



2019 USW Rapid Response & Legislative Conference

October 28-30, 2019 – Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill – Washington, D.C.

March 11, 2019

USW Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries and Rapid Response Coordinators:

We are excited to announce the 2019 Rapid Response and Legislative Conference. It will be held from October 28-30, 2019, in Washington, D.C., at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill.

Every time we walk into our workplaces or negotiate a contract, laws and policies impact us. Elected officials are making decisions on these issues every day. The question is, will those decisions benefit us or do us harm?

Getting involved in Rapid Response and our union's legislative work brings our perspective to the table. By attending the conference, locals will gain knowledge on the key issues of today, learn how to share those issues with your broader membership, and build skills to help your local engage in actions that boost our union's power to impact government decisions – whether that's in Washington, in your state, or even your local community.

Whether your local has attended this conference in the past or is contemplating attending for the first time, we welcome everyone to participate. We will hold sessions for advanced activists as well as those who are learning about Rapid Response and our union's legislative work for the first time. The three-day event will include plenary sessions, workshops, opportunities to connect with other locals, meetings with your federal lawmakers, and more.

We encourage every local to take part. We all have a stake. Rapid Response Coordinators and Team Members along with Local leadership are strongly encouraged to attend.

Schedule

Registration – Conference registration will take place on Sunday, October 27, from 2:00-6:00 p.m., and on Monday, October 28, from 7:00-9:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 27 – Welcome Happy Hour & Orientation – Stop by our pre-conference happy hour from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for complimentary drinks to kick off your time in Washington. An orientation will follow at 7:30 p.m. for those who are interested. The orientation will share strategies to navigate Washington and Capitol Hill, find landmarks and restaurants, and learn about the conference.

Monday, October 28 & Tuesday, October 29 – The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday. General sessions and workshops will continue throughout Monday and Tuesday. Check our conference website at www.usw.org/RR-conference for announcements on speakers and additional details.

Wednesday, October 30 – Lobby Day & Closing Reception – In the morning, we will head to Capitol Hill for a day of fighting for our agenda and meeting with elected officials. That evening is a special closing reception.

Registration

Please pre-register online, by mail, or by fax before October 7, 2019. There will be a discounted early-bird registration fee of \$175 per delegate if registering before September 1, 2019. If registering after that date, the regular fee will be \$200. Checks should be made payable to *USW Secretary-Treasurer*.

- **Online Registration** – Go to our Rapid Response website at www.usw.org/RR-conference and follow the instructions. Either pay online or mail a check to the address below; or
- **Mail Registration** – Mail the registration form and your check to: United Steelworkers Rapid Response, 60 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222; or
- **Fax Registration** – Fax the registration form to the USW Rapid Response Department at 412-562-2266, then mail checks to United Steelworkers Rapid Response at the address above.

Hotel & Airline Information

Hotel – A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Attendees should make their own hotel reservations by calling the hotel and referring to the conference code, **UNSW**. If you prefer to book online, a link is available at <http://usw.to/RRregistration>. The hotel will accept reservations until October 7, 2019. To ensure availability, **please make your reservations as soon as possible**.

The room rate is \$209 a night plus tax. A credit card will be needed to reserve the room. If a reservation must be cancelled, please do so 72 hours before arrival or your card will be charged. Check-in is 3:00 p.m. and check-out is 12:00 p.m. Hotel parking is valet-only at a discounted conference rate of \$39 daily.

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

400 New Jersey Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20001

Reservations: 1-877-803-7534 (Conference code: UNSW)

A link for online hotel reservations can be found at: <http://usw.to/RRregistration>

The hotel direct number is 202-737-1234.

Note: For any guests pre-paying by check, please send full payment including tax to the address above, Attn: Megan Warren. Checks will need to include the guest name as well as the corresponding confirmation number, and should arrive no later than one month in advance of check-in date. Guests will still need to bring a credit card for incidentals if they wish to have charges routed to their rooms.

Air Transportation – In cooperation with Professional Travel, we have made special arrangements for air transportation. Reservations may be made by calling 1-877-499-1149 and selecting option #4. When calling, please identify yourself as a participant in the 2019 Rapid Response and Legislative Conference, code 1025DCAUSW. Please call between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday; otherwise, an after-hours transaction fee of \$16.00 will apply if the call is outside of these regular business hours.

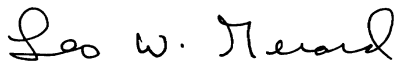
In accordance with our established policy, the International Union will not be responsible for the cost of delegate(s) participation. Your local union must bear any expenses for attendance, including airfare and hotel fees.

Stay Connected

Watch for additional announcements on our conference webpage at www.usw.org/RR-conference and join our conference mobile alerts by texting **USWRR2019** to **69866** (standard messaging and data rates may apply).

If you have any questions regarding the registration process or conference details, please contact the Rapid Response Department at 412-562-2291. We look forward to your local's participation in what promises to be a very exciting conference.

In solidarity,



Leo W. Gerard
International President



Stan Johnson
International Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure



MAIL OR FAX REGISTRATION FORM

Online registration is available at www.usw.org/RR-conference

PLEASE MAIL or FAX THIS FORM BY: October 7, 2019

FAX#: 412-562-2266

Please mail this Registration Form with a check payable to USW International Secretary-Treasurer in the amount of \$175 per delegate before September 1, 2019, or \$200 per delegate after that date to: United Steelworkers Rapid Response, 60 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

The following member(s) will attend the Conference. **PLEASE PRINT.** For additional attendees, copy this page. We will share Conference information with the individual(s) below based on the emails provided.

Name: (to appear on badge)		District #:	Local #:
Home Mailing Address: (city, state, zip)			
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Enclosed is a check made payable to USW Secretary-Treasurer for \$_____ (\$175 before September 1, 2019; \$200 after)

Form completed by (name/title): _____

Email: _____

Contact number with area code: (_____) _____

Comments: _____