



# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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## Hoping 2022 is a Much Better Year for All of Us



Happy New Year to you all. I hope you are healthy and will remain that way for 2022. I thought I'd start off the New Year by sharing with you some information that will help put in perspective just how tough it is for most working Americans and retirees.

Workers are quitting their jobs, going on strike or attempting to organize at near-record levels. So, I decided to do a little research to find out why they may be so unhappy. Here is what I found, as of December 2021:

- The average weekly wage is \$1,034.41;
- The average weekly healthcare premium contribution was \$107.46 (\$5,588/year); and,
- The average weekly cost for child care was \$160.67 (\$8,355/year).

That leaves most families with \$766.28 before taxes are deducted. Then, they still have to pay income taxes, utility bills, mortgages or rent, buy groceries and contribute to their 401K plan as most workers do not have pension plans. And that doesn't include the cost for more than one child or any amount to cover medical deductibles or co-pays. And remember, these are just averages.

Now for retirees: The good news is that beginning in January, Social Security recipients will receive a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) that will increase the average monthly benefit to about \$1,657, an average increase of \$92 per month.

The bad news is our Medicare part B premium will increase to \$170.10 per month.

The average cost of a Part D prescription drug plan will be \$33 per month; and, if you have a Medicare Advantage plan, your costs will average \$19 per month. Prices vary on these plans from \$0 to over \$100 per month.

Subtract these deductions, and the average Social Security recipient receives \$1,434.90 per month. I have not included the medical co-pays and deductibles that further reduce this amount.

Needless to say, there are many struggles that we, as union retirees, are fortunate to be able to face together.

As a member of SOAR, I am looking forward to another year standing with you to build a better future for us all.

Hope to see you active and involved this year.

*Bill Pienta*, SOAR President

**Who's New to SOAR?**

When phoning the Int'l SOAR office, there's a pretty good chance that the person answering the phone will be Alyssa Scott, our newest assistant to the SOAR Director.

Alyssa replaces Zach Martin, who was selected to fill an open position in another department at the USW. It should be mentioned that Alyssa is temporarily filling in for Alysse Rico who is currently on long-term leave.

Alyssa, we hope you will enjoy your new job and you will find a great deal of satisfaction trying to answer the many questions that our retirees will have for you. There's no better feeling than to know you helped someone!



**Again, WELCOME Alyssa to the SOAR office!**

**Welcome Alyssa!**

*Julie Stein*, SOAR Director

**Reminder Notice for SOAR Chapters:**

Please contact the SOAR office immediately if your chapter hasn't received a 2021 Annual Financial Report Form. These reports are due to the SOAR office, no later than March 15.

**SOAR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED**



The SOAR International Conference is scheduled for August 5-6, 2022 at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. Chapters large enough to send delegates will be notified by mail.

For those chapters planning on submitting resolutions to the conference, all resolutions must be received in the SOAR office in Pittsburgh, no later than June 1, 2022.

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## Voting Rights of Retirees, all Americans in Jeopardy



The numbers don't lie. The overwhelming majority of Americans trust nontraditional forms of voting, including mail balloting and early, in-person voting.

In 2020, during the pandemic and the highest-turnout election in history, nontraditional forms of voting helped ensure all Americans safe ways to exercise their right to vote. In fact, 69 percent of those who voted in 2020 cast their ballot by mail or before Election Day.

Among those age 65 and older, that figure was an astounding 77.7 percent, the highest among all age groups.

However, in 2021, the list of states enacting new restrictions on nontraditional voting grew by at least 19.

This intentional effort to roll back voting rights is a continuation of the unprecedented attacks that civil liberties groups have been fighting since 2013, when the United States Supreme Court gutted key sections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Congress has acted before to protect every American's voting rights, and they can do it again.

In mid-January, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the John R. Lewis Act, which merged the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and the Freedom to Vote Act. If passed by the U.S. Senate and signed by President Biden, this legislation would:

- require early voting in all fifty states
- create a national standard for mail voting
- give Americans a public holiday to vote
- establish clear federal redistricting standards to stop gerrymandered districts
- create automatic voter registrations

Passing laws to ensure everyone can vote seems like common sense. However, Senate filibuster rules dating back to WWI make it easier for a minority of Senators to delay or stop this legislation altogether.

