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NEWSBRIEFS

Striking Local 689 Transdev Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage's music anthem video "Don't Play with My Money" goes viral



During one of the first days of the strike by Local **689** Transdev workers at WMATA's Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage, member Otis Price was on the picket lines and wanted to fire up his sisters and brothers. A singer, Price took the bullhorn and spontaneously began humming a catchy tune and singing "Ahhhhh... don't play with my money, ahhhh... don't play with my family," and his fellow strikers began singing along. The song quickly became their anthem on the picket line. Price decided to write a longer version, then professionally recorded the song, and a music video was produced on the picket lines.

The video immediately went viral on social media after it was released by projecting it on WMATA headquarters at a rally during rush-hour to gain attention and demand WMATA and General Manager Paul Wiedefeld take responsibility for Transdev's failure to give workers a fair and just contract. On Facebook and Twitter people called it "the anthem of the labor movement." As of press time, on Facebook, it had more than 17,000 views and more than 450 shares; on Twitter, it had over 104,000 impressions. It also has been retweeted on Twitter by Rage Against the Machine band member and union activist, Tom Morello, who has almost 600,000 followers. Watch the video at <http://bit.ly/DontPlayWithMyMoney>

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ATU MOURNS THE PASSING OF INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER OSCAR L. OWENS



On October 25, 2019, the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) lost a revered leader with the passing of International Secretary-Treasurer Oscar Owens after a brief illness.

Devoting more than 53 years of his life to the ATU, Owens maintained a fierce desire to continue serving the ATU up until his death. A revered leader and tireless activist, Oscar leaves behind an extraordinary legacy of service and commitment to the ATU and the entire labor movement.

“Oscar was a beloved leader and a friend to our more than 200,000 members across the U.S. and Canada,” said ATU International President John A. Costa. “He helped lead our Union through some very turbulent and difficult times. Yet throughout his long tenure, Oscar was a savvy, stabilizing, and calming influence, unafraid to call out injustice and fight for a better life for our members, those they serve, and all working people.”

A U.S. Army veteran, Owens joined ATU Local 192-Oakland, CA, in 1966, as a bus operator for AC Transit. In 1973, he became a shop steward and rose to become

its President and Business Agent. He then served the International for more than 37 years alongside six International Presidents, as a Special Organizer, an International Representative, an International Vice President, and International Secretary-Treasurer.

A founding member of the ATU Black Caucus, he was a strong voice in support of civil rights and the rightful place of African-Americans within the leadership of the ATU and the entire labor movement.

“Like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Oscar believed *‘The labor movement was the principal force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress,’*” Costa continued. “Affectionally known as ‘Double O,’ his signature call-to-arms, ‘Fired up and ready to go’ will echo in our Union forever.”

Owens is survived by his wife Betty, his beloved children, Damon, Shuron, DaShawn, Charity, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. ❖





JOHN A. COSTA, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Honor the memory of Owens, Hanley by pursuing vision of the 59th Convention

There comes a time in most of our lives when grief can seem almost unbearable. The same can be said when nations or organizations suffer a terrible loss. This is such a time for our Union.

I am deeply saddened that we lost our beloved, long-time International Secretary-Treasurer Oscar Owens, on October 25th, after a brief illness. Oscar was more than just an international officer. He was a friend, a mentor, and an inspiration – particularly when times were tough.

His unexpected death, and the untimely passing of former International President Larry Hanley just five months earlier, came as a sudden “one-two punch” to the gut for me and so many of you across the U.S. and Canada.

‘Thrilled and full of joy’

One measure of what Oscar meant to ATU was his re-election to a *seventh* term as International Secretary-Treasurer at our recent 59th International Convention. He had served alongside six International Presidents, and after all those years, he told the delegates that he was still “thrilled and full of joy” upon being re-elected.

Oscar gave his last full measure of devotion until his unexpected passing, just as he had given throughout his more than 50 years of service to our Union. And because of his and the efforts of so many, our union-wide gathering was a great success.

A forward-looking, progressive vision

The delegates to the Convention adopted a forward-looking and progressive vision for the future of our Union and the transit industry. And, they elected a great group of International Vice Presidents who I know I can rely on to help me carry it out.

All of the challenges our members face in the U.S. and Canada were considered by the delegates, and an impressive set of resolutions was adopted to aggressively address those problems as you’ll see in more detail in the pages of this magazine.

We’re ready to fight

Just a few weeks after our Convention, our Union showed that we are ready to fight. More than 120 Local **689**-Washington, DC, members working for private contractor Transdev at WMATA’s Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage went on strike. These workers make \$12 per hour *less* on average than a public sector WMATA bus operator. They also have a *\$6,000 deductible* on their health insurance – for those who can even afford it. Yet they drive the same buses, on the same Metrobus routes that public WMATA employees have for years.

Then just down the road from Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage, Local **1764**-Washington, DC, members who work for Transdev at Fairfax Connector staged a strike in protest of the multinational company’s unfair labor practices and bad faith bargaining. These Fairfax Connector workers had enough with Transdev’s same blatant disregard for the law, their riders and their workers as they have with our Local 689 sisters and brothers at Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage. After four days on strike and pressure from riders and elected officials, there was progress in negotiations, so the Fairfax Connector workers went back to work. However, they are ready to walk off the job again if Transdev went back to their union-busting ways at the bargaining table.

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Historic victory over privatization

Capitalizing on the pressure from these strikes, riders, allies and elected officials, Local 689 reached a contract with WMATA for Metro workers that forces the agency to give up its strategy of privatizing and create a path to bring the work at Cinder Bed Road in house and not outsource Metro's Silver Line.

This is an historic victory over privatization. Our sisters and brothers at Cinder Bed Road and Fairfax Connector are the heroes. Their courage, solidarity, determination and resolve on the picket lines showed WMATA, their General Manager Paul Wiedefeld, and Fairfax County that transit workers will stand up against privatization and fight for equal pay for equal work. I am proud to call them my sisters and brothers.

Unity is more important

Oscar knew that unity and solidarity were critical to our success in these fights. In his last column for *In Transit*, he wrote:

Our members standing in solidarity with their brothers and sisters in other locals, the labor movement, and all working people showed what a powerful force we can be. And that unity is more important than ever before.

While we mourn the passing of two great ATU leaders, we will honor their memory by pursuing the vision laid out by the delegates to the 59th International Convention.

Larry and Oscar would have us do no less. They both strongly believed and understood that *"Together We Fight, Together We Win!"* ❖

International President Costa elected Chair of Transportation Learning Center Board of Directors



ATU is leading the way!

International President John Costa was elected Chair of the Transportation Learning Center (TLC) Board of Directors.

The TLC is committed to improving public transportation at the national level and within communities by building labor-management training partnerships. The TLC works to research best practices for transit industries and has recently focused on developing trainings and curriculum

in partnership with many transit agencies and the ATU.

"It's an honor and privilege to be elected Chair of the Transportation Learning Center Board," said Costa. "The collaborative work the TLC does helps to create opportunities for our members to advance their careers in the industry through training and education. Our Union looks forward to continuing to work with the TLC."

During ATU's 59th International Convention, delegates adopted several resolutions specifically naming the Transportation Learning Center as a partner to work on registered apprenticeships for front-line transit occupations, to include bus operators, and working to develop frontline training on electric buses, bus maintenance, and innovative rail maintenance training programs. ❖



JAVIER PEREZ, JR., INTERNATIONAL EXEC. VICE PRESIDENT

The Candy Jar and the Red Wagon

I was shocked as each of you were to learn of the illness and passing of our International Secretary-Treasurer Oscar Owens. Oscar was a man of fierce determination, unending loyalty, a compassionate gentleman, a mentor, my friend.

Much has been and will be said about the man that “Fired up the ATU.” I want to share with you a short story. The Candy Jar and the Red Wagon.

