



Labor Division

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Like any writer I feel the same way. From song and music writing to poetry and prose to newsletters the blank sheet staring back at me before the first words appear is the scariest part of any writing adventure. Thankfully the 2025 Fall meetings of the Labor Division of the National Safety Council (NSC) will soon be here and that is my lifeline. Yes, summer will soon slip by, and September will soon be here, and the Fall meetings running from September 14-18 with two days of access to the NSC Expo included with registration will be here.

There, that was not so frightening. The first words are on paper, and they carry with them that extremely piece of grand news that those attending the Fall meetings of the NSC Labor Division will have two full days to absorb the seemingly infinite amount of information and products related to safety and health that will be at our fingertips on the trade show floor of the NSC Congress and Expo.

Much of this was described in detail in the June Newsletter, but anything of this importance certainly warrants repeating.

Every season brings with it challenges to our safety and our health. The climate of the entire planet is changing in profound and perhaps unprecedented ways. Most certainly unprecedented if we relate these changes to the period of history bounded by today and by the beginning of the modern industrial period. The result of this is that as safety and health professionals and advocates we are being asked to improve our "game" with ever increasing regularity. What is the outcome if we do not rise to the new reality of a changing climate is injury and death on the job from these climate extremes.

The immediate reaction is to think of heat, but extreme cold and all that comes with it is a new reality for many. How many times in the last few years have we heard the term, "a once in lifetime weather event"? It is hardly once in a lifetime when it happens every year. Extreme weather is not only a threat to safety and health of workers, it subjects entire communities and more to untold misery as it ravages entire regions not just workplaces.

Safety and health are far reaching. In the context of weather, it can mean heat or cold related occupational injury or worse. Beyond those workers in the immediate path, we find virtually every occupation is at some level of risk. To name a few there are first responders (many are volunteers), healthcare workers,



and then the legions of workers that attempt to restore some level of normalcy. Numbered amongst those putting the world back together would be workers restoring vital services such as electricity, gas phones, water, sewers and the supply chain of food and water. Not to mention those trying to put roads and bridges back together or those trying to move people through transportation hubs.

By now the question to the reader is what is the connection to the NSC and the Labor Division. Let me explain! The Labor Division is a home for all the above, and more. By home I mean a place where union leaders, safety and health leaders and workers from various Labor unions can share their experience with each other. All the while being educated by those that have vast expertise in many areas of safety and health such that we can improve our knowledge and the ability to cope and to best protect the safety and health of ourselves and each other.

To assist safety and health professionals and advocates in workplaces everywhere the Labor Division is the equal of any organization, be it national or international, in elevating the necessary knowledge of safety and health to save lives, improve health and prevent occupational disease. It just so happens that exploiting the clear and present dangers intrinsic in our ever-changing climate point us clearly towards the very foundation of the need and mission of the Labor Division and the NSC for that matter.

In my opening paragraph some of the details of the upcoming NSC Congress and Expo and the NSC Labor Division were mentioned. If possible, this is the place to be in Mid-September. To ensure full details are available, please see the link below to get started on your journey to registration and ultimately to an experience that will leave you wanting to connect with the Labor Division again and again.

[2025 NSC Labor Division Fall Meeting](#)

There will be many returning to the Labor Division meetings, but along with many who will be experiencing the Labor Division experience again I could not be more pleased to be meeting first time attendees. You will not be disappointed!

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 fall meetings in Denver, Colorado are going to be ready to roll out the welcome.

Join us and you will feel empowered and ready to make your workplace safer than ever.

In Solidarity and Kindest Regards,

Bob Stone, Chairperson, NSC Labor Division

2025 Labor Division Fall Meeting

Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center

Denver, Colorado

Sept. 14 - 18, 2025

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