

April 15, 2014

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International Vice President

TO: USW Oil Industry Local Union Presidents and Financial Officers

SUBJECT: 2014 National Oil Bargaining Conference

Sheraton Station Square Pittsburgh  
300 W. Station Square Dr.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
412-261-2000  
800-325-3535  
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/USWOCT2014>

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Please be advised that the National Oil Bargaining Conference is scheduled for October 27-31, 2014 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for local unions having membership in oil and related groups.

Registration will be Monday, October 27, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, October 28, between 8:00-9:00 a.m. The Conference starts Tuesday, October 28 at 9:00 a.m. and will end on Friday, October 31 upon ratification of the contract demands. *You should not plan to depart from the hotel before 3:00 p.m.*

Please mark these dates on your calendar and be sure to make appropriate arrangements for a complete delegation to attend the NOBP Conference. This conference will set the agenda for National Oil Bargaining contractual demands.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement between PACE and USWA, the oil bargaining procedures as outlined in the PACE Constitution remain in effect. Therefore, voting strength for the purpose of adopting a program is based upon paid and exonerated membership of respective bargaining units for the third month preceding the conference (July 2014) as reflected in the records maintained by the International. We bring this to your attention so that you can take measures, as deemed appropriate, to assure that your local union voting strength is adequately represented at the conference.

#### Hotel Information

A block of sleeping rooms is reserved at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel. Please be sure to mention you are attending the United Steelworkers Oil Conference to receive the group rate of \$99.00 plus tax.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the reservation number or using the internet address listed above. The cut-off date for hotel reservations is September 23, 2014.

Upon arrival at the airport you will need to either take the Super Shuttle or a taxi to the hotel. Super Shuttle has a ticket counter in the baggage claim area of the airport and the cost is \$46.00 round trip. For the return trip you will need to call 24 hours prior to departure from the hotel to make a reservation. The phone number for the Super Shuttle is (800) 258-3826. The taxi fare is approximately \$80.00 round trip.

### *Airline Information*

In cooperation with Professional Travel, special arrangements have been made for air transportation to the conference. At your option, reservations may be made with Professional Travel by calling (877) 499-1149 and selecting option "4," or by booking online at [www.protrav.com](http://www.protrav.com). When calling, please identify yourself as a participant in the National Oil Bargaining Conference and refer to Group Code 2014NOBPC. Please call between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday to avoid an after-hour transaction fee of \$16.00.

### *Conference Registration*

To assist in planning, we ask that you register in advance. Please complete the enclosed form and either mail, fax, or email it to Julie Lidstone. **Registration must be completed by September 23, 2014.**

USW International Union  
470 Orleans Street, Suite 900  
Beaumont, TX 77701  
[jlidstone@usw.org](mailto:jlidstone@usw.org)  
409-838-1379 fax

**There is a registration fee of \$175.00 per participant. All registration fees must be paid prior to the conference, with a check made payable to "USW International Union" and mailed to Julie at the address above by September 23, 2014.**

### *Oil Councils' Meeting*

Meeting rooms will be available to conduct Council Meetings. Council Coordinators should contact Julie Lidstone to reserve a meeting room and provide an approximate number of delegates to ensure the appropriate meeting room size is available for your council. Council officers can obtain menus and order refreshments for the council through Julie. However, the councils will be responsible for paying for these refreshments. Julie can be reached at [jlidstone@usw.org](mailto:jlidstone@usw.org) or at (409) 838-1972. **Council attendees from other unions are required to pay the conference registration fee of \$175.00. Please include this information in the council call letter.**

### *Staff Meeting/Council Coordinators Meeting*

There will be a meeting for all USW Staff Representatives who service oil industry locals on Monday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m. Travel arrangements should be made accordingly.

**Policy Committee Meeting**

There will be a NOBP Policy Committee Meeting on Monday, October 27 at 10:00 a.m. Julie will contact you regarding travel arrangements. Hotel reservations will be made for you.

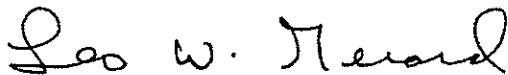
**Conference Agenda**

The agenda is not yet finalized. Some key times for you to note are the registration times as mentioned above and the conference start time of 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. There will be educational workshops, as well as time set aside for council meetings. Finalized agendas will be available at the conference.

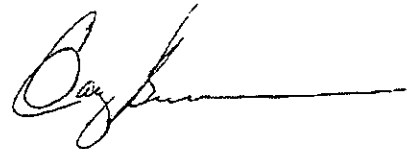
***Please note that the last day of the conference is for adoption of the bargaining proposals. You should not plan to depart from the hotel before 3:00 p.m.***

We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

In solidarity,



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International President



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International Vice President

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Enclosure

c: USW International Executive Board  
Staff Representatives Servicing Oil Industry Locals  
NOBP Policy Committee