When I was first elected to the office of Executive Vice President, I came to DC full of vim and vigor and excited to embark upon the task before me. Oscar was cordial, not aloof, but also not overbearing. He came into my office and asked how things were going, familiarized me with the processes and offered to help me any time something may arise.

I learned overtime that many things did arise. Things that require judgement, thought and discretion. But also situations which may have occurred before, but with perhaps a different twist to the issue. These required a sense and knowledge of our history.

When one walks by Oscar’s office you may hear him talking on the phone, hear his infectious laughter and at times the sternness in his voice. Oscar always kept abreast of the political news so often he was as well versed and spoken as any of the talking heads on tv.

Oscar’s door was always open and in plain sight he kept a Candy Jar on his coffee table. The Candy Jar beckoned any passerby to come in for a bite-size treat. Once your hand was in the jar, Oscar would always ask about your family, the Raiders or the Chiefs football team. But then the bite-size treat often extended to lengthy discussions about all things facing ATU. I learned from each of my discussions with him. He was a colleague, a mentor, and most of all a friend.

I remember just before leaving DC for our convention I walked by Oscar’s office and the Candy Jar was half empty. Upon learning of Oscar passing I walked by his office. His assistant Doreen, loyal beyond belief, kept his office alive and the door open and the low key murmur of the television news. Looking in, I noticed the Candy Jar. It was full

I was stopped dead in my tracks as the words of his daughter’s eulogy came to mind.

She related how when she was little she had her heart set on receiving a wagon for her birthday or perhaps at Christmas. Well she wasn’t disappointed; her Daddy saw to that. She then talked of going out to the sidewalk all fired up and ready to go and looking up to her dad. He said, “It’s your red wagon to push or pull, but it’s yours.”

Oscar’s family lent him to us. Oscar always a Gentleman, gave us his fierce determination, unending loyalty, and his compassion.

And yet standing there unable to move, the thought running through my head, his message for all of us. “I’ve left you with the Candy Jar full, I have loved our ATU, but the torch has passed. It’s your red wagon now to push or pull it, but make it go. Fired Up Ready to Go!” ❖

ATU International Vice President Ken Kirk appointed as International Secretary-Treasurer



International Vice President Kenneth Kirk was appointed by International President John A. Costa with approval by the ATU General Executive Board on December 13, 2019 as International Secretary-Treasurer to serve out the term of the late International Secretary-Treasurer Oscar Owens.

“Ken Kirk brings a wealth of experience, leadership and service at the ATU to his new position as International Secretary-Treasurer,” said International President Costa. “While no one can replace ‘Double O’ I know Ken will continue Oscar’s work to fight for the rights of our members and his commitment to social, racial and economic justice for all.”

Kirk came to work in public transit in 1985 while looking for a job to support himself in college when an old friend recommended he apply for a job at Dallas Transit System. He got the job and joined Local 1338-Dallas, TX. After a year on the job, he got sick and had to take three days off. When he returned, his pay had been docked. When he challenged management they told him he hadn’t adhered to company policy on reporting sick time. Kirk knew he had been singled out because one of the managers didn’t like him. It sparked him to get involved with his Local to make sure management would not do this to his sisters and brothers.

In 1990 Kirk was appointed a Shop Steward at Local 1338. A year later he was elected Vice President of the Local and was elected President/Business Agent in 1994. When Kirk took over the Local had 368 members. By the time of his appointed as an International Representative in 2004, Kirk had increased Local membership to 1,500 members.

While Local President/Business Agent Kirk served the labor community in Dallas as Vice President and President of the Dallas AFL-CIO. He was also Vice President and President of the ATU Texas Legislative Conference Board.

In April 2004, then International President Warren George appointed Kirk as an International Representative. In July 2004, George appointed Kirk as an International Vice President to fill out the term of International Vice President Charles Pettus, who retired for health reasons. Kirk was elected International Vice President at the 54th International Convention in Las Vegas, NV in 2004 and has been re-elected IVP at the last five Conventions.

“I am honored and humbled that International President John Costa and the GEB have appointed me to this position of leadership in our Union,” said Kirk. “I had the distinct honor of working with Oscar Owens when he was first elected International Vice President in 1986 until his appointment as International Secretary-Treasurer. Oscar was a beloved figure in our union, a mentor and a close friend. He gave me the best advice I ever had - ‘always do your job well and the rest of that stuff will take care of itself.’ I look forward to working with International President John Costa, International Executive Vice President Javier Perez, the entire GEB, and all the Locals in the U.S. and Canada to make the ATU the best union it can be.” ❖



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An Historic Contract Victory for Local 689 Halts March To Privatization

On October 24th, over 120 bus operators, mechanics, and utility workers that work at the Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage in Lorton, Virginia, walked off the job. These workers are employed by Transdev, a massive French multinational corporation, but this is a WMATA MetroBus garage. Over a year ago, WMATA General Manager (GM) Paul Wiedefeld chose to bring in a private contractor to run the brand new Cinder Bed Road facility. They claimed it would save WMATA money by cutting costs.

In November of 2018, the Cinder Bed Road workers all joined ATU Local 689-Washington, D.C. Since they first walked through the doors at Cinder Bed Road these workers have been on the front-line of the fight against privatization. The Cinder Bed Road workers drive the same routes, on the same roads, with the same buses as WMATA, but they earn \$12 per hour less than other operators in the region just because they work for a private contractor. Transdev provided workers with health insurance with a \$6,000 deductible.

Cinder Bed Road was just the start of WMATA's attempted privatization scheme. GM Wiedefeld refused to take responsibility for his contractor, Transdev, and their failure to give these workers the fair and equitable contract they deserve. He wanted to move garage by garage until he sold off the entire Metro system. He also planned to hand over the beleaguered Metro Silver Line extension to the lowest bidder.

A few weeks after the Cinder Bed Road strike, nearly 600 workers at nearby Fairfax Connector with Local 1764-Washington, DC, staged a four-day unfair labor practice strike. The workers at Fairfax Connector are also employed by Transdev. The National Labor Relations Board is currently investigating Transdev for 40 separate allegations of unfair labor practices at Fairfax Connector. The workers went back to work because of the rider support as well as elected officials and allies which helped make significant advances at the table. However, the Local reserved the right to walk off the job again if the good faith bargaining by Transdev disappears.

Meanwhile, the support for Cinder Bed Road strike began to grow from riders, allies, political leaders in Fairfax

County, the state and in Congress, and unions from around the world.

The Cinder Bed Road and the Fairfax Connector strikes took on a higher profile. It wasn't just about getting fair and just contracts, but about the future of transportation in the region and the fight against privatization.

Feeling the pressure from the strikes, riders, allies and elected officials, WMATA reached a four-year labor contract with Local 689's on wages and benefits for all WMATA workers that would make the transit agency give up its strategy of privatizing and create a path to bring the work at Cinder Bed Road in-house and not outsource the Silver Line.

"This deal will help safeguard our jobs against privatization. This deal would benefit all of our members and solidify transit careers as a pathway to the middle-class," said Local 689 President Raymond Jackson.

"This agreement is a historic victory for public transit in the DMV. Most importantly this halted the ill-advised march to privatization in the DMV," said ATU International President John A. Costa.

"I am very proud of our sisters and brothers at Cinder Bed Road and Fairfax Connector. Their courage, solidarity, determination and resolve on the picket lines showed WMATA, their GM Paul Weidefeld, and Fairfax County that workers will stand up against privatization. They are the heroes in this victory. It shows that Together We Fight, Together We Win!" Costa continued. ❖





CONVENTION OFFERS VISION FOR 21ST CENTURY TRANSIT, JUST ECONOMY

Delegates elect International President John A. Costa, back 'Medicare for All,' address automation, privatization

"Together We Fight" and "Together, We Win!" That spirited call and response echoed repeatedly throughout the hall where hundreds of U.S. and Canadian delegates gathered for ATU's historic 59th International Convention in Las Vegas, NV.

