

Convention News

POWER
To Win

**17th Biennial Ohio Council 8 Convention
Dayton, Ohio September 20-23, 2007**

September 23, 2007

A Day to Celebrate !

Today's Activities:

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
General Session Room 101

Call to Order

Invocation – Bishop Larry
W. Nichols

Pledge of Allegiance

Remarks – Petee Talley,
Secretary-Treasurer, Ohio
AFL-CIO

Video Remarks – AFSCME
International Secretary-
Treasurer William Lucy

Final Report of the
Resolutions Committee

Swearing in of Officers
Regional Vice Presidents
and Trustees

PEOPLE 50/50 Drawing

Quilt Raffle

Adjourn Sine die

Convention delegates had a rich and full day of inspiration, insight, and solidarity.

Topping the list of events was a visit from a true friend of our union, Ohio governor Ted Strickland.

“This day has been a long time coming — it’s been 16 years since we had a friend in the Statehouse,” said Council 8 President John Lyall. “And it happened because of the work you did.”

Governor Strickland was greeted with true warmth and enthusiasm, including greetings from AFSCME International President Gerald McEntee, who said that in the first eight months he has been in office, “he has done more than Bob Taft did in eight years.”

“I am very happy to be with you today,” Strickland said. “We submitted our first budget, and it allows us to live within our means. But it also shifts significant money toward education and child health care, and relieves the pressure on the Local Government Fund — which puts money into cities and counties across the state.

“If we starve our local governments, they expect you to take less. We are working to shelter the Local Government Fund to protect your jobs and others,” he said.

Strickland is also working on an executive order that will enable more than 8,000 in-home daycare providers to organize a union.

This organizing opportunity is huge, “because Council 8 ‘gets it’ when it comes to organizing,” McEntee said. “I promise you, we will back you up with all the marbles, string and chalk you need to organize these workers.”



Gov. Strickland with Ohio Council 8 Day-care providers and “AFSCME kids.”



Governor Strickland and AFSCME President McEntee.

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Building A New Era of Solidarity



AFSCME International President Gerald McEntee, center, with Ohio Council 8, OCSEA/AFSCME Local 11, OAPSE/AFSCME Local 4, and the Ohio AFL-CIO's top leaders.

Preaching the gospel of solidarity, AFSCME International President Gerald McEntee said, "the whole ball game is going to be in Ohio in 2008. And with the combined power of 115,000 AFSCME members, we can win."

McEntee said all of Ohio's

AFSCME affiliates, including the members of AFSCME Retiree Chapter 1184, will make the difference in the election of 2008.

"We all know how California is going to vote and how Texas is going to vote. Ohio will be the battleground and will make the difference. It up to us sisters and

brothers, not to let Ohio - or the nation — down."

Working together with the Ohio AFL-CIO and the rest of organized labor, "we can put a Democratic majority in the Ohio Legislature, elect a veto-proof Congress, and put a Democrat in the White House," McEntee said

What A Day!



Left to right, the escort committee for President McEntee; Council 8 members escort Ohio AFL-CIO President Joe Rugola; Ohio Treasurer Richard Cordray, and Charlie Adkins is honored for his service on the OPERS board.

