



**Michael Bolton**  
Director, District 2

February 5, 2010

## “CONFERENCE CALL”

**To: All USW District 2 Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries**

**RE: 2010 USW District 2 Council Conference**

Dear Union Sisters and Brothers,

I am pleased to announce that we are scheduling a **USW District 2 Council Conference** to be held at the **Radisson Paper Valley Hotel**, in Appleton, Wisconsin, for Thursday thru Sunday, April 8 – 11, 2010.

### REGISTRATION

Registration will be held Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and also Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m.

The Conference will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

### A SPECIAL REMINDER

Nominations for District 2 Council Steering Committee Members and Trustees will be held at the delegate meeting on Sunday, April 11, 2010.

In the event that an election is needed, it will be held immediately following the nominations for committee members and trustees.

### DELEGATES

Article V, of the USW District 2 Council By-Laws, states the following:

#### ARTICLE V – COUNCIL CONFERENCE DELEGATES/VOTING

- A. Each Local Union shall elect delegates and alternates to the District Council Conference at least one month prior to the Council Conference at a general membership meeting. Local Unions may alternately name automatic delegates by virtue of the offices they hold provided the Local Union by-laws specifically address this issue.
- B. Local Unions shall be entitled to one delegate for each 100 members, rounded to the nearest 100 members. (For example: Local Unions with less than 100 members will be eligible to cast one (1) vote. Local Unions with 151 members

will be eligible to cast two (2) votes; Local Unions with 451 members shall be eligible to cast five (5) votes, etc. This shall also be the formula used to determine voting strength during roll call votes.

- C. Delegates to the Council Conference must be members in good standing who have been such for at least twelve (12) consecutive months and are regular participants at Local Union meetings (attend at least three meetings per year) are eligible to be delegates to the Council Conference should they be elected. Locals may also send alternates (but must meet delegate requirements above if they replace a delegate from the local) and guests to the Council Conference; however, they will not be entitled to voice or vote.
- D. A Local Union's voting strength shall be based on its average paid and exonerated membership during the last full quarter of the year prior to the receipt of the Call for the District Council Conference.
- E. A new Local Union which has officially begun dues check-off at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the District 2 Council Conference shall be entitled to delegates with full voting power, in the same manner as all other Local Unions, except that the base number used to determine delegate entitlement shall be the most current number of dues paying members within such new Local Union. The District Director, Assistant to the Director, Sub-District Directors and all full-time Staff Representatives shall, by virtue of their positions, be delegates to the District Council Conference and shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

### **DELEGATE REGISTRATION FEE**

There is a registration fee of seventy dollars (\$70) per delegate/alternate, which includes the cost of all conference activities and materials, including the banquet.

A delegate/alternate may bring a spouse/guest to the banquet for thirty-five dollars (\$35) per person.

Checks should be made payable to "USW District 2 Council." All fees must accompany your delegate registration form.

### **DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Send only the yellow delegate registration form and \$70 per delegate fee to:
 

United Steelworkers, District 2  
Southern Michigan Sub-District Office  
13233 Hancock Drive  
Taylor, MI 48180-4766
2. **Registrations must be in no later than 20 days before the Conference, which is March 19, 2010.**
3. Clearly type or print delegate/alternate information.
4. List all delegates/alternates on the form.
5. Indicate if guests will be attending the banquet. **Guests must prepay at a cost of \$35 per ticket.**
6. If more forms are needed, feel free to copy as necessary.

## **CREDENTIAL FORM**

A Credential Form is to be completed for each elected delegate/alternate attending the Conference. Be sure to place the USW Local Union Seal on all credentials. The delegate/alternate must present the completed credential form to the Registration Committee at the time of registration – please do not mail the Credential Form with your registration fees. The delegate must bring it with them to register at the Conference.

## **AGENDA**

The purpose of this Council Meeting is to report on the “State of the District,” and to provide critical information about trends in collective bargaining and the political/legislative arenas. This year, included with the Conference, our plan is to provide an educational day with sessions covering 1) the USW Constitution & By-laws, 2) an update on the USW dues transition related to the merger, and 3) and a workshop specifically designed for negotiating health and safety language into our contracts.

## **SPECIAL GROUP MEETINGS**

Requests for special meetings must be submitted in writing 15 days in advance of the Conference.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

Resolutions may be presented to the District Conference on subjects proper for consideration by a district conference, and which are not in conflict with the International Constitution or within the exclusive jurisdiction of the International Convention or International Executive Board.

1. Any Local Union may submit a Resolution if it has been passed by a majority vote of members present at a Local Union meeting and received in the District Office no later than ten (10) days prior to the convening of the Council Conference. Proposed changes to the District 2 Council By-laws must be received no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Council Conference.
2. Such Resolutions must be properly signed and dated by the Local Union President and Recording Secretary and must carry the impressed Local Union Seal.
3. Each resolution must deal with only one (1) subject and must be typewritten. Send good clear copies so that additional copies can be made.