The delegates laid out a strategic vision to build power for transit workers and riders, address the challenge of autonomous (driverless) vehicles and the rise of transportation network companies, keep public transit in public hands, and advance bold economic reforms like the *Medicare for All Act of 2019*.

Delegates elected John A. Costa, International President; re-elected Javier M. Perez, Jr., International Executive Vice President; and Oscar Owens, International Secretary-Treasurer (IST).

DAY ONE

The 59th International Convention convened Monday, September 23rd following the recent tragic death of International President Larry Hanley on May 7th. His successor, International President John A. Costa, and the assembled delegates, alternates, and guests were determined to honor his legacy with a convention that truly exemplified the spirit of their fallen leader.



International Secretary-Treasurer and Temporary Chair Oscar Owens opened the proceedings and introduced a memorial video commemorating the life of Larry Hanley, which brought the delegates to their feet as bagpipes played “Amazing Grace.”

Passing of the Gavel

IST Owens then passed the gavel to International President John A. Costa who came to the podium amidst rousing cheers and applause.



International President and Convention Chair Costa accepted the gavel saying, “It’s my honor to serve as your International President... Like all of you, I owe a great deal to this Union.

“What has amazed me since I took office,” Costa continued, “is the hard work, the loyalty and commitment of so many people who have devoted their lives to the betterment of our members...”

“...Brothers and Sisters, we must activate. So, say it with me,” he exhorted, “Together We Fight!”

The delegates returned the enthusiastic chant, “*Together We Fight!*” in response to Costa’s recitation of a litany of goals the Union is fighting for.

Carolyn Goodman: ‘It’s of great concern’

Costa introduced Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman, who extolled the virtues of her city, adding, “Our city and any community around the country and certainly in Canada is about taking care of ‘How do we move people, and how do we keep them safe?’... I worry about our drivers. With automated and autonomous vehicles coming in ...I address this because it’s of great concern.”



Phil Murphy: ‘Thank you for everything you do’

A video message from Gov. Phil Murphy, D-NJ, was shown. The governor commended the delegates saying, “Thank you so much for everything that you do day-in and day-out to move New Jersey and to keep us as strong as we are... Together We Fight!”

Madeline Janis: ‘You have the greatest resource’

Brother Costa introduced Madeline Janis, Executive Director of Jobs to Move America, who had recently met with ATU bus mechanics to discuss the importance of retraining workers when cities move to electric-powered buses.



“You have the greatest resource of anyone and anything, greater than any corporation, because you have *you* – your members,” Janis told the delegates. “You have a fighting union, and ...we are making sure that we are in it together and that we are fighting for the common good.”

Kafui Attoh: ‘New dangers on the horizon’

Next, delegates heard a rousing speech from Kafui Attoh, author of “Rights of Transit,” which makes the case that public transportation is a right of all citizens.



“There are new dangers on the horizon, and they appear every time a clever city administrator proposes Uber or Lyft as some quasi-replacement for mass transit or paratransit,” he warned.

“Of course, there are also new opportunities for Labor and especially transportation labor, given the climate issue... Dangers and opportunities. We live in interesting times.”

DAY TWO

International Secretary-Treasurer’s Report Committee

The International Secretary-Treasurer’s Report Committee, chaired by Sabatino DiNardo Jr. (Local **85**), found the Union to be in sound financial condition and commended the work of International Secretary-Treasurer Owens.



ATU-COPE

The Convention delegates adopted the report of the ATU-COPE Committee, chaired by Troy Miller (Local **627**).



Resolution C endorsing “the goal of signing up each U.S. member to contribute at least one dollar per week” to ATU-COPE.

Rusty McAllister: ‘We can’t let up’

The first speaker of the day was Rusty McAllister, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Nevada State AFL-CIO.



With national elections on the horizon in the U.S., McAllister strongly advised, “We can’t let up. Don’t let [down] your guard. ...if we don’t continue to do what we need to do, we will lose. ...we have our work cut out for us...”

Ken Neumann: ‘Elections do matter’

Delegates then heard from Ken Neumann, Canadian National Director of the United Steelworkers.

Referring to the upcoming Canadian elections, Neumann declared, “We know that when right-wing governments come to power, they dismantle the progressive policies, laws, and rights that were achieved over generations of



struggle. ... They have all been taken away with the stroke of a pen, and that is why I say the elections do matter.”

Pete Buttigieg

The delegates next heard a video message from South Bend, IN, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination for the 2020 election.

“I appreciate the work that ATU has been doing for over 125 years,” Buttigieg told delegates in his video message. “As someone who’s been proud to stand with labor throughout my career and as someone who’s doing a lot of travel these days, I have a profound appreciation for the transit workers who operate our buses, tune up our trains and make sure that bags get to where they need to go. And I was proud to stand with ATU striking Martha’s Vineyard bus drivers as you continued to push to be treated fairly.”

Marcel Malboeuf receives First Hanley Lifetime Achievement Award

The delegates also honored recently deceased member, Marcel Malboeuf, Local 279-Ottawa, ON, by presenting his wife with the newly-created Lawrence J. “Larry” Hanley



Marcel Malboeuf’s wife Kim Tran addresses the 59th International Convention



Marcel Malboeuf’s sister Huguette Eleonore Gagne addresses the 59th International Convention

ATU Lifetime Achievement Award.

The award, will recognize an individual who has shown exceptional commitment to ATU’s mission and ideals and who has dedicated a lifetime of service to the Union, and our members, will be presented at every Convention.

International President’s Report Committee

The delegates next unanimously adopted the report of the International President’s Report Committee,



chaired by Michael McMillan (Local 1300), which gave “recognition to the International President and his staff for their continued assertiveness in achieving new goals.”

DAY THREE

Assaults on the rise

Day Three began on a somber note as delegates were shown a video exposing the epidemic of assaults on bus

drivers in the United States and Canada.

International President Costa shared his continuing shock and concern: “Four months, I have watched that video over and over again. Every morning, every night, another video... Not one more!

“Not one more of our members should be treated like you saw in these videos. ... We can stop this, please... This is our Union. Together, we can do better. Together, we can fight this.”

Laws Committee Report

The delegates next debated the recommendations of the Laws Committee, chaired by Raymond Greaves (New Jersey State Council), to the Convention:



Amendment 1: Clarifying dual unionism

The Convention *adopted* an amendment to the CGL that clarifies the charge of dual unionism.

Resolution 1: Eliminating dual unionism, other charges

Next, the Convention *rejected* a resolution that would have amended the CGL to eliminate the charge of dual unionism; removed the clause which provides that the assets of a Local are held in trust by the International when a Local withdraws from ATU, lapses, or dissolves; and specified that a Local may not be placed in a trusteeship if members are contemplating or voting on disaffiliation.

Resolution 2: Changing procedure for amending bylaws of locals emerging from trusteeship

The Convention *adopted* an amended a resolution altering the current procedure for amending the bylaws of a Local emerging from trusteeship.

The amended resolution calls for the Local trustee to “consult with the subordinate body’s membership regarding the bylaws prior to submitting his or her recommendations for amendment to the International President.”

Resolution 3: Creating ATU mechanic journeyman card

The Convention *rejected* Resolution 3, that would have amended the CGL to add a new section requiring the International to issue an ATU “journeyman card” certifying all mechanics who meet specified qualifications.

The debate centered around the perception of some ATU mechanics that they are not accorded equal status with operators in their locals.

“...We are asking you to recognize us as skilled labor,” asserted Delegate Marqueal Williams, Local 241-Chicago, IL.

While sympathetic to the mechanics’ concerns, speakers said the International was not equipped to issue valid certifications of mechanics’ skills – notwithstanding their years of experience.

