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International President

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**To: All US & Canadian Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries**

Greetings:

The United Steelworkers 16<sup>th</sup> International Civil & Human Rights Conference will be held September 26-30, 2012 at the Millennium Hotel in Cincinnati, OH.

We will use this conference to educate, energize and mobilize around the upcoming 2012 elections, and one of our most precious civil and human rights – voting, and will build on our conference theme, **POWER OF THE BALLOT!**

All Civil and Human Rights Committee members are urged to participate, and there is no limit to the number of delegates a local union can send, nor is attendance restricted in any way.

### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Participants are urged to pre-register at [www.usw.org](http://www.usw.org). Please select the 2012 United Steelworkers Civil & Human Rights Conference icon and complete the online registration form.

**The conference registration fee is \$200.00 U.S. or \$ 200.00 Canadian. This fee includes one ticket to the Civil & Human Rights Banquet to be held Saturday night.** (Additional banquet tickets may be purchased at the conference for \$75.00 each.) After registering online, please print and send a copy of your local's registration form along with a check made payable to **"USW Secretary-Treasurer,"** that totals the registration fee(s) for each participant and send to the: **USW Civil & Human Rights Department, 5 Gateway Center, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.** A copy of the completed registration form with the name of each registrant and the total payment due must be included. A pre-registration form is enclosed for those who are not able to register online. Registration forms may be faxed to 412-562-2495 and the check mailed to headquarters at the address above with a copy of the completed form.

Participants will still be able to register once they arrive at the conference; however, the registration fee must be paid by Local Union check or cash. **We will not be able to accept credit cards at the conference venue.**

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**


A block of rooms has been set aside at **The Millennium Hotel Cincinnati** at a rate of **\$110.00 per night**, plus applicable taxes and fees. To make your hotel reservation, please call **800-876-2100** and specify that you are attending the USW Civil and Human Rights Conference; or, make your reservations online at: [www.millenniumhotels.com/cincinnati](http://www.millenniumhotels.com/cincinnati). (Enter the group code - **1209STEELW** where prompted). **The cutoff date to obtain the group rate is September 4, 2012.** You may also fax your reservation to (513) 357-8688 using the enclosed fax information page.

**United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union**

In cooperation with Professional Travel Inc., we have made special arrangements for air transportation to the Conference. Reservations may be made by calling 877-499-1149 hit prompt "4" (Group Meetings). When calling, please identify yourself as a participant in the USW Civil and Human Rights Conference, and provide **Code 92512CVGUS.**

I look forward to greeting your delegation at the Conference.

In solidarity,



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Attachment

- c: International Executive Board Members
- District Civil and Human Rights Coordinators
- Staff Representatives
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