

**From:** Liz Bettencourt  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 6:16 PM  
**Subject:** President's Message - June 22, 2012

Dear Members:

This week in Los Angeles thousands of AFSCME members met to elect a new International President and Secretary-Treasurer. This was an historic election, as it also marked the end of an era for AFSCME—the retirement of President Gerald McEntee after over 30 years of service. We received the email message below from the newly installed officers themselves.

### **Strategic Plan**

Thanks to all who commented on the draft Strategic Plan. The Executive Board will be working to finalize the Plan and develop our action plan. We will send it out for your review before our next membership meeting, where we will have the opportunity to discuss it in detail.

### **Next Membership Meeting**

Reminder! We will not hold a membership meeting in July. Our next meeting will be **August 1**.

Have a great weekend—the new AFSCME Pres's email is below!

*Liz Bettencourt*

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**From:** President Saunders & Secretary-Treasurer Reyes  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2012 3:44 PM  
**To:** Liz Bettencourt  
**Subject:** The future is now

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Yesterday, delegates to the 40th International Convention of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (AFSCME), elected us to serve as the next president and secretary-treasurer of our great union. And today we were sworn in to office.

This was a proud week for AFSCME, as more than 4,600 delegates, alternates and guests from across the country came together in Los Angeles to elect new leadership and help chart our future. The Convention held the first debate among candidates for union leadership in the history of the labor movement in the United States. We'd like to thank Brother Donohue and Sister Goff for a vigorous and energetic campaign and for all they have done for AFSCME. We look forward to working together with them in the days and weeks ahead.

Indeed, we are committed to working with every council, every local, every member-everyday. Because now is the time for us to pull together to win victories for working families and our members all across this great country. We know that Wall Street and their allies are engaged in an all-out assault against us and the services we provide. They know that AFSCME stands in the way of their efforts to destroy the middle class.

We have much work to do and big shoes to fill. Gerald W. McEntee retired today after 31 years as AFSCME president. We will honor his legacy by leading tirelessly, and with heart and resolve.

We are AFSCME - we care for America's children, nurse the sick, plow the streets, collect the trash and walk the beat on the streets and in our prisons. We make America happen - and together we will build our strong union even bigger and stronger.

In solidarity,

Lee Saunders  
President

Laura Reyes  
Secretary-Treasurer