



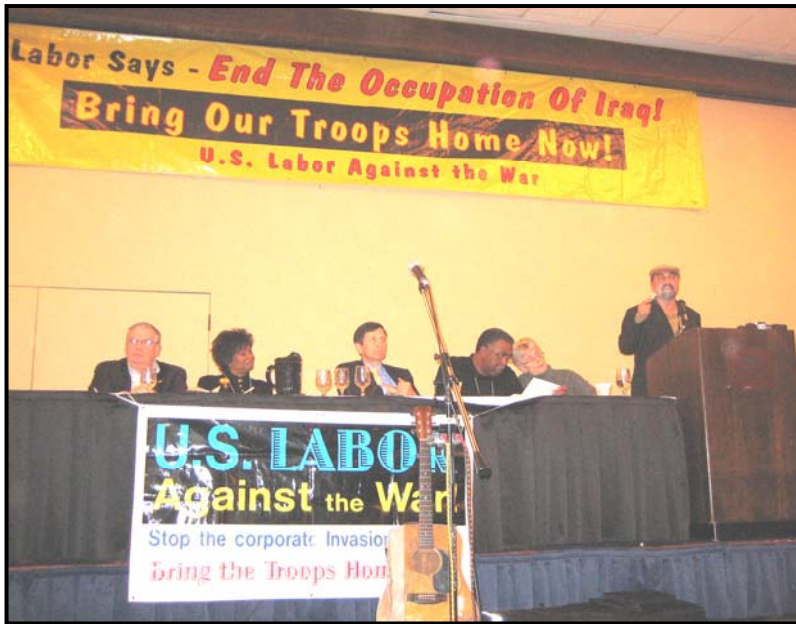
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Decisions of the 2006 USLAW National Assembly

The 2006 USLAW National Assembly met in Cleveland, Ohio, December 1-2. The Assembly took the following actions at its plenary session on Saturday, December 2:



Left to right: John Wilhelm, UNITE HERE; Clayola Brown, APRI; Cong. Dennis Kucinich; Fred Mason and Nancy Wohlforth, USLAW Co-Convenors; Samir Adil, President of the Iraq Freedom Congress, speaking

1. **Main Political Report:** On Friday evening, Co-Convenor Gene Bruskin delivered the Main Political Report on behalf of the Co-Convenors as an introduction to a discussion of the work of USLAW in the coming year. The text of his remarks is posted at <http://uslaboragainstar.org/downloads/2006%20Assembly%20Main%20Political%20Report.pdf>.
2. **2007 Objectives and Plan of Work:** Following discussion and minor changes proposed by the Assembly, the **2007 Objectives and Plan of Work** were adopted unanimously. It is posted at <http://uslaboragainstar.org/downloads/2007%20Objectives%20and%20Plan%20of%20Work.pdf>.
3. **Bylaws:** The draft Bylaws were adopted as amended in Article VII, Steering Committee, Section 5 (b) [par. #68], second sentence, as follows:

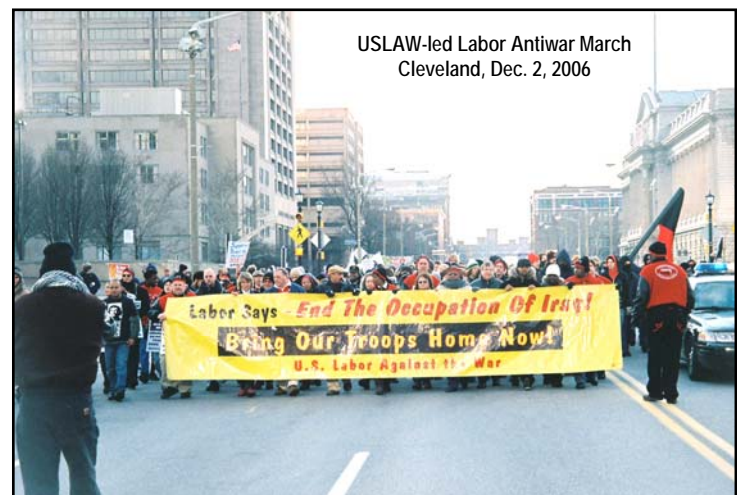
A member of the Executive Committee may be removed with cause by a two-thirds majority vote of the Steering Committee at a meeting specifically called for such purpose, provided at least fifteen (15) days notice is given to each Steering Committee member specifying the purpose of the meeting.