International President Costa explained, “... I’m from maintenance. I understand the want... I would love to be able to do the training [at the Tommy Douglas Conference Center] ... and be able to get a license, but it’s not that easy... Number one, ... we don’t have garages. We don’t have buses...”

“...I would like to get there with you, and I’d like to commit that moving forward we are going to search to get there, along with moving this into the Maintenance Committee, and that being a start.”

The Convention rejected Resolution 3, but referred the matter to the Maintenance Committee for further consideration.

Resolution 4: Extending school bus per capita tax waiver

The Convention next considered Resolution 4, which would have amended the CGL to extend the waiver of per capita tax obligation for school bus employees who are unemployed in July and August to transit service members unemployed during those months, as well. The committee, however, believed that unique circumstances such as those described in the resolution were already addressed by the CGL.

Delegate Thomas Leighty, Local **1015**-Spokane, WA, subsequently withdrew his Local's support for the resolution "since we've now gotten a clarification." The Convention adopted the committee's recommendation of *non-concurrence* with Resolution 4.

Resolution 5: Amending local bylaw officer election procedures

The Convention *rejected* Resolution 5, which would have amended the CGL to eliminate the option of a Local to adopt the CGL as its own bylaws; require a Local to review its bylaws every 10 years and submit them to the International President; require a Local to designate a regular meeting as a "charter" meeting; state that terms of office end on December 31, and June 30; require a Local's bylaws to specify a date for an election; require 24 months' notice of any change to the nomination process with respect to meeting attendance requirements, if a Local has such requirements; and state that the financial secretary and recording secretary shall prepare ballots following the nomination meeting as soon as possible.

Resolutions

The Convention *adopted*:

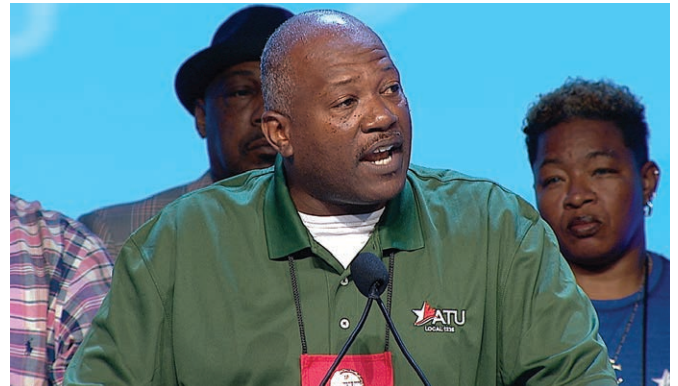
- **Resolution B:** Reauthorizing the *FAST Act*
- **Resolution D:** Supporting the *Medicare for All Act*, and
- **Resolution M:** Electing a Pro-Transit, Pro-Labor Administration

Grace Napolitano: Support the Transit Worker and Pedestrian Protection Act

A video from Rep. Grace Napolitano, D-CA, was shown urging support for the *Transit Worker and Pedestrian Protection Act*, which she introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. "I want to thank you and your leadership for advocating in the halls of Congress for this bill," she said. "That advocacy has led to the bill being sponsored by 157 members of Congress. I urge you, please contact your members of the House and Senate to get additional cosponsors."

Organizing and Collective Bargaining Committee

The Convention delegates adopted the report of the Organizing and Collective Bargaining Committee, chaired by Patrick Green (Local **1235**).



- **Resolution J:** Supporting the *Protect the Right to Organize Act (PRO Act)*, and
- **Resolution P:** Organizing, which commits ATU to coordinating with the AFL-CIO, the Canadian Labour Congress, ATU Canada, and allied organizations in developing and implementing supportive, community-based organizing campaigns.

Clayola Brown: 'A democracy for everybody'

The Convention next heard from Clayola Brown, National President of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, who moved the Convention with a stirring description of what it means to be a union member: "I have had hard times right here, but I will fight until I drop to the ground to make sure that those that are coming with me, and after me, don't have to do that.

"That is the spirit that we have to have. That is where we have to have our hearts come from. That is what we have to



ensure, that this democracy is a democracy for everybody, that democracy does not have a ‘D’ or an ‘R’ by it. It has a human being behind it, and that is what we have to take as a challenge to uphold, and to make sure, will never go away.”

ATU ‘Oscars’

The Financial Secretary Awards, otherwise referred to as the “Oscars,” were presented to local financial secretaries who have done exemplary work during the previous convention cycle by the man after whom they were named, Oscar Owens, ATU’s longtime International Secretary-Treasurer. The winners were:

FINANCIAL SECRETARY ‘OSCAR’ AWARDS 2017 - 2019	
Local	Financial Secretary
282-Rochester, NY	Dawn M. Metcalf
279-Ottawa, ON	Mary L. Parent
842-Wilmington, DE	Kevin P. Marx
883-Everett, WA	Richard P. Swartz
1001-Denver, CO	Michael D. Harvey
1279-Johnstown, PA	Eileen A. Zibura
1338-Dallas, TX	Thomas Hutchinson
1517-Idaho Falls, ID	Troy D. Covington
1582-Niagara Falls, ON	Linda Stevens
1592-Binghamton, NY	Donald Campbell
1624-Peterborough, ON	Brian Chamberlain
1724-Vancouver, BC	Denyse Mitchell

Bob Menendez: ‘I stand with all of you’

Next, Sen. Bob Menendez, D-NJ, addressed the Convention by video. He told the delegates, “I know how important the work of the ATU is... I believe the strength of our transit systems is our people and I stand with all of you in fighting for a safe workplace, a living wage and benefits you’ve earned. Here in the Senate, I’m fighting for passage of the *Transit Worker and Pedestrian Protection Act*.”

ATU-COPE Awards

Before presenting the ATU-COPE Awards, International President Costa introduced a video about ATU-COPE and shared some thoughts on the voluntary political contribution fund.

ATU-COPE AWARDS, 2018		
Category	President’s Award	Chairman’s Award
50 or less	519 - La Crosse, WI	519 - La Crosse, WI
51 - 200	1093 - Kalamazoo, MI	540 - Trenton, NJ
201 - 800	1575 - San Rafael, CA	282 - Rochester, NY
801 - 1500	618 - Providence, RI	618 - Providence, RI
1501 +	726 - Staten Island, NY	726 - Staten Island, NY

“COPE is our lifeblood,” Costa declared, “If we did not give to COPE, in my opinion, we wouldn’t be here today. Those good wages and benefits that we all enjoy – to me – that comes because we are well connected to the politicians. And as you know, it takes money. So, what I’m going to ask each delegate here... let’s increase it.”

Peter Kurdock: ‘Your Union is saving lives’

The delegates then heard from Peter Kurdock, General Counsel of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, on the safety issues now slowing the progress of autonomous vehicle testing.



“There has been a lot of overpromising about the state of autonomous technology,” he told delegates, “and there’s a ton of misinformation out there... if we don’t get this right and the folks developing this technology don’t get it right, really, any safety benefits we care about can be lost for generations... What you all do... is literally saving lives... So, I thank you and I thank you for all of the work you do.”

Bernie, Bernie!

With a standing ovation and chants of “Bernie!” delegates warmly welcomed a rousing speech via Skype from Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-VT, a candidate for the U.S. Democratic presidential nomination.

Sanders asserted, “Bus drivers and transit workers should not have to fear being stabbed, being shot at, or being abused when they are on the job. And as President, I will do everything I can to make sure that [transit agencies] have the funding they need to ensure the safety and the well-being of bus drivers and transit workers.”

Sanders also pledged to fight privatization of public services: “It is unacceptable to me that three companies have dominated the private operation of transit services throughout this country. As President, I will return subcontracted work to public entities, and fight to substantially increase the wages, benefits, and working conditions of private transit workers.”

Sara Nelson: ‘Stand up, fight back!’

