Thanks to the NSC, the Labor Division articles/blogs/newsletters are now being posted in an update format that can be easily accessed by the vast number of people connected to the NSC. The NSC Congress and Expo and Division meetings in San Diego, including the Labor Division meetings, will soon be here. If you have not registered, there is no time like “right now”.

Awards and recognition and membership make up a significant part of all Labor Division meetings. The division is proud of the tradition of recognizing and awarding the safety and health activists that make up the Labor Division. There is a synergy of membership and awards. In a world undertaking steps to emerge from a global pandemic and sustain the momentum witnessed at the spring Tempe AZ meetings nothing ensures ongoing success more than the celebration of the amazing work of Labor Division members and workers in general.

From time to time, we see people attend division meetings and then only come back once in a while or perhaps never come back. The reasons for this are wide and varied, but occasionally a sponsor such as a union/union local/employer/combination of both needs to see something more than the shared “state of the art” information always present at Labor Division meetings. The information is cherished and often has current applications in workplaces. However, if a person is in leadership or updates leadership upon return to the workplace, imagine the attention that the Labor Division will receive if recognition accompanies participation in the division. The goal is to see this recognition translate into ongoing support for members and new members to attend division meetings.

Recognition spans a wide range. For the asking, as members, each of us will receive a letter thanking the sponsor. Beyond this, the range of awards and recognition is significant. The past two years witnessed an extraordinary effort to preserve the Labor Division, and this has paid off with an excellent turnout in Tempe. This momentum is sustainable and an increase is attainable. Let us celebrate our successes and by doing so let us keep the Labor Division membership growing.

In Solidarity and on Behalf of Labor Division Chair

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