The Senate has modified the filibuster many times before, and it is time they do so again in order to protect every Americans' right to vote. Recently, the USW Rapid Response sent out a call to action, encouraging our members and retirees to urge the U.S. Senate to "Sideline the Filibuster and Protect Voting Rights!" Unfortunately, our efforts to pass this historic voting rights measure failed to pass in the Senate. (*See page 7 for more details.*)

Thank you to everyone who made a call to their Senator. As we look into the New Year, there will be plenty of opportunities for us to collectively weigh-in on those issues important to retirees. **Happy New Year!**

*Julie Stein*, SOAR Director

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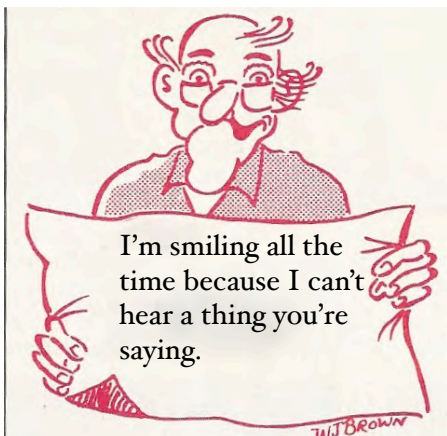
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### Articles and Photos Requested

- The next deadline for the SOAR in Action magazine will be April 1, and articles should be emailed to the SOAR Director Julie Stein at [jstein@usw.org](mailto:jstein@usw.org)
- The deadline for the next publication of the SOAR Chapter Connection newsletter is March 25. Email articles and photos to [soar3@icloud.com](mailto:soar3@icloud.com) Photos should have a short caption included. Thanks so much.

### Ole Charlie Sez:



### The McNeil Report

A friend of mine was sitting down reading his paper, when his wife hit him on the back of the head with a frying pan.

“What was that for?” the man asked.

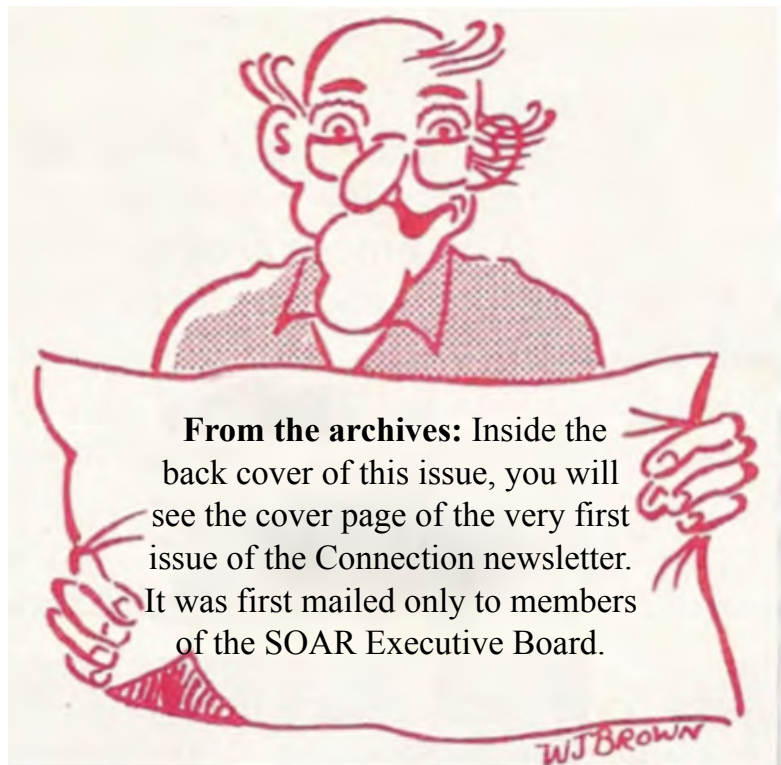
His wife replied, “that was for the piece of paper with the name Jenny on it that I found in your pants pocket.”

My friend then said, “when I was at the races last week, Jenny was the name of the horse I bet on.”

