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District 1

MICHIGAN and OHIO
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OFFICIAL CALL
DISTRICT 1 BIENNIAL & EDUCATION CONFERENCE
APRIL 24, 2022 through APRIL 29, 2022

TO: USW DISTRICT 1 LOCAL UNION PRESIDENTS, RECORDING SECRETARIES AND UNIT PRESIDENTS

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

We are excited to announce our first District 1 Biennial and Education Conference with Michigan and Ohio Delegates/Members. The Conference is scheduled for April 24, 2022 through April 29, 2022 at Fort Pontchartrain Hotel located at 2 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48226. The Conference will convene at 9:00 am on Monday, April 25, 2022. We will meet each day of the week and the Conference will close on Friday, April 29th by 12:00 Noon. Delegates/Members to the District Conference will be required to follow all restrictions and protocols of the CDC and the Governor’s Office and Health Department of the State of Michigan and all restrictions and protocols of the USW.

Registration is as follows:

Sunday, April 24th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; and Monday, April 25th from 7:30 am to 8:45 am

The room rate is $179.00 per night plus tax. Breakfast is included with each room reservation. To make your reservation please call the Central Reservation Line at 1-800-407-9832 and use the Block Code “USW”. The cut-off date for room reservations is March 30th. Room check-in is 3:00 PM and checkout is at 11:00 AM. I encourage your prompt response for reservations, as this rate will not be guaranteed after the above date. One overnight parking pass per paid room night is included in the guest room rate. If delegates share a room and additional delegates drive, the additional delegates will be charged a $35.00 parking fee per day.

A reception with beverages and appetizers will be held on Sunday evening from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Please note that breakfast, lunch and beverages will be provided every day. A dinner/buffet will be provided on Tuesday evening and a dinner/banquet will be held on Thursday evening. Delegates/Members will be on their own for dinner on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

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Each Local Union will be required to submit a Registration Fee of $200.00 per delegate/member. Please return the enclosed registration form along with your check made payable to “District 1 Activities Fund” to the USW Sub-District 1 Office no later than March 30, 2022. Please be sure to submit your registration form as early as possible, reserving your room does not guarantee your registration to the Conference. You must submit your registration form. We want to make sure all Delegates/Members will be able to attend this very important Conference. Lost time for each delegate/member is the responsibility of the Local Union.

There will be a vast amount of workshops held during this week and we will list them on the District 1 website. Also, upon receiving the local union’s registration form, we will email the contact person listed the workshops being offered with their descriptions.

We will be offering two workshops listed below that have a maximum of 50 participants per class. They are:

1. **The two-day financial training** will have a maximum number of 50 participants. This class is for financial secretaries and treasurers. The class will only be available to other Delegates/Members if it does not completely fill up. Delegates/Members should plan on attending both days if they sign up.

2. **Two one-day FMLA** training classes will be limited to the first 50 Delegates/Members who register for each workshop. The FMLA workshops will be the same, just offered twice so more Delegates/Members can take advantage of the workshop.

Sign-ups for the above-noted workshops, along with the other offered workshops, will be open to all Delegates/Members at the time of registration.

We are also asking that each delegate/member bring their Local Union Agreement to the Conference for their use in different workshops. If local unions have their own Local Union By-Laws, please bring those also. (We will be providing Constitutions and International Local Union By-Laws to all Delegates/Members)

This is an exciting time for our Union and our District. We are happy to bring together Michigan and Ohio, both rich with labor history, into one dynamic District. Make sure that your Local Union is represented during this historical time of the USW and the great formation of the new USW District 1.

Your prompt response is greatly appreciated and I look forward to seeing all Michigan and Ohio Delegates/Members at our first joint District 1 Biennial and Education Conference.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Donald E. Blatt
Director, USW District 1

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