The final speaker of the day was Sara Nelson, International President of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA.



“Part of our task,” Nelson said, “is to build a labor movement that sees itself truly as a labor *movement*, not just a collection of separate unions but a movement that is big enough and broad enough to lift everyone up who works in America. We can do this together.”

Delegates stood and cheered as Nelson continued, “We need your vision, your passion, your creativity, and your leadership. Spread the word that unions are for everyone...”

“Are you ready to stand up and fight back?” she asked: “*Stand up, fight back!*”

DAY FOUR

School Bus & Paratransit Committee

The Convention delegates adopted the report of the School Bus & Paratransit Committee, chaired by Anthony Cordiello (Local 1181).



- **Resolution P:** Protecting Workers’ Jobs and Safety as Mobility Alternatives Emerge
- **Resolution G:** Supporting School Bus Workers, and
- **Resolution S:** Supporting Paratransit Members.

Demond Drummer: ‘A new political, economic consensus’

Next, the Convention heard from Demond Drummer, cofounder and Executive Director of New Consensus, an organization working for passage of the Green New Deal.

“The Green New Deal requires a new political and economic consensus,” declared Drummer. “A consensus that says that we will no longer be duped by the mythic invisible hand of the market. A consensus that recognizes that the public sector has a fundamental role to play in shaping our economic life to serve the interest of society.”



“The Green New Deal proposes a set of solutions that meet the scale of the crisis we’ve created for ourselves and we believe its comprehensiveness is its power. ...”

Environmental / Occupational Health and Safety Committee

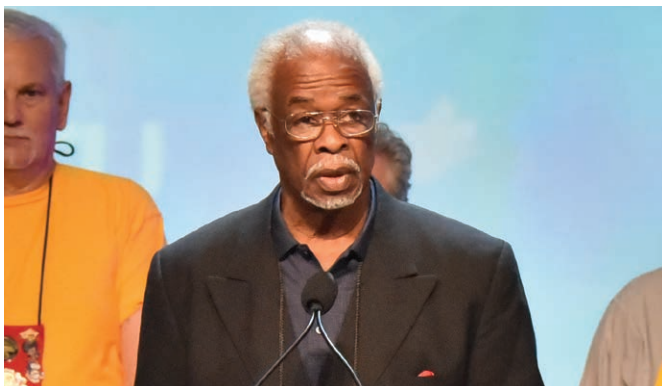
The Convention delegates adopted the report of the Environmental / Occupational Health and Safety Committee, chaired by Jack Jackson (Local 1572).



- **Resolution A:** Not One More: Stopping Attacks on Transit Workers
- **Resolution N:** Supporting a Green New Deal, and
- **Resolution O:** Providing for the Health and Safety of ATU Members.

GEB Report Committee

The Convention next adopted the report of the General Executive Board Report Committee, chaired by Calvin Kennedy (Local 1324) which said, “... we wish to express our appreciation for the outstanding work that has been accomplished by the General Executive Board for our Union on behalf of each rank and file member.”



Jason Chalifoux: ‘ATU has your back’

A video was next presented on the successful organizing and first contract campaigns recently completed by the Union, which was followed by an address by Jason Chalifoux, Local 1548-Plymouth, MA, one of the lead employee-organizers for a strike and first contract at the Transit Connections property in Martha’s Vineyard, MA.



“If there’s one thing I would like everyone to take from our experience,” Chalifoux told the delegates, “it would be to realize no matter how small or how large your Local is, everyone that is part of the ATU has your back.”

Mauer Organizing Awards

International Executive Vice President Javier M. Perez, Jr., introduced the Organizing Awards given in memory of the late Gary Maurer, a former International Representative and ATU organizer. The awards for exceptional achievement in organizing were presented by Organizing Director Chris Townsend to Locals:

- 256-Sacramento, CA
- 627-Cincinnati, OH
- 689-Washington DC
- 732-Atlanta, GA
- 998-Milwaukee, WI
- 1005-Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN
- 1091-Austin, TX
- 1181-New York, NY
- 1309-San Diego, CA
- 1338-Dallas, TX, and
- 1763-Rocky Hill, CT

Joe Biden: ‘We owe you’

The delegates next heard a video message from former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, a candidate for the

Democratic presidential nomination, who said:

“You’re on the front lines of public service and the work you put into keeping the American people safe is incredible. How many million people in this country depend on public transit to get to work? We owe you.”

“And, I want you to know that if I have the honor of being elected your President, you’ll have no stronger friend, no more reliable partner, no better advocate in the White House than me.”

Election of Executive Officers

After a lunch recess, the delegates reconvened for the election of international officers.

International President

International President John A. Costa was unanimously elected to his first full-term to that office.



International Executive Vice President

International Executive Vice President Javier M. Perez, Jr. was unanimously re-elected.



International Secretary-Treasurer

International Secretary-Treasurer Oscar Owens and Financial Secretary Kevin Morton, Local 113-Toronto, ON, were nominated for International Secretary-



Treasurer. At the conclusion of the voting, Balloting Committee Chair Dwight Mattingly announced that Owens won: 473 – 154.



International Vice Presidents

The first through fifth International Vice Presidents were unanimously re-elected. International Vice President Ray Rivera and International Representative Antonette Bryant were nominated for sixth International Vice President. Brother Rivera was elected by a vote of 367-247. The seventh through eighteenth International Vice Presidents were unanimously re-elected.

International Vice Presidents are as follows:



First International Vice President

Richard Murphy



Second International Vice President

Janis Borchardt



Third International Vice President

Paul Bowen



Fourth International Vice President

Kenneth Kirk



Fifth International Vice President

Marcellus Barnes



Sixth International Vice President

Ray Rivera



Seventh International Vice President

Yvette Trujillo



Eighth International Vice President

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Tenth International Vice President

Chuck Watson



Eleventh International Vice President

Bruce Hamilton



Twelfth International Vice President

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Fourteenth International Vice President

Emanuele (Manny) Sforza



Fifteenth International Vice President

John Callahan



Sixteenth International Vice President

Curtis Howard



Seventeenth International Vice President

Natalie Cruz



Eighteenth International Vice President

Anthony Garland

DAY FIVE

The Convention re-convened on Friday, September 27, with elections for delegates and alternates to the AFL-CIO convention, and adopted the following resolutions:

- **Resolution K:** Supporting Gender Equity
- **Resolution L:** Preventing and Stopping Sexual Harassment
- **Resolution Q:** The Next Generation of Transit Workers
- **Resolution E:** ATU Approach to Autonomous Vehicles Deployment, Safety, and Training
- **Resolution R:** Developing Bus Transit Operator Apprenticeship Programs
- **Resolution H:** Enhancing Safety and Protecting Maintenance Workers, and an amended

- **Resolution I:** Ensuring Training and Recognizing the Achievements of Maintenance Workers.

Supporting UAW strikers

The Convention also adopted a resolution supporting the United Auto Workers members, then on strike against General Motors, reported out of the Resolutions Committee.

Installation of International Officers

Retired International President Jim La Sala led the newly-elected international officers in reciting the Obligation installing them in office.

Following that, the 59th International Convention of the Amalgamated Transit Union was officially adjourned. ❖



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ATU Canada campaign pushes for a national public intercity transit service

In the heart of Canada's prairie provinces, millions of transit riders are mourning the loss of intercity transit service. The Saskatchewan Transportation Company (STC), operating since 1946 and servicing over 200 communities, was shut down by the Saskatchewan Party government on May 31, 2017, with only two months' notice. One year later, Greyhound pulled out all but one of its routes in Western Canada on October 31, 2018, with only three months' notice.



ATU Canada has been in fierce opposition to the service cuts since they were first announced. In October 2018, ATU Canada President John Di Nino appealed to the Federal Minister of Transportation, Marc Garneau, demanding federal intervention to revitalize the ill-fated intercity transit service. The Minister failed to prevent the service from folding and has been unable to effectively address the scale of the crisis or establish common ground with the prairie provinces' leadership.