Submit to: USW District 2 Office  
Attn. Julie Stein, Executive Secretary  
1244A Midway Road  
Menasha, WI 54952

## ELECTIONS

Article VIII, of the USW District 2 Council By-Laws, states the following:

### ARTICLE VIII– ELECTIONS OF DISTRICT 2 COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (10) AND TRUSTEES (8)

#### A. Nomination

Any delegate may nominate any member in good standing for the position of District 2 Council Steering Committee Member. Steering Committee Members will be nominated from each sector listed in B.1.a. Trustees will be nominated from their appropriate Sub-District. The Nomination does not require a second or support. Each member so nominated must be in attendance unless unavoidably detained and must accept or decline in reverse order of nomination. Candidates not in attendance on the call for acceptance or declination shall be considered as declining such nomination.

#### B. Elections

The District Council shall hereby establish a rank and file structure, from which its members will select two rank and file committee Co-chairs and a Secretary. The Director may also appoint advisors to work with this committee, and the Director shall serve as official Chairperson of the Council and Steering Committee.

##### 1. District 2 Council Steering Committee

- a. There shall be ten (10) District 2 Council Steering Committee Members, one each from the following sectors:
  - Chemical and Energy
  - Paper
  - Allied Industrial
  - Steel and related
  - Health Care
  - Public Sector
  - Automotive Related
  - Amalgamated Unions
  - (2) at large seats not falling into above categories
- b. The delegate receiving the highest number of votes cast for Steering Committee Member from each sector shall be declared elected.
- c. Four members of this committee will also become members of the District 2 Wage Policy Committee and be elected by the committee.
- d. For the term expiring in 2010 the following shall constitute the first Inaugural Steering Committee:

The former officers from the MI Council of Locals, and the former officers of the Region X District Council, provided they are active USW members and working in the jurisdiction of the District, shall continue to serve through the term that expires in 2010. Furthermore, the Director shall appoint three additional committee members from different sectors of the former USWA District 2 to the Steering Committee to serve through 2010. The Co-chairs and Secretary for the initial term shall consist of the President of the Former Region 10 District Council, the President of the Michigan Council of Locals; and an officer from the former USWA District 2 Locals.

## 2. District 2 Council Trustees

There shall be 8 Trustees/Council Conference Sergeants at Arms elected.

- a. The delegate or delegates receiving the highest number of votes cast for Trustee in each area shall be declared elected.
  - b. The Trustees shall be elected as follows:
    - Four (4) from Wisconsin (two from each Sub-District)
    - Four (4) from Michigan (two from each Sub-District)
  - c. Delegates will vote for Trustee candidates from their Sub-District areas through a caucus held by the Sub-District Director, and assisted by the Steering Committee.
3. Delegates cannot hold a position as a Trustee and District 2 Council Steering/Wage Policy Committee Member at the same time.
  4. The term of office for Trustees and the District 2 Council Steering/Wage Policy Committee shall be two (2) years.

## SECTOR DESIGNATION

For the purpose of holding elections of the USW District 2 Council Steering Committee, please see the enclosed Local Union Sector Designation List to verify the sector to which your local union is assigned.

## HOUSING INFORMATION

1. Please contact the hotel directly when making reservations. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of \$99 for single or double occupancy. The hotel will only hold rooms at this rate for reservations received **before Tuesday, March 9, 2010.**
2. To register, contact: **Radisson Paper Valley Hotel**  
 333 West College Avenue      Telephone: 920-733-8000  
 Appleton, WI 54911      Toll Free: 1-800-333-3333  
 Mention the “**United Steelworkers District 2**” room block to obtain the \$99 rate.
3. It is recommended that you reserve your room(s) as soon as possible due to the expected number of attendees at this Conference.

If you have any questions, or need information regarding the Conference, contact Julie Stein at the District 2 Office. **For housing information, contact the Hotel directly.**

## DELEGATE EXPENSES

Each Local Union must bear the expenses of delegates attending the Conference, including lost time, travel, and hotel.

I strongly encourage participation from every local and look forward to greeting your delegates at the Conference as we join together to pursue our Union's goals to achieve economic, social and political justice for all.

Yours in Solidarity,



Michael H. Bolton  
Director, District 2

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Enclosures

c: District 2 Staff

**Note to all Local Union Presidents:**

- The registration and credential forms for your Local Union have been mailed to your Recording Secretary **only**.
- The Council By-laws are posted on the District 2 SharePoint site. A personal email address is required to access this site. To obtain a password for your Local Union, email Julie Stein at [jstein@usw.org](mailto:jstein@usw.org).