To provide more clarity and easier reference, each sentence of this section will be treated as a separate subsection. Subsection 5(b) will deal with "minutes." Subsection 5(c) will deal with removal of an Executive Committee member for cause. Subsection 5(d) will deal with filling vacancies on the Executive Committee.

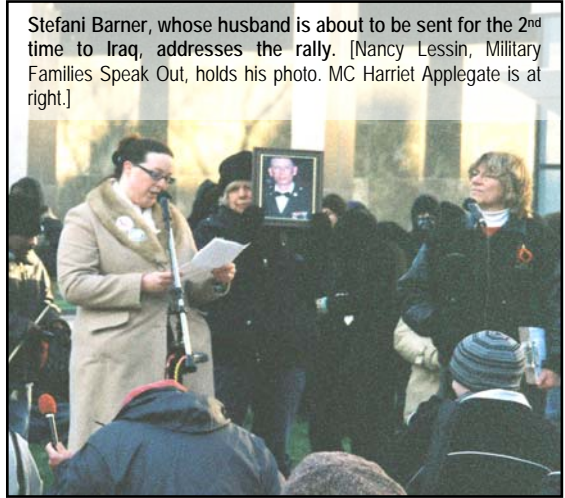
The Bylaws are posted at

<http://uslaboragainstar.org/downloads/Bylaws.final.pdf>.

4. **Review of Work: 2003-2006:** While the Assembly did not act on it, included among the documents provided to all delegates was a report on the work of USLAW from 2003-2006, which is posted at <http://www.uslaboragainstar.org/article.php?id=12188>.
5. **Resolutions:** The Assembly delegates took action on the recommendations of the Assembly Committee with regard to resolutions that had been submitted for consideration by affiliates. The following resolutions were adopted:



- **Threat of Military Action Against Iran** – Submitted by the Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace & Justice: Adopted as amended by the Assembly Committee to correct some factual errors in the last Whereas. Posted at <http://www.uslaboragainstar.org/article.php?preview=1&cache=0&id=12206>.
- **Military Commissions Act Repeal** – Submitted by the Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace & Justice: Adopted as amended by the Assembly Committee. Posted at <http://www.uslaboragainstar.org/article.php?preview=1&cache=0&id=12203>.
- **Build the January 27 Antiwar Demonstration** – Submitted by the Ohio Labor Party: Adopted without amendment. Posted at <http://www.uslaboragainstar.org/article.php?preview=1&cache=0&id=12195>.
- **Katrina and a USLAW Response** – Submitted by the Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace & Justice: Adopted as amended. Posted at <http://www.uslaboragainstar.org/article.php?preview=1&cache=0&id=12202>.
- **Expose the War Profiteers** – Submitted by the UNITE HERE Chicago and Midwest Joint Board: Adopted as amended. Posted at <http://www.uslaboragainstar.org/article.php?preview=1&cache=0&id=12199>.



Stefani Barner, whose husband is about to be sent for the 2nd time to Iraq, addresses the rally. [Nancy Lessin, Military Families Speak Out, holds his photo. MC Harriet Applegate is at right.]

The following resolutions were referred to the incoming Steering Committee for further consideration:
(Posted at <http://www.uslaboragainstar.org/article.php?list=type&type=104>.)