Despite community outcry and worker distress (approximately 1000 ATU members lost their jobs), Greyhound and STC shut their doors. Since then, private companies adopted profitable routes and provided patchwork service.

The collapse of intercity bus service in Western Canada has had an immense human cost; access to mobility, freedom, community, family, health care, and other public services are at risk for millions of people across Canada. To document this loss, ATU Canada teamed up with audio documentarian, Emily Leedham of Rank and File Radio, to produce a feature-documentary, "Still Waiting For The Bus: The Unnatural Death of Prairie Intercity Transit."

This documentary explores the impact of losing STC and Greyhound bus services in Western Canada. It also interrogates the claims that these intercity bus services were no longer financially feasible. More importantly, it tells the stories of those affected – the workers and the passengers.

- Riders in Western Canada felt a profound sense of economic anxiety and alienation. They felt personally targeted by the loss of the service, and as if their safety and well-being don't matter to the government.
- Young people are now relying on posting ads on Kijiji for rides and using hitchhiking to get around.
- Elderly residents are forced to drive in bad weather and late at night.
- Former drivers worry about their former passengers.
- With no reliable intercity transit, women have been murdered by abusive partners.

In tandem with the audio documentary, ATU Canada created a petition and challenged candidates of the federal election to sign their name to the pledge to demand the establishment of a national public intercity transit service. Hundreds signed the pledge, including newly elected MP for Winnipeg Centre, Leah Gazan. People have pledged to support intercity transit from across the country, from Dawson City, Yukon, to St. John's, Newfoundland.

Di Nino and Leedham visited Manitoba on the one-year anniversary of the closure of Western Greyhound to launch a national campaign and asking the federal government to come forward with a renewed and vibrant vision for intercity public transit.

It is not enough to simply reinstate the bus service as it existed—a national public intercity transit service is part of a Green New Deal vision of transit. ATU Canada is calling on the newly elected federal government to come to the table and work with the affected communities, provinces, municipalities, workers and provinces to rebuild a new intercity transit service for future generations. ❖

To listen to the audio-documentary, and to sign the petition, go to: <https://www.atucanada.ca/still-waiting-bus-unnatural-death-prairie-intercity-transit-0>

Big Year Ahead for ATU Members

People often say that hindsight is 20/20. But what about 2020? Looking ahead, what can we expect to happen on the political and legislative fronts next year?

The big story of course is the U.S. Presidential Election, and the first Democratic primaries and caucuses will occur right after the New Year. As this edition of *In Transit* goes to press, Former Vice President Joe Biden, U.S. Senators Bernie Sanders (VT) and Elizabeth Warren (MA), and South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg are the frontrunners to win the Democratic nomination. All four support ATU Members on the issues that matter most: public transit funding and safety, sensible labor law reform, access to quality and affordable health care, and many others. In contrast, President Trump (R) has withheld billions of dollars in federal transit funding, killed a rulemaking to address bus driver assaults, consistently favored employers at the expense of workers, and tried to take away healthcare from millions of people.

Whoever wins the Democratic nomination, it is not likely to be over quickly. After Iowa and New Hampshire, the big day is March 3, also known as Super Tuesday, when more than 1,300 pledged delegates will be awarded based on election results. To win the Democratic presidential

nomination, a candidate needs 1,990 pledged delegates.

Don't expect much to happen on the legislative side in 2020. During election years -- all 435 seats in Congress and one-third of the U.S. Senate is up for grabs next year -- Members of Congress tend to cut their time in Washington, D.C., short so they can go home to campaign. This is unfortunate timing for those of us hoping for a new transportation bill next year. The current federal surface transportation bill, known as the *FAST Act*, expires in September of 2020. If Congress does not pass a new multi-year bill before then, it will need to extend current law at flat-funding levels. It would help if Trump showed the necessary leadership to get this bill done. But after promising a massive \$2 billion infrastructure bill during his 2016 campaign, Trump has not put forth a plan to fund the package, essentially killing the legislation. And now, with impeachment imminent, it is highly unlikely that Democrats and Republicans will agree on much of anything in the new year.

A lot is riding on 2020. When we look back on it, history will judge us for what we do next. Looking forward, the choice could not be any clearer for ATU Members. ❖





ATU SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

for the

2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR IN MEMORY OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT LAWRENCE J. HANLEY

LAWRENCE J. HANLEY



International President Lawrence J. Hanley passed away on May 7, 2019. Hanley devoted more than 40 years of his life to the ATU and the broader labor movement. He was a tireless and tenacious advocate for his members, transit riders, and all trade unionists. Hanley began driving a bus in 1978, at age 21, in Brooklyn, NY, and attended his first union meeting that September as a member of the Transport Workers Union (TWU). In 1979, he transferred to Staten Island and became a member of ATU Local 726-Staten Island, NY. In 1984, Hanley was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Local and in 1987, he was elected President, the youngest in the Local's history. Hanley would go on to be re-elected to five terms. In that role, he pioneered worker-rider organizing, leading thousands of union members and transit riders in a successful effort to reform the way transit service was provided on Staten Island, NY.

In 2002, Hanley was asked by International President Jim La Sala to join the staff of the International as an International Representative. In February 2004, he was appointed as an International Vice President (IVP) and elected as an IVP at the ATU 54th International Convention in 2004 and again in 2007. At the ATU 56th International Convention in 2010, Hanley was elected as International President. Hanley was reelected as International President at the ATU Conventions in 2013 and 2016. Under Hanley's leadership, the ATU was transformed into one of the fiercest and most progressive unions in the labor movement, aggressively advocating for more and better public transportation and fighting for social, racial, and economic justice for all working people.



THE OFFICIAL 2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2020**

TO: ATU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION, 10000 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, SILVER SPRING, MD 20903

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Applicant: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

High School Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Principal: _____

Name of Sponsoring ATU Member: _____

List in order of preference, the accredited colleges, technical or vocational institutions to which you are applying for admission (no abbreviations):

ATU Member's Local Union Number: _____

1. _____

Relationship of ATU member to applicant: _____
(Self, Child, Stepchild)

2. _____

High School: _____

3. _____

Month & Year of Graduation: _____

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above information is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Honra la memoria de Owens y Hanley, cumpliendo la visión de la 59ª Convención

Llega un momento en la mayoría de nuestras vidas en que el dolor puede parecer casi insostenible. Lo mismo puede decirse cuando las naciones u organizaciones sufren una pérdida terrible. Este es un momento así para nuestro Sindicato.

Me entristece profundamente que hayamos perdido a nuestro querido y largo tiempo secretario-tesorero internacional Oscar Owens, el 25 de octubre, después de una breve enfermedad. Oscar era más que un simple funcionario internacional. Era un amigo, un mentor y una inspiración, especialmente en los momentos difíciles.

Su muerte inesperada, y el fallecimiento prematuro del expresidente internacional Larry Hanley solo cinco meses antes, fue un repentino “golpe doble” para mí y para muchos de ustedes en los Estados Unidos y Canadá.

“Emocionado y lleno de alegría”

Una medida de lo que Oscar significó para ATU fue su reelección para su séptimo mandato como secretario-tesorero internacional en nuestra reciente 59ª Convención Internacional. Había servido junto a seis presidentes internacionales, y después de todos esos años, les dijo a los delegados que todavía estaba “emocionado y lleno de alegría” al ser reelegido.

Oscar prestó su última y completa devoción hasta su fallecimiento inesperado, tal como la había prestado durante sus más de 50 años de servicio a nuestro Sindicato. Y debido a su esfuerzo y los esfuerzos de tantos, nuestra reunión sindical fue un gran éxito.