**A Special Note:** Any Local Union or their Company willing to donate small items or trinkets to be included in the conference kits, please contact:

Julie Stein, Executive Secretary  
USW District 2 Office  
1244A Midway Road  
Menasha, WI 54952  
Ph: (920) 722-7630

**USW District 2 Council Steering Committee  
Local Union Sector Designation**

<b><u>Allied Industrial</u></b>	<b><u>Amalgamated</u></b>	<b><u>At Large</u></b>	<b><u>Auto</u></b>
2-145	29U	84	49L
2-204	146	2-100	2-69
2-209	199	110T	125A
255	2-364	175A	2-232
2-286	2-389	182	278
333U	2-824	209	332
2-366	892L	239	2-368
2-369	1343	322	403
2-380	1527	342	2-414
2-410	1533	416	2-502
460	2-2003	431L	2-513
2-475	2006	609L	2-540
2-479	2511	636	564
2-535	2659	644	568
2-585	3135	2-666	2-614
588	3245	681	2-628
779	4846	2-696	2-682
814	5024	2-825	690L
815	6119	2-857	2-695
2-816	8058	2-921	2-790
850	9040	1327	904L
851	13702	1610	2-1005
2-979		2-2000	2-1063
2-995		2167	2-1082
1114		3056	6265
5187		3205	7948
15100		3740	8149
		4547	8339
		4845	9491
		5965	
		9435	
		9997	

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**Chemical & Energy**

2-4  
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220  
2-667  
2-987  
1207  
7237  
12075  
12295  
12773  
12934  
13547  
14450  
16201

**Health Care**

204  
206A  
882L  
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7798  
8293  
9184  
9899  
14965  
15301

**Steel Related**

1299  
1900  
2138  
4933  
4950  
4974  
7076  
9264  
9529

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**Public**

2-6	8384	9998	14449
139	8410	13569	14540
207	8422	13635	14557
211	8569	13685	14723
7380	8840	13729	14758
7652	8986	14009	15095
8140	9036	14178	15157
8287	9521	14317	15528

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**Paper**

2-9	201	2-469	1021
2-15	2-213	2-482	2-1033
2-16	2-221	484	1034
2-20	2-224	2-550	2-1050
2-21	231	597	1077
42	2-248	2-598	1096
2-44	273	2-631	1166
2-47	2-295	2-677	2-1170
51	2-316	2-727	1201
59	319	741L	2-1279
2-86	323	2-748	1306
2-87	324	762	1316
2-94	2-327	803	1319
2-96	2-345	812	1321
2-116	2-354	829	1381
131	359	932	1517
2-144	2-370	2-945	1778
2-148	402	946	2-1822
2-150	2-430	1008	2-1970
2-169	2-432	2-1010	6050
2-172	445	1015	12585
2-187	460L	2-1017	
2-200	465	2-1019	

Please contact your Staff Representative if you have questions regarding your designated category.



2010 USW District 2 Council Conference

Radisson Paper Valley Hotel

April 8 -11, 2010

**Delegate Registration Form**

This is to certify that the following delegates from Local \_\_\_\_\_ will attend the Conference:

	<b>Circle Designation*:</b>	<b>Bringing a spouse/ guest to banquet*:</b>
1. _____	Delegate / Alternate	yes / no
2. _____	Delegate / Alternate	yes / no
3. _____	Delegate / Alternate	yes / no
4. _____	Delegate / Alternate	yes / no
5. _____	Delegate / Alternate	yes / no
6. _____	Delegate / Alternate	yes / no
7. _____	Delegate / Alternate	yes / no
8. _____	Delegate / Alternate	yes / no
9. _____	Delegate / Alternate	yes / no
10. _____	Delegate / Alternate	yes / no

\* Designate by circling whether the member is attending as a delegate or an alternate; then, also indicate whether each delegate/alternate will bring a spouse/guest to the banquet by circling yes or no.

Please note: Registration fee is \$70 per delegate/alternate (this fee **includes** the cost of the banquet ticket. However, there is a banquet ticket fee of \$40 per spouse/guest).

The original of this form, **including all fees**, must be received by no later than **Friday, March 26, 2010**, at the USW District 2 Southern Michigan Sub-District Office, 13233 Hancock Drive, Taylor, Michigan 48180-4766. Make check payable to **USW District 2 Council**. **DO NOT send in your credential forms. All delegates must present the original credential form when registering at the Conference.**

Delegates: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$70 per delegate: \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.  
Delegate's \$70 fee **includes** the cost of the banquet ticket.

Banquet Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 per ticket: \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Local Union Seal

President \_\_\_\_\_

Rec. Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make a **copy** for your records and bring it to Conference to present to the Registration Committee as proof of registration.

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**Credential Form**

Please print.

We hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ was duly elected a  
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF DELEGATE/ALTERNATE)

delegate/alternate to represent Local Union No. \_\_\_\_\_ at the USW District 2 Council  
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As a cost effective measure to assist locals with the travel/mileage expenses to Appleton, Wisconsin, the District is looking into reserving a coach bus.

Please contact the Sub-District 2 office at (734) 374-8200 as soon as possible, but no later than March 1st, if you are interested in traveling by bus.

NOTE: Arrangements will only be made if there are enough responses to fill a bus. The cost per person will be determined by the actual rental cost of the bus.

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