



Labor Division

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Dear Sisters and Brothers, Friends and Allies of the Labor Division of the National Safety Council:

The June 2023 successful Spring Labor Division meetings in St. Paul MN are quickly giving way to the preparations for the Fall 2023 National Safety Council Labor Division meetings in New Orleans, LA. With success being the formula for more success, virtual meetings with NSC staff and committed division volunteers and leadership have already set an ambitious agenda.

[Labor Fall 2023 Agenda.pdf \(nsc.org\)](#)

We are fortunate to have work underway to schedule the Frank Rapp memorial golf outing while in New Orleans. This golf "for fun" event historically takes place at the Spring meetings, but the next Spring meetings in 2024 are going to be at a time when golf and the calendar will not line up. Details of the golf outing in New Orleans will be forthcoming.

In addition to all those who have attended division meetings in the past and have become dedicated members and participants, as Chairperson of the division, I want to extend an invitation to all union safety and health advocates and leaders nationally and internationally to attend the Fall meetings and all Labor Division meetings going forward. In addition, please try and bring at least one additional person with you. The Labor Division is growing and the shared knowledge that is available will grow both the division and the knowledge of all who attend. This information will spread rapidly as those returning from the meetings share their information and lessons.

Witnessing the hottest July in recorded history for the entire planet, wildfires and severe weather and crippling heat playing out in places in the United States and Canada workers are experiencing elevated safety and health risks. The time for coming together at the Labor Division and in similar settings is a huge benefit for workers as we add the risks from emerging technologies such as A/I and the devastating toll of suicide and mental health crisis events.

Those deciding to attend will find the necessary information in the link below. Please be advised that work is underway to add more economically priced hotels to the list of hotels currently on the listing.

[2023 NSC Safety Congress & Expo : Division Meetings - 2023 NSC Safety Congress & Expo](#)

Convened each Fall to conveniently connect to the National Safety Council annual Congress and Expo, the division meetings are set to run from October 24th to October 27th . The Congress and Expo opening session is October 23rd.

Along with an agenda that will have something for all those in attendance and a further highlight of the division meetings include the recurring change to the executive of the Labor Division. Aligned with the stellar history of leadership in the division, current Chairperson, Paul Chaney, will turn over the gavel to Bob Stone while we are in New Orleans. It is not possible to welcome and give best wishes for ongoing success to incoming Chairperson, Bob Stone, without thanking Paul Chaney for two years of inspirational leadership. After receiving the division Chairperson's gavel after the difficult years of COVID-19, Paul combined his abilities with Sisters and Brothers from the division membership and NSC staff to maintain and grow our vibrancy, relevancy and to become the envy of other organizations in post pandemic recovery mode.

It is not possible to discuss the division without noting that the IBEW is the most active union in the division. Saying this in no way diminishes the vast cross section of public, private, national and international unions that all contribute so very much. The Labor Division also has an active contingent from Canada.

Seated at division meetings and educational sessions all attendees will see the experienced members and attendees anxious to share experience while new and those recently added to the roll of the division just as anxious to ask the questions that continue growth and inclusivity.

On behalf of the Labor Division, looking forward to see all of you in New Orleans,

In Solidarity,

Paul Chaney, Chairperson

Bob Stone, Incoming Chairperson

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