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Newsletter/Blog, Labor Division

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On behalf of the NSC Labor Division I am pleased to provide another edition in the series of newsletters/blogs that have now been in circulation for close to a year. In these we have covered numerous topics and provided information that hopefully may be used to aid the members of the division make their workplaces safer and healthier places.

As current Chairperson of the Labor Division, it is a privilege to witness and participate with Labor Division leadership and the NSC in the ever accelerating preparations for the spring 2023 meetings of the NSC Labor Division. Please make sure you are continuing to watch for registration Emails and links to connect you to registrations. Registration has been open for a few weeks.

Spring Labor Division Meeting registration is open!

The NSC Labor Division Spring Meeting

June 8-10 in St. Paul, MN

- **Registration** fee is \$250 – **register by April 15** and receive a second registration at *no additional cost*.
- All events, unless otherwise specified, will take place at the InterContinental: Saint Paul Riverfront. **Access the special meeting hotel rate**, reservations must be made by May 11, 2023.
- Get the **FAQ and information sheet**

View the current **agenda**

Just as a reminder, the 2023 Labor Division Spring meetings will see us in the Minnesota state capital of St. Paul. Taking place immediately on the completion on of the two and half days IBEW Safety Caucus, the spring Labor Division meetings will run from June 8th to June 10th.

Everyone has heard the phrase “Award Season”. It refers to the period of time after the new year when the various awards are presented to those in the entertainment world. We hear about the Screen Actors Guild awards, the Oscars and the Juno’s to name just a few. Of course, we know of others, the Tony’s, the Emmy’s, etc., but we in the Labor Division have our own “Awards Season”. Our season takes place after the diligent work of the Awards Committee and the Executive Committee between division meetings. These two committees undertake the work of reviewing nominations and ultimately setting the stage for our own “Red Carpet” or as we like to call it, the Awards Luncheon that takes place both spring and fall.

Awards are not the end of the process. There is no end to the process as each time a person, persons or an organization is recognized the energy and recognition spreads far and wide. It spreads far

and wide because nothing foretells of more success than by celebrating our current successes. I have heard it said that we in Labor would never want to do anything different or be anywhere else, but we also appreciate that the Labor Movement can be demanding. As activists, advocates, union members, local presidents, business managers, safety and health representatives, and too many other titles to list we all take time from our work, our families, our interests and hobbies.

Every one of us recognizes the time we give is valuable and although given freely, is not “free”. Thinking of family time, our families are often the most important aspect of support for what we do. Families have agreed to loan their loved ones, us, to do the work of Labor and although an award does not give the time back, it does let the family know that what we do is profoundly important and likely means that many loved ones do home each day because of the safety and health work, amongst a great deal more, that we and our award recipients take on. No one does this work for an award, but awards tell the amazing stories of what we all do in one way or another.

Telling stories in pictures is a wonderful dimension of any celebration or of our meetings. With that in mind, a photo archive is being developed for any facet of the Labor Division. With that in mind, anyone who would like to share pictures, please pass them along to Chairperson [Paul Chaney](#), [Todd Kindred](#) or [Dave Trumble](#).

As division chair, I look forward to greeting each of you at the spring meetings and watching and celebrating those that will walk our “Red Carpet” at the awards luncheon.

Thank You, and Solidarity

Paul Chaney, NSC Labor Division Chair

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