

Jackie L. Jeter Biographical Summary

Jackie L. Jeter is President and Business Agent of the more than 12,000-member ATU Local 689. The members of Local 689, including working and retired employees, elected Jackie to the union's top leadership position in December 2006. She took office in January 2007, making history as the first African American woman to head the local since its founding nearly 100 years ago.

As President of Local 689, Jeter leads the fight for protecting the interests of Metro transit workers. Her leadership is backed by nearly 30 years of invaluable rank-in-file experience operating Metro buses, trains and the rail interlocking system.

A veteran union activist, Jeter has been an elected official with Local 689 since 1994. She started as a Shop Steward for rail operations and continued to win the support of the membership. She was elected Assistant Business Agent, First Vice President, and Financial Secretary-Treasurer of Local 689 in steady succession. Each time, Jeter set a precedent as the first African American woman to hold those offices.

Her leadership presence extends to the international ATU family and regional union community. She is President of the ATU International Women's Caucus and a member of Today's Women Caucus of Local 689. Jeter served on the executive board of the Washington Metropolitan Council, AFL-CIO from 1996 to 2002.

President Jeter is an unflinching champion for the rights of workers, demonstrating vision, insight and tenacity in representing Local 689's priorities. She is forging a mutual alliance of respect and collaboration between her members and the public that they serve.

Jeter is married to Roland H. Jeter and has lived in the Washington area since 1978. They have five children and five granddaughters.