



Labor Division

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The 2025 Fall meetings of the Labor Division of the National Safety Council (NSC) in Denver have been successfully completed. As the newly minted chairperson of the Division it could be said that I may be somewhat biased when I say that our meetings were successful.

Of course I am biased! It has been my distinct privilege to be associated with the NSC and Labor Division of the NSC for several years. This association has never disappointed.

From newcomer to Division chairperson, I have gained friends that have become family. These friends, sisters and brothers, have taught me more than I can ever truly quantify. However, without any reservation whatsoever I can say that what I have learned has allowed me to save lives and prevent illness and injury in all my roles in each workplace I have and continue to be part of. In addition to this, and in every way just as important, I have been able to impart this knowledge to others so that to may carry on the critical work of keeping all people in their workplaces safe and healthy.

The process of learning always travels both ways, and I have been permitted to share my knowledge and expertise from the podium and the floor of educational sessions. Of course, this scenario does not just apply to me. It applies to everyone that joins us for any of our meetings.

Some of my fellow division members refer to their industry as a “learning environment”. A very appropriate descriptor of the labor division.

If I may, I will steal a phrase that may zero in a little more. “Safety and health are not a Secret.” I think that really gets to the point of the division and the entire NSC.

The labor division is a home for union members from across North America to do as described above. We do it all just as we did it in Denver and have done for many years. Committees, presentations from experts and experienced persons. No matter what your background or type of work, the ability to be heard is a cornerstone of division proceedings. As we move forward, we aim to continue to enhance worker safety, welcome new individuals and organizations, and collectively amplify our commitment to our collective industries by being passionately **loud** about what we’re about and what we do. Please see link below for a deeper understanding of the division and the committees.

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Fatigue, Mental Health and Training Across the Generation Gap are examples of expert presentations that took place in Denver. Add this to the ongoing work of various committees such as utilities safety and health, troubled worker, ergonomics safety and health and many more committees the outcome will establish people prepared to be leaders in safety and health.

The Labor Division is not a static organization. All organizations need a roadmap to ensure they meet their goals and mission. The handbook is that roadmap. The handbook is “evergreen” in that it is updated as required to meet new challenges. As the Division and the NSC evolve increased integration of efforts across the Divisions of the NSC is sure to come. Making the Labor Division more connected to communities that host the spring and fall meetings work is underway.

Connecting to communities is a long-standing position of the division. The Welcome Reception best exemplifies this. The reception is a fun evening where all attendees can meet, have some fun and dollars raised from the raffle are always given to socially responsible organizations within the host community. Typically, such organizations aid the vulnerable in the community.

Not done without celebration, the Division always takes time to award people in the division or their home organizations for their work in keep all of us safe and healthy.

I hope this look back and to the future fans the embers of interest and that people look to return or to add their names to the many newcomers in the ranks of the division.

Spring is not that far away. Well, maybe after Christmas! Nonetheless, let's look to the spring. We will meet at the Convention Centre in Baltimore. Registration will open in January of 2026 with meetings running from May 4th to 8th. We get started at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 4th. There will be full day meetings on the 5th & 6th for Labor attendees, with Expo and Keynote access on Thursday & Friday, May 7th & 8th.

As chairperson of the Labor Division, it is a privilege to work with an executive committee that is second to none and delegates and members of the division that can proudly say that each day their efforts prevent injury, illness and death in the workplace. The Labor Division is the place to be and the spring meetings in Baltimore, Maryland are already being prepared for.

Join us and amplify the leadership you already demonstrate.

In Solidarity and Kindest Regards,

Keith Pendergast, Chairperson, NSC Labor Division

2026 Labor Division Spring Meeting

The Baltimore Convention Center

Baltimore, MD

May 4-8, 2026

Save the Date

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