

2023 Agenda

St. Paul, MN

June 7, 2023 – June 10, 2023

Unless otherwise specified, all activities take place in Minnesota Ballroom

Thursday, June 8, 2023

- 7:30 a.m. Registration opens for chairs and speakers
- 8:00 a.m. Registration opens for attendees
- 9:00 a.m. **Opening Session**
- 10:15 a.m. **Committee Meeting – Government, Labor Agencies and Standards**
Join the OSHA Labor Liaisons and others for a discussion on the process for developing the OSHA Regulatory Agenda, how voluntary consensus standards are implemented and overlap with the OSHA regulations, and how everyone can be involved in this process.
- 11:15 a.m. Educational Session #1: **The Changing Landscape of Cannabis**
Join Adele Abrams, Esq. for a conversation about cannabis, how state laws vary and where safety and cannabis intersect.
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15 p.m. Educational Session #2: **Multi-Employer Workplaces**
Multi-employer workplaces are everywhere – construction sites, locations with temporary workers, even locations with deliveries coming and going. Learn from the OSHA Labor Liaisons about the challenges surrounding worker safety in these environments, and how you can be prepared to lead safely when there isn't just one employer present.
- 2:30 p.m. Educational Session #3: **Partnering to Build Diversity in Apprenticeship Programs**
Trouble recruiting new members? Join Ray Paige, IBT Local 1150 and Rick Martagon of Building Strong Communities for a perspective on how to expand your apprenticeship programs.
- 3:45 p.m. **Committee Meeting - Industrial Safety and Health**
- 5:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception (State Suite)**

Friday, June 9, 2023

- 9:00 a.m. **Keynote: Linemen Lead Charge to Change Minnesota Law and Make Roadways Safer**
Join Kellen Schmidt, journeyman lineman and Scott Knight, electrical troubleman for Xcel Energy to discuss how they led their company's effort to expand Minnesota's "Ted Foss Move Over Law" to include utility and construction workers on two-lane roads, despite having no previous experience with the legislative process. The expansion went into effect in 2018.
- 10:00 a.m. **Technical Tour #1: Cummins**
- 10:15 a.m. **Educational Session #4: Making the Business Case for Safety: encouraging support for safety and health to your local leadership, to your employer**
Join Travis Parsons, Associate Director of Occupational Safety and Health for the Laborers Health and Safety Fund of North America for some tips on how to talk about safety to those who are focused on business operations – either of your local leadership or of your employer.
- 11:15 a.m. **Committee Meeting – Troubled Worker Safety & Health**
- 12:15 p.m. **Award Luncheon (Minnesota West)**
- 1:30 p.m. **Committee Meeting – Membership**
- 2:45 p.m. **Educational Session #5: Nanotechnology**
Dr. Peter Raynor, Professor in the Division of Environmental Health Sciences at the University of Minnesota will give you an overview of nanotechnology, some potential health effects, and what mitigations you can advocate for in your workplace.
- 3:45 p.m. **Committee Meeting – Occupational/Environmental Safety & Health**
- 4:45 p.m. **Welcome Session**
- 4:45 p.m. **Senior Safety Advocates (Governors' IV)**

Saturday, June 10, 2023

- 8:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Educational Session #6: **Empowering all in Safety**
Since 2005, the Utility Workers Union of America and Consumer's Energy have been on a distinctive path to safety. Join UWUA representatives for a deep dive into this collaboration for safe work practices, unified safety goals, and consistently trying to do better – together.
- 10:45 a.m. **Committee Meeting – Construction Safety & Health**
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch (on your own)
Labor Division Leadership Only (Governors' IV)
- 1:00 p.m. **Committee Meeting – Utility Safety & Health Committee**
- 2:00 p.m. **Committee Meeting – Occupational Driver Safety & Health**
- 3:00 p.m. **Closing Session**
- 3:30 p.m. **Technical Tour #2: Summit Brewing**
- 3:30 p.m. Caucus meetings as desired