

AFSCME Council 75 re-elects Gillespie president; dedicates building to Lucy

BEND – Gary Gillespie was re-elected president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Oregon Council 75. He defeated challenger Tina Turner-Morfitt. Morfitt had served as first vice president of the 22,000-member council.

Gillespie, a member of Local 1724 (City of Eugene), said he was “humbled and honored” to continue as president, a post he has held since 2001.

Delegates to the biennial convention April 13-15 at the Riverhouse Hotel and Convention Center also passed resolutions restructuring their dues payment system from a flat monthly fee to a percentage based on wages, and named its Portland headquarters the “William Lucy AFSCME Labor Center,” in tribute to their International Secretary-Treasurer William Lucy.

Lucy, who was the convention’s keynote speaker, predicted that the Senate will pass labor’s top legislative issue this session — the Employee Free Choice Act. The bill, H.R. 800, would level the playing field when workers seek to form a union and bargain. H.R. 800 passed the House ear-



AFSCME International Secretary-Treasurer William Lucy (center) was “speechless” after delegates to the Oregon Council 75 convention voted to name their Portland office the “William Lucy AFSCME Labor Center.” At the podium is Chuck Moffit of Portland Local 189, at the far left is Gary Gillespie, who later was re-elected president of the council, and at the right is Council 75 Executive Director Ken Allen.

lier this year and is awaiting hearings in the Senate.

“If they don’t produce on this issue

in this Congress, we’ll make sure the next Congress has members that do,” Lucy said.

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