



**J. David Cox, Sr.**  
**National President**  
**American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO**

Jeffrey David Cox, Sr., was elected National President at AFGE's 39th National Convention in Las Vegas. Cox was elected National Secretary-Treasurer of AFGE in August 2006 and was reelected by acclamation in August 2009. As Secretary-Treasurer, Cox focused on upgrading AFGE's use of technology as well as committing to make AFGE a "green" union. AFGE was the first labor union to provide a financial officer training course online, which is accredited by the National Labor College.

As a nationally recognized labor leader, Cox has been appointed by President Obama to serve on the Federal Salary Council and the Federal Prevailing Wage Council. He is a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council and Vice President of the North Carolina State AFL-CIO, serving in the latter position since 1993. Cox also was unanimously elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the Department for Professional Employees (DPE), AFL-CIO. He is the Chairman of the AFL-CIO's Union Veterans Council, which seeks to help veterans with employment opportunities through the VA and in the building trades. Cox is known for his passion for organizing. Since Cox was first elected to national office, AFGE has boosted membership by more than 52,000 members.

Cox began his private sector career in health care in 1970 as a food service worker, progressing to nursing assistant and licensed practical nurse in 1972. In 1983, Cox became a registered nurse and started a public sector career with the VA that lasted until September 2006 when he became AFGE secretary-treasurer. In 2012 Cox won the Yitzhak Rabin Public Service Award from the American Friends of the Yitzhak Rabin Center organization. In 2013 Cox was honored with the AFL-CIO's *At the River I Stand* award, which is given annually to a national leader who has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to civil rights and workers' rights. A native of North Carolina, Cox is a graduate of North Carolina's Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and a former member of its board of trustees. He also attended Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C.