



USW INTERNATIONAL MINING CONFERENCE
Digging Deeper: Mining to Manufacture Our Future
July 22-25, 2024 – Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

April 5, 2024

USW Mining Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries:

We're excited to invite you to this year's mining conference, Digging Deeper: Mining to Manufacture Our Future, to be held July 22-25 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We have convened a planning committee of members and staff, which has identified several objectives we hope the conference will accomplish:

- 1) Expand from the 2022 Conference to include more member-participants from a broadened mining sector that goes beyond the previous hard rock focus, and create spaces where miners can build community within their mineral groups and Districts as well as across these lines to develop broader solidarity and strength.
- 2) Build upon success of the 2022 Women in Mining Panels presenting content that specifically educates local union leadership about gender disparities and other issues faced by women, who make up 15% of the mining workforce.
- 3) Highlight the importance of building relationships with indigenous communities and acknowledge their connection to the land on which resources are mined.
- 4) Generate dialogue addressing issues (ongoing and anticipated) including new and clean tech; contracting out; health, safety, & environment; and other problems facing mine workers with the goal of identifying solutions and best practices that utilize worker power to generate change.
- 5) Provide opportunity for informed discussion on the state of mining today and on the global future of mining practices and conditions as they impact both the workplace and the marketplace, with the aim of developing a member-led narrative to drive responsible mining through policy and new member organizing.
- 6) Ensure that USW members who attend are able to fully participate in all activities with special regard to access, inclusion, and language.

Participants will also have the option of a day trip up to a USW-represented mine in Minnesota's Iron Range. Participation on this tour will be limited and pre-registration will be required. The tour will leave early on July 22, so participants will likely need to arrive in Minneapolis on July 21.

Registration

Conference registration is open and can be submitted at <https://events.usw.org/registration/mining24.aspx>. Please be sure to register for each session and make sure you are filling in all required fields. All participants should pre-register for the conference and workshops.

In-person Attendance. The registration fee for attending the conference in-person in Minneapolis is US\$ 150. Below is the hotel information for the conference:

Hotel: Embassy Suites Minneapolis Downtown, 12 Sixth Street South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

Booking Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/unitedsteelworkersminingconference/>

Reservation Cut-Off Date: June 29, 2024

Group Code: United Steelworkers Mining Conference

Room Rate: US\$ 169/night

Parking Rate: US\$ 55/night

Hotel Check-in and Check-out: 4 p.m., 11 a.m.

Air Travel: In cooperation with Direct Travel, we have made special arrangements for delegates to book air transportation to the conference. Please call 877-499-1149 and select prompt "4" (group meetings). Please identify yourself as a participant in the USW Mining Conference. Please call between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, or you will incur an after-hours fee of \$16.00.

Schedule

Participants must pre-register for workshops. French interpretation will be provided for at least one workshop during each time slot.

Monday, July 22. Registration for the conference will open at 4 p.m. on July 22. An optional day trip up to Minnesota’s Iron Range to take a tour of a USW-represented mine will also be available. The day trip will leave from the hotel early on July 22, drive 3 hours to the US Steel MinnTac mine, go on a 2-hour mine tour with lunch to follow, hosted by Local 1938, before returning to the hotel. **Participants must pre-register for the tour through this link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2FG6QLG>.

Tuesday, July 23. We will have an opening plenary session, beginning at 9 a.m. The entirety of the plenary will be interpreted into French and English. Speakers will include International officers. In the afternoon, we will have one 90-minute workshop and a 90-minute Section meeting where participants can speak with members who mine similar materials.

Wednesday, July 24. We will have workshops in the morning, followed by an afternoon workshop and interactive afternoon plenary.

Thursday, July 25. We will have one workshop in the morning, followed by a closing plenary. The conference will conclude by 1 p.m.

In accordance with our established policy, the International Union will not be responsible for the cost of delegate(s) participation. Your local union must bear any expenses for attendance, including airfare and hotel fees.

We look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis and continuing our work together in the mining sector.

Dave McCall
International President

Marty Warren
National Director for Canada



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