Una visión vanguardista y progresista

Los delegados a la Convención adoptaron una visión moderna y progresista para el futuro de nuestro Sindicato y la industria del transporte. Y eligieron un gran grupo de vicepresidentes internacionales en los que sé que puedo confiar para ayudarme a llevarla a cabo.

Los delegados consideraron todos los desafíos que enfrentan nuestros miembros en los EE.UU. y Canadá, y se adoptó un impresionante conjunto de resoluciones para abordar agresivamente esos problemas, como verán con más detalle en las páginas de esta revista.

Estamos listos para luchar

Apenas unas semanas después de nuestra Convención, nuestro Sindicato demostró que estamos listos para luchar. Más de 120 miembros del Local 689-Washington, DC, que trabajan para el contratista privado Transdev en el Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage de WMATA se declararon en huelga. Estos trabajadores ganan \$12 por hora menos en promedio que un operador de autobuses WMATA del sector público. También tienen un deducible de \$6,000 en su seguro de salud, para aquellos que pueden pagarlo. Sin embargo, conducen los mismos autobuses, en las mismas rutas de Metrobus que los empleados públicos de WMATA tienen durante años.

Luego, bajando la calle desde Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage, miembros del Local 1764-Washington, DC, que trabajan para Transdev en Fairfax Connector organizaron una huelga en protesta por las prácticas laborales injustas y la negociación de mala fe de la empresa multinacional. Estos trabajadores de Fairfax Connector se hartaron del mismo desprecio flagrante de Transdev por la ley, sus pasajeros y sus trabajadores, que también han mostrado por nuestras compañeras y compañeros del Local 689 en el Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage. Después de cuatro días de huelga y presión por parte de los pasajeros y los funcionarios electos, hubo avances en las negociaciones, por lo que los trabajadores de Fairfax Connector volvieron a trabajar. Sin embargo, están listos para retirarse del trabajo nuevamente si Transdev retoma su actitud antisindical en la mesa de negociaciones.

Victoria histórica sobre la privatización

Aprovechando la presión de estas huelgas y de los pasajeros, aliados y funcionarios electos, el Local 689 alcanzó un contrato con WMATA para los trabajadores de Metro que obliga a la agencia a abandonar su estrategia de privatización y crear un camino para llevar el trabajo a Cinder Bed Road de forma interna y no subcontratar la Silver Line del Metro.

Esta es una victoria histórica sobre la privatización. Nuestras compañeras y compañeros en Cinder Bed Road y Fairfax Connector son los héroes. Su coraje, solidaridad, determinación y resolución en las líneas de piquete mostraron a WMATA, su gerente general Paul Wiedefeld y al Condado de Fairfax que los trabajadores del transporte se enfrentarán a la privatización y lucharán por la igualdad de remuneración por el mismo trabajo. Estoy orgulloso de llamarlos mis compañeras y compañeros.

La unidad es más importante

Oscar sabía que la unidad y la solidaridad eran fundamentales para nuestro éxito en estas luchas. En su última columna para *In Transit*, escribió:

Nuestros miembros que se solidarizaron con sus compañeros y compañeras en otros locales, el movimiento sindical y todos los trabajadores demostraron la fuerza poderosa que podemos ser. Y que la unión es más importante que nunca.

Si bien lamentamos la muerte de dos grandes líderes de ATU, honraremos su memoria al perseguir la visión expuesta por los delegados a la 59ª Convención Internacional.

Larry y Oscar no esperarían menos de nosotros. Ambos entendían y creían con fuerza que “*juntos luchamos, juntos ganamos!*” ❖

Honorez la mémoire d’Owens, Hanley en poursuivant la vision de la 59e Convention

Il arrive un moment dans la plupart de nos vies où le chagrin peut sembler presque insupportable. La même chose peut être dite lorsque des nations ou des organisations subissent une perte terrible. Le moment est venu pour notre Union.

Je suis profondément attristé que nous ayons perdu notre bien-aimé secrétaire de longue date, Oscar Owens, le 25 octobre, après une brève maladie. Oscar était plus qu'un simple officier international. Il était un ami, un mentor et une inspiration - en particulier lorsque les temps étaient difficiles.

Sa mort inattendue et le décès prématuré de l'ancien président international Larry Hanley à peine cinq mois plus tôt ont été un coup de poing brutal pour moi et pour beaucoup d'entre vous aux États-Unis et au Canada.

«Ravi et plein de joie»

Une mesure de la signification d'Oscar pour l'ATU a été sa réélection à un septième mandat de secrétaire-trésorier international lors de notre récente 59^e Convention internationale. Il avait servi aux côtés de six présidents internationaux, et après toutes ces années, il a déclaré aux délégués qu'il était toujours «ravi et plein de joie» après sa réélection.

Oscar a donné sa dernière pleine mesure de dévouement jusqu'à son décès inattendu, tout comme il avait donné tout au long de ses plus de 50 ans de service à notre Union. Et grâce à lui et aux efforts de tant de personnes, notre rassemblement à l'échelle du syndicat a été un grand succès.

Une vision prospective et progressive

Les délégués à la Convention ont adopté une vision prospective et progressive de l'avenir de notre Union et de l'industrie du transit. Et ils ont élu un grand groupe de vice-présidents internationaux sur qui je sais pouvoir compter pour m'aider à le réaliser.

Tous les défis auxquels nos membres sont confrontés aux États-Unis et au Canada ont été examinés par les délégués, et un ensemble impressionnant de résolutions a été adopté pour résoudre ces problèmes de manière agressive, comme vous le verrez plus en détail dans les pages de ce magazine.

Nous sommes prêts à nous battre

Quelques semaines seulement après notre Convention, notre Union a montré que nous étions prêts à nous battre. Plus de 120 locaux 689 -Washington, DC, des membres travaillant pour l'entrepreneur privé Transdev au garage de bus de la route Cinder Bed de WMATA se sont mis en grève. Ces travailleurs gagnent 12\$ de l'heure *Moins* en moyenne qu'un opérateur de bus WMATA du secteur public. Ils ont également un *Franchise de 6000\$* sur leur assurance maladie - pour ceux qui peuvent même se le permettre. Pourtant, ils conduisent les mêmes bus, sur les mêmes itinéraires Metrobus que les employés publics de WMATA depuis des années.

Puis juste en bas de la route du garage de bus de Cinder Bed Road, Local 1764 -Washington, DC, des membres qui travaillent pour Transdev chez Fairfax Connector ont déclenché une grève pour protester contre les pratiques déloyales de travail de la multinationale et les négociations de mauvaise foi. Ces travailleurs de Fairfax Connector en avaient assez du même mépris flagrant de Transdev pour la loi, leurs cavaliers et leurs travailleurs qu'ils l'ont fait avec nos sœurs et frères de la section locale 689 au garage de

bus de Cinder Bed Road. Après quatre jours de grève et de pression des coureurs et des élus, les négociations ont progressé, les travailleurs de Fairfax Connector ont donc repris le travail. Cependant, ils sont prêts à quitter à nouveau le travail si Transdev reprend ses méthodes antisyndicales à la table de négociation.

Victoire historique sur la privatisation

Capitalisant sur la pression de ces grèves, coureurs, alliés et élus, la section locale 689 a conclu un contrat avec WMATA pour les travailleurs du métro qui oblige l'agence à abandonner sa stratégie de privatisation et à créer un chemin pour amener le travail à Cinder Bed Road en interne et ne pas externaliser la Silver Line de Metro.

Il s'agit d'une victoire historique sur la privatisation. Nos sœurs et frères de Cinder Bed Road et Fairfax Connector sont les héros. Leur courage, leur solidarité, leur détermination et leur détermination sur les lignes de piquetage ont montré à WMATA, à leur directeur général Paul Wiedefeld et au comté de Fairfax que les travailleurs des transports en commun résisteront à la privatisation et lutteront pour un salaire égal pour un travail égal. Je suis fier de les appeler mes sœurs et frères.

