



Labor Division

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Only just returning home from the spring National Safety Council Labor Division meeting in Milwaukee attendees will be flushed with information and will be energized to continue their safety and health leadership journey in workplaces around the USA and Canada. A vast array of presenters, educators and committee deliberations have ensured that the meetings of the Labor Division have again lived up to the stellar reputation of the division.

The spring meeting agenda, as full as it was, engaged the nearly two hundred people in attendance on various items of interest to leaders in safety and health, and by extension, those represented in workplaces. Without quoting the agenda verbatim, sessions on workplace incursions, workplace violence, psychosocial hazards and mental health, health management, and interactions with community and training and safety were presented. Further to this, keynote speaker Brandon Schroeder spoke passionately of his injury and recovery.

The Labor Division prides itself on recognizing the exemplary work and actions of division members and participants. At the Awards Luncheon Ken Morris, chairperson of the awards committee, lead the presentation of awards. The division awards are described in detail on the Labor Division webpage, but highlights of the luncheon included opening remarks by NSC CEO, Lorraine Martin, and a chairperson’s volunteer recognition award. The division leadership encourages in the strongest terms that people undertake the work of nominating people and organizations for awards.



The Labor Division has faced numerous challenges over recent years. Many such challenges were the result of events out of the control of the division. Nevertheless, after seeing membership under significant duress during the COVID years the spring and fall division meetings now see close to two hundred attending on a regular basis. The return to significant numbers attending is a direct result of relevant content and recognition of those doing the work of ensuring the safety and health of thousands of workers across the entire country and Canada.

Every second year the division is boosted by being immediately after the IBEW Safety Conference. Connecting the two conferences connects several days of the best safety and health information available anywhere.

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 meeting in Denver, Colorado are already being prepared for.



Join us and amplify the leadership you already demonstrate.

In Solidarity and Kindest Regards

Bob Stone, Chairperson, NSC Labor Division



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