- **Bridges to Peace Not Walls of Conflict** – Submitted by the Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace & Justice, with instruction to establish a task force to develop a plan for organizing discussion of the issues raised and a listserv to facilitate that discussion, and that any action on the resolution taken by the Steering Committee be subject to review and approval of the Leadership Council
- **The Israel/Lebanon Crisis** – Submitted by the Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace & Justice, with instruction to establish a task force to develop a plan for organizing discussion of the issues raised and a listserv to facilitate that discussion, and that any action on the resolution taken by the Steering Committee be subject to review and approval of the Leadership Council



Cindy Sheehan at Saturday Evening Program

- **Solidarity with the People of Oaxaca** – Submitted by the San Francisco Labor Council
- **Enact a Federal Shield Law for Journalists** – Submitted by the Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace & Justice
- **Support the Conn-Selmer Strike** – Submitted by the Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace & Justice
- **Maintain the USLAW Immediate Withdrawal Position** – Submitted by the Ohio Labor Party
- **2006 Mandate for Peace** – Submitted by the San Francisco Labor Council, past the deadline for timely submission



Congressman Dennis Kucinich at Sat. Eve. Program

- **Threat of Military Action Against Iran** – Submitted by the San Francisco Labor Council, past the deadline for timely submission
- **Support of the Iraqi Resistance** – Submitted by NY City Labor Against the War, past the deadline for timely submission
- **Unity in the Anti-War Movement** – Submitted by NY City Labor Against the War, past the deadline for timely submission

Election of Leadership: The Assembly unanimously re-elected Gene Bruskin, Maria Guillen, Fred Mason, Bob Muehlenkamp and Nancy Wohlforth as Co-Convenors. It elected the following members of the new Steering Committee:



John Wilhelm, Pres., Hospitality Div. of UNITE HERE, at Saturday Evening Program

- All **National Organizations** and **Large Local Unions** (10,000 or more members) automatically have a seat on the Steering Committee
- **Small Local Unions – Entitled to 8 seats:** Bill Henning, CWA Local 1180, NYC; Sue Ruggles, AFT Local 212, Milwaukee; Kevin Hussey, BMW Local 3014; Gerald Colby, National Writers Union/UAW Local 1981; Jim Norris, USW Local 675, El Segundo, CA; Randy Christiansen, CWA Local 9415, Oakland. Two seats were left vacant to be filled to meet diversity objectives.
- **Regional Labor Organizations – Entitled to 5 seats:** Marty Hittelman, CA Fed. of Teachers; Eileen Connelly, SEIU Dist. 1199-Pennsylvania; Elena Marcheschi, UNITE HERE Chicago & Midwest Joint Board; Donna Dewitt, So. Carolina AFL-CIO. One seat left vacant to be filled later.
- **Central Labor Bodies – Entitled to 5 seats:** John Braxton, Philadelphia; Carol Weidel, So. Central WI; Joslyn Williams, Washington, DC. Two seats left vacant to be filled later.
- **Local Allied Labor Organizations – Entitled to 3 seats:** Kathy Black, Phil. CLUW; Lenny Potash, AFSCME Retirees Chapter 36, LA. One seat left vacant to be filled later.
- **Ad Hoc Labor Antiwar Groups – Entitled to 3 seats:** Detroit Labor for Peace & Justice (member to be designated); Chicago Labor for Peace Prosperity and Justice (member to be designated); Central Coast Workers Against the War (member to be designated).
- **Other (Non-Union) Labor Organizations – Entitled to 3 seats:** Jerry Tucker, Center for Labor Renewal; Jerry Gordon, Ohio Labor Party; Vermont Workers Center (member to be designated).
- **Task Force Coordinators:** Denice Lombard, International Solidarity
- **At Large:** Amy Newell; Brooks Sunkett



Labor Troubadour Anne Feeney Entertains Saturday Evening

6. Among the documents presented to the Assembly was the Organizational Report for 2006, posted at <http://uslaboragainstawar.org/downloads/2006%20Assembly%20Organizational%20Report.pdf>. No action was taken on the report.



Clayola Brown, Pres., A Philip Randolph Inst.

