



Minutes of the
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OF LOCALS
of the
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS

JUNE 15th
& 16th, 2019
Westgate Resort & Casino
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Saturday, June 15, 2019
Conference called to order at 10:09 A.M.
by Jeff Apana, President of
the Southern Conference

President Apana welcomes the delegates to Las Vegas, NV. He introduces Vice President Stewart Williams, who led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance. Delegates remain standing while Deborah Dansby Wells, from Local 389, delivers the Invocation.

President Apana asks for a motion to approve the 2018 Minutes and the Agenda for the 2019 Conference. Delegate Laura Ross points out corrections to the minutes. Motion to approve minutes as corrected and to accept the 2019 Agenda is made. M/S/C

President Apana appoints Richard Sparrow to the post of Sargent at Arms.

The following delegates with proper credentials are present: (*indicates 1st-time delegate)

Local #	City	Delegates
23	San Antonio	Joan Carroll*
65-699	Houston	Sharon Montgomery*
		Lovie Smith-Wright
72	-147 Dallas Ft Worth	Stewart Williams
		Aaron Pino
		Ken Krause
80	Chattanooga	Megan Chisom
94	Tulsa	Tammy Kirk
		Bruce Schultz
123	Richmond	David Hartley
125	Norfolk	John Lindberg
148-462	Atlanta	Bruce Kenney
		Christina Ottaviano
		Siraaj Rhett*

161-710 Washington, DC

174-496 New Orleans
256-733 Birmingham
257 Nashville

342 Charlotte
362-691
375-703 Oklahoma City
389 Orlando

427-721 St Petersburg

433
444 Jacksonville
447-704 Savannah
500 Raleigh
546 Knoxville
655 Miami

674 Covington

Ed Malaga
Patty Hurd
Marta Bradley
Sharon Wolfolk
Cindy Mays
Michael Bradt
Dave Pomeroy
Vince Santoro
Laura Ross
Elizabeth Pistolesi
Jonathan Bradley
John Allen*
Sam Zambito
Deborah Dansby Wells
Richard Sparrow
Charles Rice
Aaron Lack*
Brad Buckley
Paul Lott
Jessica Kunttu
Jeffrey Whaley
Jeffrey Apana
Charles Reskin
Gary Williams

From the AFM:

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International VP
International Sec/Treas.
SSD
IEB
Legislative Director
IM Editor

Cass Acosta
Michael Manley
Alex Wisendanger
John Acosta
Ray Hair
Bruce Fife
Jay Blumenthal
Rochelle Skolnick
Dave Pomeroy
Alfonso Pollard
Jason Emerson

President Apana introduces Jack Gaughan, President of Local 369, President Gaughan welcomes the delegates and guests to Las Vegas.

New delegates are introduced to the conference:

- Joan Carroll – Local 23, San Antonio, TX.
- Sharon Montgomery – Local 65-699, Houston, TX
- Sirraaj Rhett – Local 148-462, Atlanta, GA
- Aaron Lack – Local 433, Austin, TX

President Apana welcomes the new delegates to the conference.

S/T Smith-Wright announces the committees for the 2019 conference, see attached sheet for committees.

President Apana invites International Secretary-Treasurer Jay Blumenthal to speak.

International Secretary Jay Blumenthal states how happy he is to be back at the Southern Conference. He gives us a brief overview on the finances of the AFM, he was the bearer of good news in that we had approximately \$2,190,00 in assets, a lot of that was due to the visa consultation letters that remained strong throughout the year. He explained why the deal to purchase the floor in Lower Manhattan fell through, and that we were lucky to have the opportunity to sign a new lease on the ninth floor at 1501 Broadway.

S/T Smith-Wright, Chair of the AFM Diversity Committee reports on the project the committee has been working on for over a year; “Las Vegas Live” will be held at the Fifth Street School in Las Vegas, it is sponsored by the AFM, Local 369, and the City of Las Vegas; it is designed to be a recruitment and outreach project for other locals to use in the future. The AFM Diversity Awards will be presented on Tuesday afternoon at the convention and the Women’s Caucus will be held Monday evening following adjournment of the AFM Convention.