The wife apologized and went on with the housework.

Three days later the man is watching TV when his wife bashes him on the head with an even bigger frying pan, knocking him unconscious. Upon regaining consciousness, the man asked why she had hit him again.

The wife replied **“YOUR HORSE PHONED YOU”!!!**



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## It's Not Over Yet, but Booster Shots Help

by Robert Roach, Jr.



Although vaccines are proven to substantially reduce the risk of severe COVID-19 infection, hospitalizations and deaths have been reported among some fully vaccinated people. An infection of a fully vaccinated person is referred to as a “breakthrough infection.”

The Omicron Covid variant has caused many of the breakthrough cases, but booster shots are providing high levels of protection against hospitalization and severe disease from Omicron among older people, according to the U.K. Health Security Agency. Many breakthrough cases are asymptomatic, and others involve mild symptoms that quickly fade.

Around three months after the third shot, protection against hospitalization among those 65 and older remains at about 90%. With just two doses, protection against severe disease drops to about 70% after three months and to 50% after six months.

Compare that to those who have had no vaccine at all. According to a JAMA study published in January, during December unvaccinated Americans 50 years and older were about 45 times more likely to be hospitalized than those who were vaccinated and got a third shot.

Booster doses provided much larger gains in protection among people ages 65 and older, followed by those ages 50 to 64, a CDC study found.

Yet alarmingly, overall only 40% of those who qualify as fully vaccinated under the CDC’s current definition have also had a booster dose. According to the White House, the numbers are better for seniors, with two out of three eligible seniors having received a booster.

We all remain healthiest when we fully understand the risks over COVID-19. We urge all adults, particularly seniors, to speak to their physicians about how best to protect themselves from this disease.

*Robert Roach, Jr. is president of the Alliance for Retired Americans. He was previously General Secretary–Treasurer of the IAMAW. For more information, visit [www.retiredamericans.org](http://www.retiredamericans.org).*

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## Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and His Legacy.

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ~ January 17, 2022.**

“Dr. King said, ‘The time is always right to do what is right.’ If he were here with us today, I know he would be at the forefront of the battle over the right to vote and have your vote be counted,” said President Roach. “Our democracy is under threat from voter suppression bills, and this birthday comes at an opportune time for our nation to invoke his legacy.”



## Historic Voting Rights Legislation, Filibuster Reform Fail to Pass in the U.S. Senate

The U.S. Senate had the power on Wednesday, January 19, to protect the right to vote by passing the “Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act.” However, the historic measure failed on a 50-50 Senate vote, since 60 votes were needed for it to pass. No Republicans voted for it.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer changed his vote to “no” for procedural reasons, making the official tally for cutting off debate 51-49 against – 11 votes short of the needed 60.



Kyrsten Sinema (AZ) Joe Manchin (WV)  
preserved the nation's democracy in other ways.

Senators Joe Manchin (WV) and Kyrsten Sinema (AZ) then blocked the Democrats’ attempt to reform the filibuster rule, which would have allowed them to pass the voting rights legislation by a simple majority of 51 votes, rather than 60. The filibuster reform vote failed 52-48.

Passing the voting rights measure would have restored key protections of the Voting Rights Act, strengthened vote-by-mail, expanded automatic voter registration and same day registration, protected voters and election workers from intimidation, and also

Nineteen state legislatures passed 34 laws aimed at suppressing the vote in 2021, making national legislation crucial.

“Seniors realize the seriousness of this situation,” said Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance. “Retirees in particular have worked long and hard to preserve the fundamental right to vote. They were there for the battle for civil rights in the 1960s and they are here for this fight in 2022. This struggle is about racial justice, justice for seniors, and more.”

“If ever there were a time to sideline the filibuster and preserve our democracy, this was it,” Fiesta added.

President Biden and House Democratic leadership have vowed to keep fighting to pass voting rights protections. A bipartisan group of senators have already begun talks to update the Electoral Count Act of 1887 to clarify the role the vice president and Congress play in certifying presidential elections. The bipartisan Senate discussions, which would offer protections not as comprehensive as those that failed, are still in their early stages but are expected to gain steam after the broader elections and voting reforms failed.

