

May 1, 2017

## BMC CONFERENCE REPORT



*Nation's Capital President Dena Briscoe and the Hospitality Team*

**Washington:** The BMC Conference was hosted by APWU National and co-hosted with the Nation's Capital Southern MD Area Local (WDC BMC) on April 30-May 2, 2017.

18 of the 21 BMCs were in attendance with approximately ninety (90) delegates.

We raised over \$3500 in contributions for COPA led by the New Jersey International BMC Delegates.



Sunday was our usual welcome speech along with dinner and entertainment. We discovered that we have Super Stars among us (singing National Officers and talented Local delegates).

Monday (Day 1), we were welcomed by the Office of the Mayor, DC Labor Council and Host Regional Coordinator Mike Gallagher. After a roll call of attending officers, we dived into our Agenda Items; starting with MVS, led by Mike Foster, Director, MVS Division, followed by Clint Burleson, Director, Clerk Division, for Clerk Agenda Items.

We adjourned for the day at approximately 1:15pm to visit the Washington BMC on a Chartered Bus.



Tuesday (Day 2), APWU President Dimondstein addressed the delegates via Video Conference and encouraged us to continue the fight.

After finishing the Clerk Agenda Items we proceeded with the Maintenance Agenda Items led by Steve Raymer, Director, Maintenance Division and Asst. Dir(s) Idowu Balogun and Terry Martinez.

We discussed the location for our next BMC Conference. It was motioned and seconded to have our next BMC conference in Pittsburgh in 2018 right after the conclusion of the 2018 National Convention. We are currently looking at a full day of Agenda Items ONLY on Friday, August 24, 2018. More information will be forthcoming. (Please make plan to attend and depart on Saturday).

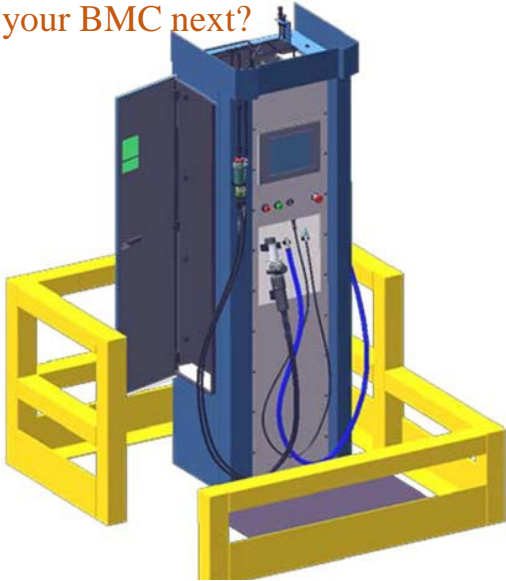
### **NATIONAL OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Executive VP Debbie Szeredy, Elizabeth Powell, S-T; Vance Zimmerman, DIR; Mike Gallagher, Eastern Reg. Coordinator; Kenneth Beasley, Southern Reg. Coordinator; Clint Burleson, Clerk Division Dir.; Lamont Brooks and Lynn Pallas-Barber, Asst. Dir(s) Clerk; Michael Foster, MVS Dir.; Javier Pineres, Asst. Dir. MVS ; Steve Raymer, Maintenance Division Dir.; Idowu Balogun and Terry Martinez, Asst. Dir(s) Maintenance; Judy Beard, Legislative Dir.; John Marcotte, Health Plan Dir.; Anna Smith, Organization Dir.; NBAs: John Gearhard, Carlos Paz, Bruce Amey and James Stevenson.

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The U.S Postal Service is Piloting a new way to power our material handling equipment at the Washington BMC. Is your BMC next?



**On a sad note**, it was brought to my attention after we adjourned that Brother Alan Mize of the Cincinnati BMC, suffering from a recent medical condition, passed away Tuesday afternoon.

***Please join us in declaring the 2017 BMC Conference as the Alan Mize BMC Conference in his Honor.***

*Special thanks to the Nation's Capital President Dena Briscoe and her entire Hospitality Team for a superb job; well done!*

Respectfully submitted,

**IDOWU BALOGUN, APWU**

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