President Apana announces the remainder of the morning will be spent for the committees to meet, following the committee meetings, the conference will break at 11:45 for lunch.

The conference reconvenes at 1:15 for a joint session with the Mid America and Eastern Conferences.

President Apana invites International President Ray Hair to speak. President Hair gives a brief review of what has been happening, he updates the conference on the successful move of the offices from the 6th floor of 1501 Broadway up to the ninth floor. After all the planning and hoping to move to Lower Manhattan, he and Jay decided the deal was not going to be in our best interest.

President Hair recognizes Brad Eggen, The AFM-EPF Retiree Representative and The Equitable Factors Panel. The Panel explains their role going forward, and invites delegates to contact should they have questions regarding the pension fund.

3:00 Break

President Apana invites Michael Manley and Alex Wisendanger to present their Organizing Workshop.

President Apana offers closing remarks and adjourns for the day.

Sunday morning session begins at 9:09am.

President Apana invites Alfonso Pollard, Director of Legislative- Political & Diversity to speak. Mr. Pollard speaks on the importance of Building Political Allies. He reminded us that TEMPO needed to be branded - start using the new brand. We need to create relationships with shop stewards, meet with Local LCC/CLC’s.

President Apana now allots time for an open delegate forum.

11:00 Break

After the break, S/T Smith-Wright calls for Committee Reports.

Financial report: Aaron Pino - presents the financial report. He thanks committee members Vince Santoro and Elizabeth Pistolesi. M/S/C

Bylaws: Jessica Kunttu - no recommendations submitted, corrections to the current bylaws were submitted to S/T Smith-Wright. Thank you to Ken Krause and Patty Hurd. M/S/C

Credentials: Tammy Kirk – Southern Conference 2019 was attended by 37 delegates, 6 guests, and 5 AFM Officers and staff. The 37 delegates represented 25

Locals; nine Locals did not attend. Thank you to committee members Bruce Schultz, Gary Williams, along with special helpers Sharon Montgomery & Dena Williams. M/S/C

Resolutions Committee: Megan Chisom – No resolutions. Thank you to Bruce Kenny and Joan Carroll.

Appreciations: Sam Zambito - thanks to Jeff Apana, Lovie Smith-Wright, and Stewart Williams. Thank you to International officers, Ray Hair and Jay Blumenthal, to the officers and staff from the AFM. M/S/C

Diversity Committee: Jeffrey Whaley – reports on current issues we need to address. He thanks his committee members Brad Buckley, Laura Ross, and Sharon Wolfolk. M/S/C

TEMPO: John Lindberg: Thank you to all who contributed to tempo, 21 locals were represented, 12 delegates are now signature members. Grand total for TEMPO is \$1,179.00 M/S/C

Tempo Drawing: Tempo Book: Cass Acosta, Tequila-Frank Myers, Software – Stewart Williams, 50/50 cash split- Gary Williams.

President Apana opens the floor for officer nominations.

Jessica Kunttu nominates Megan Chisom for Vice President; no other nominations. Vice President by acclamation.

Sharon Montgomery nominates Lovie Smith-Wright for Secretary/Treasurer; no other nominations. S/T by acclamation.

International Vice President Bruce Fife extends the Oath of Office to Stewart William – President, Megan Chisom – Vice President, & Lovie Smith-Wright – Secretary-Treasurer.

S/T Smith-Wright presents President Jeff Apana with a Plaque for his time as president of the Southern Conference.

Jeff Apana makes closing remarks and thanks the conference for being able to serve as President of the Southern Conference for 2017-19.

President Stewart Williams -does the closing remarks. With distinct pleasure and sincere respect, I look forward

to chairing the upcoming conferences. Thank you to Jeff and Lovie.

Given that we have no further business, this conference is adjourned.