Source: Friday Alert, January 21, 2022

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### It's No Secret!



It's no secret to members of the steelworker community that China has been circumventing United States trade laws for years. Whether it be the dumping of cheap Chinese steel into America or the communist country's manufacturing and sale of simple consumer goods such as electronics or clothing, China has simply not played by the rules of fair trade.

Efforts to curtail China and other bad actors from skirting America's market-economy based regulations have been implemented over the past few years by both the executive and legislative branches of the U.S. government. The Section 232 steel tariffs are just one example of successful American trade action.

Now another tool in America's fight to level the playing field with countries like China that exploit the loopholes in trade regulations is legislation that has been introduced by U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR).

The Import Security and Fairness Act put forth by Blumenauer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee, would strengthen U.S. International trade import laws to stop non-market economies, like China, from exploiting what is known as the de minimis threshold that allows imports valued at less than \$800 to come into the U.S. without duties, taxes or fees.



Originally designed to relieve the burden of processing low-value imports for the U.S. government, the de minimis threshold for this exemption was originally set for goods valued at \$1 or less. In the 1990s, however, that limit was extended to \$200 and then to \$800 in 2016.

China's de minimis threshold on American imports is just \$7 compared to the current U.S. threshold of \$800. This creates a tremendous unfair advantage that China and U.S. companies like Amazon exploit to increase profits when Americans purchase direct to consumer goods from China valued at less than \$800. These goods are currently not subject to import duties.

"The number of packages we receive in the United States has skyrocketed to more than two million daily packages—a number that will only climb in the coming years," Blumenauer said. "As long as foreign companies that sell their goods in America are splitting up their shipments to evade tariffs and oversight, American businesses will continue to be put at a competitive disadvantage cost-wise."

The Alliance for American Manufacturing strongly supports this legislation and urges the SOAR community to contact your representatives in Congress and voice support for The Import Security and Fairness Act. You can contact your member of Congress at their district offices or call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be connected to their Washington, D.C. office.

*Jeff Bonior* is a staff writer at the Alliance for American Manufacturing

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**May you never miss a rainbow or sunset because you are looking down.**  
**-Author unknown**



**SOAR in Action**



Bob Adkins is the Former SOAR Executive board member from district 8 and is the Recording Secretary for SOAR Chapter 23-4 and also the office secretary for USW Local 40. Local 40 has been on strike since October 1, 2021 after Special Metals in Huntington, WV decided not to negotiate in good faith. Bob has continued to perform his duties as Local 40’s office secretary without receiving his salary due to the strike.

This is SOAR in action, not only helping with retirees’ needs but also helping out our local sponsor. SOAR Chapter 23-4 and many of our members have made monetary and food donations to provide support for our Brothers and Sisters during this strike.

I want to say thank you to all that have helped.

In solidarity,

Richard “Rick” Lewis, President  
SOAR Chapter 23-4

**Donations Can Be Made and Mailed To:**

**USW Local 40  
712 Buffington Street  
Huntington, WV 25702**

**Thank you in advance for any help sent our way, it is needed and very much appreciated.**

**In solidarity,  
Bob Adkins**

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**Free COVID-19 Test Kits Are Now Available From the U.S. Postal Service**

[Covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov), a new website from the federal government, launched on Wednesday to provide free COVID-19 test kits to every American household. Each household is eligible to order up to four tests, completely free of charge, at <https://special.usps.com/testkits>. The tests can also be ordered by phone at 1-800-232-0233.

The free tests are set to be delivered by the United States Postal Service, with orders usually shipping in seven to twelve days. Shipments will also be prioritized for Americans living in ZIP codes that have demonstrated high rates of COVID-19 cases and deaths.

“Regular testing is another way for us to keep seniors safe during these unprecedented times,” said Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance.

“There is a ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ link at [www.covidtests.gov](http://www.covidtests.gov) to make ordering the free test kits as easy as possible.”

