

# ASEA In Action



## 2016 AFSCME 42nd International Convention

More than 4,000 delegates, alternates and guests assembled in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 18-22, 2016 for AFSCME's 42nd International Convention. **What happened in Vegas:** <http://2016.afscme.org/>



ASEA Delegation: Dawn Bundick, Val Kenny, Cassandra Lynch, Brandon Nakasato, Courtney Wendel, Cynthia Washington, Chris Pace, John Bennett, Rich Sewell, Chuck Stewart, John Roxburgh and Michael Williams.

### SPEAKERS:

**Monday, July 18th\*:** The Convention was called to order and a rousing Keynote Address was given by AFSCME President Lee Saunders unifying the room with his message that AFSCME members "Never Quit." <http://2016.afscme.org/video/highlights-from-pres-lee-saunders-keynote-address>

**Tuesday, July 19th\*:** Hillary Clinton made a spirited case for public service workers to support her candidacy for President of the United States highlighting her decades-long support for working families. <http://www.afscme.org/blog/hillary-clintons-promise-to-afscme>

**Wednesday, July 20th\*:** Rev. Dr. William Barber II brought down the house with his call to action and challenge to public workers and their labor unions to be part of the moral revival of our nation.

<http://2016.afscme.org/video/rev-dr-william-barber-full-speech>



### Rally at Trump Hotel – AFSCME Workplace Action Plan

More than 2,000 AFSCME delegates braved the +105° heat and took to the streets to stand in solidarity with Culinary Workers demanding a fair contract at the Trump International Hotel Las Vegas.

On Thursday, President Saunders announced that Donald Trump's Las Vegas hotel had agreed to pay two workers a total of \$11,200 to avoid going to trial over a labor complaint filed in March by the NLRB.



### ASEA DELEGATES IN ACTION

ASEA Delegates to the 42nd AFSCME International Convention worked on 9+ Constitutional Amendments and 56+ Resolutions. For the first time in history, the business of the Convention was completed within the scheduled timeframe and no Resolutions were referred to the International's Executive Board for action.

\*Excerpts from 2016 Convention Dailies.

<http://2016.afscme.org/convention-resources/daily-archives>

## Juneau Chapter Annual Picnic!

The Juneau Chapter Annual Picnic was held on Sunday, July 10. Approximately 250 people enjoyed 144 hamburgers, 144 hot dogs, 45 pounds of potato salad, 35 pounds of pasta salad, 45 pounds mac salad, 12 pounds of baked beans and 6 sockeye salmon.



Door prizes consisting of Fishing Poles, BBQs, Bird Baths, a Garden Table, Thermos Lunch Boxes, Coleman Camping Coffee Maker,



and Sleeping Bags were all given away.

There was a Gnome who gave away prizes and the crew made him the official mascot for the event. Now he will attend both of Juneau Chapter major events.



## Midnight Sun Chapter Annual Picnic!

Midnight Sun/ASEA Chapter held their Annual Chapter Picnic on Wednesday, July 20th. We had a great turn out of 195 members! Members Angie Perez and Samantha Ojaniemi-Doxsee volunteered to do face painting. There were potato sack races for the kids, a craft station and free train and carousel rides.



Many great door prizes such as an iPad 4 mini, a Fitbit Flex, two Alaska Railroad train tickets to Denali Park, day passes to the Tanana Valley Fair, a \$250 Safeway gift card and much more was given out!

The Midnight Sun Chapter would like to give a big thank you to the members and staff that helped make the day a success. Member volunteers were: Catherine Dosland, chopping vegetables and helping check in members; Sam Ojaniemi-Doxsee, chopping vegetables and face painting; Angie Perez, face painting and bringing craft items donated from Michaels Craft Store; Jim Schwarber, assistance loading items and breaking down the event; Bill Hunt, misc. help; and Beth Siegel, assistance with breakdown. There were even a few family members that assisted: Tim DeVito on the grill, and Dre Wilson on check-in. William Walters was a great help in securing the grill and helping with setup.



Watch for information on the FEEL CLEAN DRIVE that kicks off in mid- August. The chapter will have boxes in local worksites to collect personal hygiene items for donation to Fairbanks homeless shelters.

## Important Dates

- Sept. 5, 2016 Labor Day Parade in Fairbanks
- Sept. 7 - 8, 2016 State Executive Board Meeting in Fairbanks