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2010 CWA Minority Caucus Conference

23rd Annual Conference

"40 Years Celebrating the Past, Focusing on the Future"

OFFICIAL CALL

The CWA National Minority Caucus is proud to announce it's 23rd Annual Conference, which is to be held in Washington, D.C. on July 21 - 25, 2010. The Conference theme for this year is *"40 Years Celebrating the Past, Focusing on the Future"*.

The conference is being held at the Capital Hilton. Reservations may be made directly with the Capital Hilton at (202) 393-1000. Make sure that you identify yourself as a CWA Minority Caucus participant. Room rates are good through the National CWA Convention.

Our theme at our 2009 conference was *"It's Labor Time in 2009"*. Our agenda was built around educating our members on the issues of health care and the Employee Free Choice Act. We celebrated a great victory in 2009 in the presidential election and in the Senate and Congress.

We must continue to build on what we started in 2009. We must have the Employee Free Choice Act passed as written and healthcare for all Americans. In District 3 alone we will be negotiating nine of our contracts. There will be negotiations in other districts as well. We still have major problems that face our great union, such as our financial resources. We must be in a position when the Employee Free Choice Act passes to hire organizers to help the growth of our great union. If we don't organized more workers, there's a strong possibility that staff positions, conferences, etc. will be adversely affected because of lack of financial resources.

Another issue our members are concerned about is the scheduling of so many meetings back to back in Washington, D.C., because it's the most expensive location in the country to have a conference. We need to have open discussions on how to make sure local unions have the finances to send members to these conferences.

We have a very aggressive agenda planned for our 2010 conference. We will also hear from our newly elected Diversity Committee. Please make plans to join us as we collectively work to develop strategies, mobilize, and discuss the 2010 round of bargaining. We also want to remind you that the application for the CWA Minority Caucus Scholarship form is included in the registration information. Take time to review the information to see if you have an eligible dependent. Also included is the Eugene Mays' Award Nomination and the Norma Powell Nomination information. We encourage you to nominate someone you know who exemplifies the qualities for which Eugene Mays and Norma Powell were most notable, which is a person that is unselfish, giving of self to assist members in our Union and community, etc. In addition, we have a new award that the Caucus gave last year which is the Walter D. Andrews Award.

We look forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C. for a great conference and we encourage you to also visit the CWA Minority Caucus Website for conference updates.

In Unity,
The CWA National Minority Caucus