



District 1
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TO: District 1 Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries and Unit Presidents

RE: **WOMEN OF STEEL LEADERSHIP COURSES**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

District 1 has five (5) courses for WOMEN OF STEEL LEADERSHIP. Year I is the International's **Women of Steel Leadership Development Course**, described below; **District 1 Women of Steel Leadership Course II** targets collective bargaining and grievance handling; **District 1 Women of Steel Leadership Course III** focuses on strikes and lockouts; **District 1 Women of Steel Leadership Course IV** is a communication skills and mentoring program, along with organizing; and **District 1 Women of Steel Leadership Course V** is an analysis of our political system and current legislation impacting workers. Courses must be taken in the order they are numbered.

The **Women of Steel Leadership Development Course** (Year I) is a four (4) day course targeted to help Union sisters develop communication skills, build self-confidence, enhance their knowledge of the union, including how the Union works, and promote the development of leadership skills. This Course is an intensive educational experience which encompasses topics of labor history, health and safety, public speaking, the union structure, conflict/violence/discrimination issues, legislative process, rapid response, and organizing, as well as identifying challenges and obstacles women face. The course will include a tour of the USW headquarters in Pittsburgh as well as having presentations from guest speakers.

District 1 will be offering four (4) **WOMEN OF STEEL LEADERSHIP COURSES** as follows:

Linden Hall Education Center
432 Linden Hall Road, Dawson, PA 15428

Year 1 (Week of August 10 – 15, 2025)
and

Year 4 (Week of August 10 – 15, 2025)

Deadline for Years 1 & 4 is July 9, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn – Perrysburg
6165 Levis Commons Blvd., Perrysburg, OH 43551

Course Year 2 (Week of June 22 – 27, 2025)
Deadline for Year 2 is May 21, 2025

Course Year 3 (July 13 – 18, 2025)
Deadline for Year 3 is June 12, 2025

Courses held at Linden Hall: In order to cover all the course material, classes will tentatively start at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m., and on occasion there may be evening classes. **Check-in is on Sunday after 3:00 p.m.; check-out is on Friday morning.** A detailed agenda and confirmation letter will be emailed to each participant prior to their scheduled week of attendance. The cost for each participant's attendance by the local union will be **\$650.00**, which will cover room (based on double occupancy), meals, and materials. We must use double occupancy to help defray the cost and enable as many participants as possible.