Source: Alliance for Retiree Americans

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## Join, Switch, or Drop a Medicare Advantage Plan

**How to switch: If you're already in a Medicare Advantage Plan and want to switch, follow these steps:**

- **To switch to a new Medicare Advantage Plan**, simply join the plan you choose during one of the [enrollment periods](#). You'll be disenrolled automatically from your old plan when your new plan's coverage begins.
- **To switch to Original Medicare**, contact your current plan, or call us at 1-800-MEDICARE.

Unless you have other drug coverage, you should carefully consider [Medicare prescription drug coverage \(Part D\)](#). You may also want to consider a [Medicare Supplement Insurance \(Medigap\) policy](#). Remember, you may only be able to switch at [certain times](#) of the year.

### **If you have other coverage:**

Talk to your employer, union, or other benefits administrator about their rules before you join a Medicare Advantage Plan. In some cases, joining a Medicare Advantage Plan might cause you to lose employer or union coverage. If you lose coverage for yourself, you may also lose coverage for your spouse and dependents.

In other cases, you may still be able to use your employer or union coverage along with the Medicare Advantage plan you join. **Remember, if you drop your employer or union coverage, you may not be able to get it back.**

Source: Medicare.gov

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## **When is the Next Election for SOAR Officers & SOAR Executive Board? From SOAR Articles of Association and By-Laws – Article IX – Elections**

Officers and Executive Board members shall be nominated and elected by the delegates to the International SOAR Conference for a term of (3) years according to procedures adopted by the SOAR Executive Board and approved by the USW Executive Board. These procedures are contained in Appendix B.

Therefore, the next election of SOAR Officers and Executive Board will be held during the Thirteenth International SOAR Conference to be held August 5-6, 2022, at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

## Allocation of Delegates for the Thirteenth International SOAR Conference

The 2022 International SOAR Conference is scheduled for **August 5-6 , 2022**, at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Delegates will be arriving on August 4 and departing on August 7.

**Chapters with over 250 dues-paying members according to our records as of December 31, 2021, are allocated the following number of delegates: (Elections to be held in February.)**

- One delegate for each Chapter of 251 – 750 members
- Two delegates for each Chapter of 751 – 1250 members

**Chapters with less than 251 members are eligible to attend the Conference in one of the allocated “At-Large” slots. The number of At-Large delegates to each District shall be one for every 500 dues-paying members or a majority fraction thereof, after subtracting the membership numbers of the larger (251 or greater) chapters.**

As outlined in our Rules of Procedure for the Nomination and Election of SOAR Conference Delegates (Appendix A), the process for electing “At-Large” delegates can either be by an election at a district conference, or other method, determined by the SOAR Board Member and USW Director, for that geographical area and approved by the SOAR Executive Board. *(See next page - Appendix A, Article III Section 2.)*

**In order to be elected a delegate to this conference, the member must be a member in good standing at the time of the election.** As in the past, hotel, travel and a stipend will be provided for all approved delegates out of the District SOAR fund. All delegates will be sent an official call letter that outlines the procedure to make their air and hotel reservations well in advance of the conference.

Please contact your SOAR Executive Board Member to obtain information as to how your District will complete their At-Large delegate election process. Their contact information is listed below.

District	Executive Board Member	Contact	Email Address
1	Jeffrey DeLong	740-774-1043	<a href="mailto:idelong1043@yahoo.com">idelong1043@yahoo.com</a>
2	Gerard “Jay” McMurrin	734-334-8582	<a href="mailto:mcmurrin@comcast.net">mcmurrin@comcast.net</a>
4	Al Polk	508-942-8319	<a href="mailto:apolk138@gmail.com">apolk138@gmail.com</a>
7	Dorine Godinez	574-971-4215	<a href="mailto:uswsoar222@gmail.com">uswsoar222@gmail.com</a>
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9	Claude Karr	205-531-2744	<a href="mailto:mkarr777@gmail.com">mkarr777@gmail.com</a>
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11	Bonnie Carey	309-721-7908	<a href="mailto:bonnie.carey@gmail.com">bonnie.carey@gmail.com</a>
12	Joel Buchanan	719-821-1486	<a href="mailto:joelbuck99@yahoo.com">joelbuck99@yahoo.com</a>
13	Andres “Andy” Rosas	361-442-7422	<a href="mailto:donn_rosas3@yahoo.com">donn_rosas3@yahoo.com</a>

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## SOAR Chapter Resolutions

The **Thirteenth International SOAR Conference** will be held on **Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6, 2022.**

All SOAR chapter resolutions, to be considered by the International Conference, must be adopted by the Chapter and sent to the SOAR Director. They must be in the Director's hands no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the International Conference. **(This year all resolutions must be received in the SOAR office in Pittsburgh by June 1, 2022.)** The SOAR Director shall submit all Chapter resolutions and any recommendations of the SOAR Executive Board to the Chairperson of the resolution committee.

