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Resolution for Streaming AFL-CIO Conventions on the Internet and/or TV and for Creation of a Permanent AFL-CIO National Labor Internet TV Channel

Whereas, the AFL-CIO represents the largest number of telecommunication and media workers in North America; and

Whereas, the national convention of the AFL-CIO will include speakers and debate of members that is important to be heard by all members of the AFL-CIO; and

Whereas, COSATU and other unions stream their conventions on the internet for their members,

Therefore Be It Resolved we encourage the AFL-CIO International President and officers of the AFL-CIO to stream their conventions (except for executive sessions or other sensitive sessions) live on the internet and retain this material as media and other files so that conventions will be accessible to all members of the AFL-CIO.

Whereas, the need to have regular labor news and information is a critical issue; and

Whereas, the use of TV & the internet is a critical tool for reaching members and all working people union and non-union in the United States; and

Whereas, there is no 24-hour national labor channel for education and information about the struggles of union members and all issues facing the workers movement; and

Whereas, AFL-CIO communications workers represents skilled and professional workers who use this communication and media technology in their work; and

Whereas, we believe the development of this communication technology could be an important resource for locals and members,

Therefore Be It Further Resolved we call on the AFL-CIO International to establish a streaming and/or national TV channel for the AFL-CIO in which locals can upload their struggles and education events for all members of the AFL-CIO; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved we ask that this labor channel mentioned above include all unions of the AFL-CIO; and

Therefore Be It Finally Resolved that we support this proposal to be made within the AFL-CIO at its upcoming convention and ask for support and concurrence by all affiliated AFL-CIO locals, other locals, other Labor Councils and internationals.

Submitted by George Gaboury, CWA NABET 51, and adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on July 8, 2013.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Paulson". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "T" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tim Paulson
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