



Labor Division

June 2023 Newsletter

Sisters, brothers, friends and allies of the National Safety Council, Labor Division. The spring 2023 meetings in St Paul, MN have come and gone and the success of the meetings along with the growth of the division is inspiring. Moving with a vast amount of care and caution as we emerged from the darkest days of COVID we could never be sure just what the future held for so many organizations and the Labor Division was no different.

As Chair of the division, it is my distinct pleasure to inform people that the division is perhaps seeing growth it has not seen for several years. This growth manifests itself best in the number of first time attendees, rooms full of people for presentations and committee meetings, and perhaps the best barometer, vigorous and enthusiastic conversation and questions.

Presentations on cannabis, safety culture, move over laws, collaboration on safety and health and diversity in apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship training witnessed full rooms and animated conversation. The conversation, in and of itself, demonstrated how much attendees were able to learn and absorb. Not just learn and absorb, but discover how these lessons and techniques may be applied in their places of work and union halls.

The Labor Division is always eager to recognize and honor people in the division. This set of meetings was no exception. A variety of awards were presented and the heights to which we will work to protect not only ourselves, but the safety and health of our co-workers was on full display. Congratulations to all award winners!

The Labor Movement is always looking to improve the lives of workers and their communities. With that in mind, as with every meeting of the Labor Division, the division participants rose to the challenge of making a significant financial contribution to the community to provide help for the most vulnerable in our society. "To the end we remain our brothers' keeper."

The division, amongst all the accomplishments and work, always sets aside some time for relaxing and enjoying the many attributes of host cities. The recreation committee is up and running. A golf outing this spring was well attended and as we

proceed the golf outing will be scheduled either spring or fall. The recreation committee will also work with people in the communities to line up other social activities.

The work of the division is never over, and we are already working with vigour to get ready the October 25-27th fall meetings in New Orleans. These meetings immediately follow the NSC Safety Congress and Expo. Registration for the Labor Division will also include a free pass to the Expo trade show floor for Tuesday, the 24th of October. Like the recent spring meetings, there will be much to share and celebrate. In consideration of attending in the fall, please reach out to others to encourage them to attend, to receive information and to collaborate in ways that are seldom, if ever, available anywhere else.

In New Orleans I will pass the gavel of chairperson over to Bob Stone. My work as chairperson is not yet done, but in anticipation of the change in the fall I want to take a line or two in the newsletter/blog to thank each and everyone for all they have done to continue the journey of the Labor Division, to “the choice” for sharing and learning in the world of safety and health.

In Solidarity,

Paul Chaney, Division Chair

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