Resolutions must be typewritten or word-processed on separate sheets of paper and only on one (1) side of the paper. In order for the resolution to be considered they must be signed by the Chapter President and the Recording Secretary.

**Mail resolutions to:**

**SOAR - Resolutions**

**Attn. Julie Stein, Director**

**60 Blvd. of the Allies – 11<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

*\* See next page for example of format for content and drafting resolution \**

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### From SOAR Articles of Association and By-Laws – Appendix A

#### Article III, Section 2 - At Large Delegates

**Section 2. At-Large Delegates.** The remaining allotted delegates from each district will be known as “At-Large Delegates” and will be elected at a District Conference or several geographic Conferences within the District. To be considered a candidate for At-Large Delegate, any member in good standing must attend the District Conference in their geographic area or submit a letter to the District Executive Board Member at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Conference indicating they would like their name submitted for nomination and will accept if nominated. Only the delegates to the District or Geographic Conference who are from a Chapter of less than 250 members shall be eligible to vote for the At-Large delegates from that District or geographic area. Procedures for conducting this election may vary from District to District, but the election must be by secret ballot, unless no contest exists. This section may be amended to better serve the situation in the Districts as needed as long as such amendment is approved by the SOAR Executive Board and serves to allow for fair representation of the members from the smaller SOAR Chapters.

*\*This is an example of the format and contents for drafting resolutions\*  
\*Please use for reference, as needed\**

**Resolution for Consideration at the 2022 SOAR International Conference**

**Resolution calling for:** (Give the resolution a title or description of what it is about. State the issue/problem.)

**Whereas,** (Explanation – list as many “whereas(s)” or reason(s) to support why the “resolve(s)” would be the remedy or solution of the issue or concern.)

**Whereas,**

**Whereas,**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** (Include as many “resolve(s)” as needed to support or remedy the issue or concern.)

**~ SAMPLE RESOLUTION~**

**Resolution for Consideration at the 2022 International SOAR Conference**

**Resolution calling for: Expanding SOAR Membership Eligibility**

**Whereas,** many chapters of SOAR no longer have active local unions due to shutdowns, moving to other localities, bankruptcies, and other reasons.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** we follow the lead of the Alliance for Retired Americans, which provides, “Retirees who are not former union members, and who support the goals of the Alliance, will be eligible to join.”

**Respectfully submitted by,** Chapter XX-XX

*President’s Signature Required*

*Recording Secretary’s Signature Required*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name, President**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name, Recording Secretary**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



January 25, 2022

## 2022 Virtual Rapid Response, Legislative, and Policy Conference!

The Rapid Response, Legislative and Policy Conference is back! We know that the last two years have been challenging, but you have stepped up and shown the resilience that reflects what it means to be a USW member. You have signed the petitions, sent the emails, made the phone calls, and even met with your legislators to stand up for steelworker priorities across the country. While we did not take the decision to cancel our in-person conference lightly, we are excited to announce the 2022 Rapid Response, Legislative and Policy Virtual Conference on February 22 – February 24, 2022.

Click [HERE](#) to check out the call letter for more information.

Don't forget to sign up for our conference mobile alerts by texting [USWRR2022](#) to [69866](#) (standard messaging and data rates may apply), to get real time updates and announcements!

Let us know you are coming and register today!

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### Click [HERE](#) to Register Today!

#### Registration Instructions:

- To register click on the link and sign into your Zoom account when prompted.
- No Zoom account, no problem! They are free and easy to create, just click on the link to sign up and follow the prompts.
- Once you are signed into Zoom, click on the button to register and choose our event.
- Make sure you click to Complete Registration Form on the final screen and provide us with your Name, Address, District, and Local number before confirming your registration. This allows us to send you materials and important updates, as well as get you signed up to lobby your legislators.
- Once registered, you will be able to view the event by going to the tickets tab and selecting your ticket.