L'unité est plus importante

Oscar savait que l'unité et la solidarité étaient essentielles à notre succès dans ces combats. Dans sa dernière chronique pour *En transit*, il a écrit:

Nos membres, solidaires de leurs frères et sœurs d'autres sections locales, du mouvement syndical et de tous les travailleurs, ont montré à quel point nous pouvons être une force puissante. Et cette unité est plus importante que jamais.

Alors que nous pleurons le décès de deux grands dirigeants de l'ATU, nous honorons leur mémoire en poursuivant la vision exposée par les délégués à la 59^e Convention internationale.

Larry et Oscar voudraient que nous n'en fassions pas moins. Ils croyaient tous deux fermement et comprenaient que *«Ensemble, nous nous battons, ensemble nous gagnons!»* ❖

El vicepresidente internacional de ATU, Ken Kirk, nombrado secretario-tesorero internacional

El vicepresidente internacional Kenneth Kirk fue nombrado por el presidente internacional John A. Costa con la aprobación de la Mesa Directiva General de ATU el 13 de diciembre de 2019 como secretario-tesorero internacional para cumplir el mandato del fallecido secretario-tesorero internacional Oscar Owens.

“Ken Kirk aporta una gran cantidad de experiencia, liderazgo y servicio en ATU a su nuevo cargo como secretario-tesorero internacional”, dijo el presidente internacional Costa. “Si bien nadie puede reemplazar a “Doble O”, sé que Ken continuará el trabajo de Oscar para luchar por los derechos de nuestros miembros y su

compromiso con la justicia social, racial y económica para todos”.

Kirk comenzó a trabajar en el transporte público en 1985 mientras buscaba un trabajo para mantenerse en la universidad cuando un viejo amigo le recomendó solicitar un trabajo en el Sistema de Transporte de Dallas. Consiguió el trabajo y se unió al Local 1338-Dallas, TX. Después de un año en el trabajo, se enfermó y tuvo que tomarse tres días de descanso. Cuando regresó, su paga había sido deducida. Cuando desafió a la gerencia, le dijeron que no se había adherido a la política de la compañía sobre el informe de tiempo de enfermedad. Kirk sabía que lo habían señalado porque no le gustaba a uno de los gerentes. Esto le empujó a involucrarse con su Local para asegurarse de que la gerencia no le hiciera esto a sus compañeras y compañeros.

En 1990, Kirk fue nombrado delegado sindical en el Local 1338. Un año después fue elegido vicepresidente del Local y fue elegido presidente/agente comercial en 1994. Cuando Kirk se hizo cargo del Local, tenía 368 miembros. Cuando fue nombrado representante internacional en 2004, Kirk había aumentado la membresía del Local a 1,500 miembros.

Durante su tiempo como presidente/agente comercial del Local, Kirk sirvió a la comunidad sindical en Dallas como vicepresidente y presidente de AFL-CIO de Dallas. También fue vicepresidente y presidente de la Junta de la Conferencia Legislativa de Texas de ATU.

En abril de 2004, el entonces presidente internacional Warren George nombró a Kirk como representante internacional. En julio de 2004, George designó a Kirk como vicepresidente internacional para completar el mandato del vicepresidente internacional Charles Pettus, quien se retiró por razones de salud. Kirk fue elegido vicepresidente internacional en la 54ª Convención Internacional en Las Vegas, NV, en 2004 y ha sido reelegido como vicepresidente internacional en las últimas cinco Convenciones.

“Me siento honrado de que el presidente internacional John Costa y la Mesa Directiva General me hayan designado para este puesto de liderazgo en nuestro Sindicato”, dijo Kirk. “Tuve el gran honor de trabajar con Oscar Owens cuando fue elegido vicepresidente internacional por primera vez en 1986 hasta su nombramiento como secretario-tesorero internacional. Oscar era una figura querida en nuestro sindicato, un mentor y un amigo cercano. Me dio el mejor consejo que jamás he recibido: ‘haz bien tu trabajo siempre y el resto se solucionará por sí solo’. Espero con ganas trabajar con el presidente internacional John Costa, el vicepresidente ejecutivo internacional Javier Pérez, toda la Mesa Directiva General y todos los Locales en los Estados Unidos y Canadá para hacer de ATU el mejor sindicato posible”. ❖

Le vice-président international d'ATU, Ken Kirk, nommé secrétaire-trésorier international

Le 13 décembre 2019, le vice-président international Kenneth Kirk a été nommé par le président international John A. Costa, avec l'approbation du Conseil exécutif général de l'ATU, en tant que secrétaire-trésorier international pour servir le mandat du défunt

secrétaire-trésorier international Oscar Owens.

«Ken Kirk apporte une richesse d'expérience, de leadership et de service à l'ATU à son nouveau poste de secrétaire-trésorier international» a déclaré le président international Costa. «Bien que personne ne puisse remplacer «Double O» Je sais que Ken continuera le travail d'Oscar pour lutter pour les droits de nos membres et son engagement pour la justice sociale, raciale et économique pour tous”.

Kirk est venu travailler dans les transports en commun en 1985 à la recherche d'un emploi pour subvenir à ses besoins au collège quand un vieil ami lui a recommandé de postuler pour un emploi au Dallas Transit System. Il a obtenu le travail et a rejoint Section locale 1338-Dallas, TX. Après un an de travail, il est tombé malade et a dû prendre trois jours de congé. Quand il est revenu, son salaire avait été amarré. Quand il a contesté la gestion, ils lui ont dit qu'il n'avait pas respecté politique de l'entreprise sur le signalement des congés de maladie. Kirk savait qu'il avait été distingué parce que l'un des gestionnaires ne l'a pas aimé. Cela l'a incité à s'impliquer avec sa section locale pour s'assurer que la direction ne ferait pas cela à ses sœurs et frères.

En 1990, Kirk a été nommé délégué syndical à la section locale 1338. Un an plus tard, il a été élu vice-président de la section locale et a été élu président/agent commercial en 1994. Lorsque Kirk a pris la relève, la section locale comptait 368 membres. Au moment de sa nomination en tant que représentant international en 2004, Kirk avait augmenté le nombre de membres locaux à 1 500 membres.

Alors que le président local/agent commercial Kirk a servi la communauté ouvrière de Dallas en tant que vice-président et Président de l'AFL-CIO de Dallas. Il a également été vice-président et président de l'ATU Texas Legislative Conference Board.

En avril 2004, alors président international Warren George a nommé Kirk comme représentant international. En juillet 2004, George a nommé Kirk vice-président international pour remplir le mandat du vice-président international Charles Pettus, qui a pris sa retraite pour des raisons de santé. Kirk a été élu vice-président international lors du 54e congrès international de Las Vegas, NV en 2004 et a été réélu IVP lors des cinq derniers congrès.

«Je suis honoré et humilié que le président international John Costa et le GEB m'aient nommé à ce poste de direction dans notre Union», a déclaré Kirk. «J'ai eu l'honneur de travailler avec Oscar Owens lorsqu'il a été élu vice-président international pour la première fois en 1986 jusqu'à sa nomination au poste de secrétaire-trésorier international. Oscar était une figure bien-aimée de notre syndicat, un mentor et un ami proche. Il m'a donné le meilleur conseil que j'aie jamais eu - «faites toujours bien votre travail et le reste s'occupera de lui-même.» J'ai hâte de travailler avec le président international John Costa, le vice-président exécutif international Javier Perez, l'ensemble du GEB, et toutes les sections locales aux États-Unis et au Canada pour faire de l'ATU le meilleur syndicat possible.» ❖



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268- CLEVELAND, OH

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ARNITA L RUSSELL-TURPIN
CRAIG C VARNADOE

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KIRK D ZINCK

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ROY LAWRENCE SKEET

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SANDRA A THOMAS
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