilton, Michelle Sommers and James Lindsay.

International Vice President Gary Rauen was excused from the training.

In addition, International Representatives Dennis Antonellis, Stephan MacDougall, Anthony Garland, Antonette Bryant, Sesil Rubain and Manny Sforza were present and participated in the training.

The training was completed by 4:00pm. As previously scheduled, the Board was to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016.

FIFTH SESSION

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016. General Executive Board members present were, Larry Kinnear, Richard Murphy, Bob Hykaway, Janis Borchardt, Paul Bowen, Kenneth Kirk, Marcellus Barnes, Rafael Rivera, Yvette Trujillo, Gary Johnson, Sr., Robin West, John Costa, Charles Watson, Claudia Hudson, Bruce Hamilton, Michelle Sommers and James Lindsay. International President Lawrence Hanley presided. Also in attendance were International Secretary-Treasurer Oscar Owens, International Executive Vice President Javier M. Perez, Jr., ATU General Counsel Robert Molofsky, and Senior Staff Director/Executive Assistant to the International President Lauri Straughan.

In addition, International Representatives Dennis Antonellis, Stephan MacDougall, Anthony Garland, Antonette Bryant, Sesil Rubain and Manny Sforza were present. Also attending as special guests, were retired International Executive Vice President Bob Baker, retired International Vice Presidents, Robert Saarinen and Don Hansen, retired former Canadian Council Directors Ken Foster and Stu Litwinawich.

PRESENTATION OF SINGLE DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLANS

Attorney Sharon Goodman led a seminar on key issues and requirements for both private and public trustee defined benefit plans under ERISA and state laws. Covered topics included plan definitions, key features, and the fiduciary role and responsibilities of plan trustees. Substantial time was devoted to best practices for preparing to negotiate benefits changes, the role of plan counsel, investment advisors and actuaries.

REPORT ON TRUSTEESHIP OF LOCAL 1764 (WASHINGTON, DC)

International Representative Sesil Rubain reported to the Board on the progress to date during the trusteeship of the local. He briefed the Board on completed and ongoing negotiations, organizing drives, and internal administrative and record keeping reforms. International Executive Vice President Javier M. Perez, Jr., gave a comprehensive report on the local union's finances.

REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (CONTINUED)

LOCAL 1767, (SAULT STE. MARIE, ON)

The General Executive Board, after careful review and consideration of the facts, voted to grant Local 1767's request for financial assistance in the form of a six month waiver of per capita tax, pending additional documentation from the local union.

LOCAL 1591, (BROWARD COUNTY, FL)

By letter dated October 12, 2015, Local 1591 ACTING Financial Secretary Joanne Penn, requested financial assistance in the form of a six-month waiver of per capita tax due to financial difficulties and a cash balance below \$100.00.

The financial statement of Local 1591, for the period ended December 2015, listed a beginning balance of \$64.71. Receipts for the period amounted to \$42,180.20, and disbursements were \$40,327.94, leaving a balance at the end of the period of \$1,916.97.

Currently, Local 1591 has 226 active members.

The General Executive Board, after careful review and consideration of the facts, voted to grant Local 1591's request for financial assistance in the form of a six-month waiver of per capita tax.

LOCAL 1181, (NEW YORK, NY)

Local 1181 President/Business Agent Michael Cordiello, requested financial assistance to offset the substantial legal costs of reinstating employee protections for his school bus members and significant organizing expenses.

The financial statement of Local 1181, for the period ended June 30, 2015, listed a beginning balance of \$1,609,345. Receipts for the period amounted to \$15,598,926 and disbursements were \$15,246,226, leaving a balance at the end of the period of \$1,962,045.

Currently, Local 1181 has 11,467 active members.

The General Executive Board, after careful review and consideration of the facts, voted to grant Local 1181's request for financial assistance, in the form of a six-month waiver of per capita tax, pending additional documentation.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER – APPROVED

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report of the International Secretary-Treasurer, for the period July 1, 2015, – December 31, 2015, was approved by the General Executive Board.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT – APPROVED

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report of the International President, for the period July 1, 2015, – December 31, 2015, was approved by the General Executive Board.

REPORT ON ATU CANADA

ATU Canada President Paul Thorpe gave a comprehensive report on recent activities of the Council. He reported on the pending transfer of assets from the Canadian Council, now released from trusteeship and closing out its affairs, recent and ongoing training, and the need to expand the International's programs in Canada in concert with ATU Canada. He also reported on major Canadian legislative and political issues, and the dates for the National ATU Canada Conference to be held in Kelowna in June.

MOTION APPROVED TO SEEK LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL OFFICERS' FIDUCIARY OBLIGATIONS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, members of the General Executive Board approved a motion requiring that local officers exercise a good faith effort to recover misappropriated funds or improper payments or be subject upon approval of the GEB to charges under Section 12.4 Discipline; LU Officers for failing to fulfill their fiduciary obligations to carry out the laws and policies of the International Union.

REPORT OF THE ATU GENERAL COUNSEL

The General Executive Board was briefed on significant litigation and Section 13 C case processing decisions, determinations by the US Department of Labor (DOL) and updated on the status of the pending post California Pension Reform Legislation (PEPRA), litigation between the US DOL and the State of California. During 2015, the number of grants processed by the legal department rose from 647 in 2014, to 901 in 2015. Highlighted were recent efforts by the International to rely on the "implementing" provisions of our Section 13 C agreements to seek job protections and first opportunity of employment in cities moving to build and operate new streetcars service, and to control the impact of transit network companies providing both paratransit and "bus" type service, as in Kansas City. Pending Section 13 C arbitrations and state cases in Jackson MI, (change in contractor), Grand Rapids, MI (collective bargaining rights and application of state law changes), and Washington, DC, (WMATA's expanded contracting of paratransit services), and Atlanta, Georgia, (contracting out of entire paratransit service to private provider) were discussed. The Board was also briefed on the status of pending litigation challenging the International's decision finding certain candidates ineligible to run for office and ordering a rerun of Local 1300's 2013, elections.

HISTORY OF THE ATU PURCHASE OF NATIONAL LABOR COLLEGE

International President Hanley reviewed the history leading up to the ATU's purchase of the former National Labor College Campus, including efforts by the AFL-CIO to covert the Center to both a training and online degree granting college, the ensuing financial difficulties preventing the AFL-CIO to sustain the operation, and ATU's good fortune in having the "upzoning of the property approved the same day the ATU closed on the purchase, more than doubling the value of our investment.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The remainder of the session was devoted to discussion among the International Executive Officers and members of the Board.

The meeting adjourned sine die at 6:15 pm.