**Complete Registration Form**  Off

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2022 Rapid Response, Legislative, ...  
USW Web Events  
Tue, Feb 22, 2022 12:00PM EST  
Rapid Response Conference...

Join in 21 days  
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For questions or help please contact Randie Pearson at [Rpearson@usw.org](mailto:Rpearson@usw.org).



## Executive Board Connection

Published by SOAR.....Jim Centner, Director-----Lynn R. Williams, President

Issue 1, (will it be the last?)

May 2005

### From the editor

Brothers and Sisters, Although this is the first issue of a newsletter for our SOAR Executive Board, it doesn't have to be the last. You might say this is a trial run. Future editions will depend on your interest and input.

It just seems to me that although we receive an occasional communication from our SOAR Director, Jim Centner, concerning the technical aspect of our duties.... And a very good communication from our Legislative expert, Ken Kovack, on the happenings in Washington, D.C., we don't have anything in place for communications between Executive Board Members, other than our board meetings once or twice per year.

Personally, I am always curious as to what's happening in districts other than my own, and once a year doesn't satisfy my curiosity. Thus .....this newsletter.

I invite each of you to mail me a *short* paragraph once per month containing anything which you would like to share with other members of the SOAR Board.

If there is interest in such communication, then future editions will be mailed out.

Thanks.

Charlie Averill, Editor

### Memorial Day Massacre Commemoration

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, we will honor those who gave their lives in the pursuit of union recognition at Republic Steel in south Chicago on Memorial Day, 1937.

There will be cultural events, music, and a newsreel of the event. There will also be audience participation, food and refreshments. Sponsored by ReUNION and South Chicago SOAR Chapter 31-9.

All are invited.

When: Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2pm

Where: Memorial Hall (The Zone)

117<sup>th</sup> & Avenue "O"

South Chicago, IL

source: District 7 SOAR Clips

"I told my friends of the cloth that I did not believe Christ was meek and lowly but a real, living, vital agitator who went into the temple with a lash and whipped the oppressors of the poor, routed them out of doors and spilled their blood and got silver on the floor. He told the robbed and misruled and exploited and driven people to disobey their plunderers, he denounced the profiteers, and it was for this that they nailed his quivering body to the gates of Jerusalem, not because he told them to love one another. That was a harmless doctrine. But when he touched their profits and denounced them before their people, he was then marked for crucifixion."

-- Eugene Debs, Labor Leader and Socialist Party Presidential Candidate, ca. 1900

Renewing Membership       New Applicant

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Mailing Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

City\* \_\_\_\_\_ State\* \_\_\_\_\_ Zip\* \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\* \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(TO RECEIVE CONNECTION NEWSLETTER)

Birthdate\* \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Local Union \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ SOAR ID \_\_\_\_\_  
(IF RENEWING)

Do you receive USW @ Work?     Yes     No

\*INDICATES REQUIRED FIELD

Amount Enclosed\* \_\_\_\_\_

- Retiree - \$12/year
- Active USW Member, age 45 or over - \$12/year
- Union Supporter, age 45 or over - \$12/year
- Spouse/Surviving spouse - \$3/year

**10-Year Membership Option**

- Retiree - \$100
- Active USW Member, age 45 or over - \$100
- Union Supporter, age 45 or over - \$100
- Spouse/Surviving spouse - \$30

**SPOUSE**

Renewing Membership     New Applicant

Name of Spouse\* \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate (Spouse)\* \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

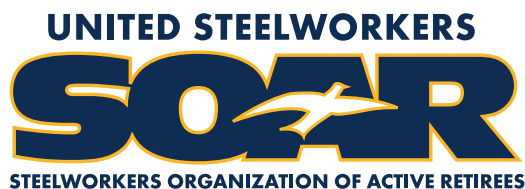
Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*INDICATES REQUIRED FIELD, IF ADDING OR RENEWING A SPOUSE MEMBERSHIP

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