



Labor Division

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Summer has a very bad habit. One of the worst habits it must be said. It even exhibits what some might say is addictive behavior. Miserable as it can be summer always goes by too fast. Of course, it is not all bad. The passage of the summer months opens the Autumn season and the National Safety Council (NSC) Congress and Expo. The 2024 NSC Congress and Expo is being held at the Orange County Convention Centre in Orlando, Florida this September. The entire event runs from September 13-19 while the Labor Division of the NSC will hold meetings, educational sessions, and take time to present a variety of awards to members of the division from September 16-19.

If possible, this is not to be missed. The NSC Congress and Expo is comprehensive and vastly diverse in the bringing together of vendors, experts, and places to find help for all that is safety and health related. The Labor Division meetings and educational sessions are comprehensive and provide diversity of subject matter such that new and cutting-edge information is provided along with the very fundamentals of safety and health that build the necessary foundation of activism to ensure safe and healthy workplaces.

Please use registration Link: [2024 NSC Safety Congress & Expo](#)

The 2024 Fall Congress and Expo is just a few short weeks away, but the Spring meetings in March of 2025 in Milwaukee are well into the planning stages. The Fall meetings coincide with the Congress and Expo while the Spring meetings are division focused and the Labor Division meetings will be front and center. Watch this space for upcoming information.

For workers better safety and health is not left to chance. Improved safety and health happen when workers, through collective action, come together, and move the levers of power to make changes to ensure all workers benefit from new and improved safety and health laws, regulations, etc. Collective action may be the domain of organized labor or workers in unions, but any change for the better in organized labor brings forth betterment of those working non-union.

Understanding this is one of the most important concepts for working people in all sectors of the economy. The Labor Division is indeed a place for unions from across the United States, and Canada, to come to and receive training and education that will elevate the safety and health of their workplaces and by extension the safety and health of all workplaces, union and non-union. Often heard is the axiom that "a rising tide lifts all boats." This is never truer than when workers in unionized workplaces drive home improvements and the "knock-on" effect is to see improvements everywhere.

As we look into the Labor Division we see dedication, commitment, drive, and the deep-rooted desire to share and learn. It is in this final analysis that workers need to see and get themselves involved in the Labor Division. Unions across the face of the land and beyond provide excellent training for their membership. Now just imagine when these same union members attend the Labor Division and share this training from their home unions with union members from far and wide.

Please take the time to consider attending Labor Division meetings and making work safe and healthy for everyone while bringing to others the incredible energy and knowledge that you have.

In closing, while the Fall meetings of the division are on our front doorstep, the division never stops needing you and is better placed to grow and save lives than perhaps ever before. You need to be here.

In Solidarity and Kindest Regards,

Bob Stone, Chairperson, NSC Labor Division

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