

MEMO

Date: October 26, 2023
To: All District 3 Local Union Executives, Staff and Support Staff
From: Scott Lunny, Director
Re: **2024 International Next Generation Conference**

Dear local unions,

I am pleased to invite your local union to join us for the 2024 International Next Generation Conference, March 3-8, 2024, in Pittsburgh, Penn., at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center and Westin Hotel.

This year's conference theme is around building our future leaders. This is very pertinent currently as we have seen many younger demographics stepping up into the labour world. With that, there is much potential for many to become the next leaders in our local unions.

This will be my first International Next Gen Conference as the Director of District 3 and I couldn't be more excited. It will also be a great opportunity for younger Steelworkers from across our district to come together to learn how to build a brighter future for their locals, communities and our district. Local unions should consider investing in our young members by giving them this opportunity of knowledge and space to help them become the future leaders of our union.

I look forward to meeting many of our Next Gen members from across our district and I strongly encourage locals to invest in our future by sending as many delegates as possible.

More information and registration can be found online at <https://www.usw.org/events/2024-international-next-generation-conference>.

Here's some more information about the conference:

International NextGen Conference

This four-day event will include group sessions, workshops, community service and much more – all geared toward providing our new and young members with the knowledge and skills they'll need to be activists and leaders in our union and in our communities.

We're strongly encouraging locals to send members who are 35 or younger or new to the union with a lot to learn. However, everyone is welcome to participate whether you're a new member, a young member or a union veteran.

Newer members can learn union basics to be strong activists when they get home. Experienced activists can participate in workshops focusing on mentoring, organizing and more – all fundamental work of our union.

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The future of the USW depends on our ability to identify the next generation of leaders who will step up when experienced activists are done. Next Gen is a great way to ensure those activists have what they need to continue the hard work and progress we've already made, building a stronger labor movement for generations to come.

REGISTRATION

Please pre-register online, by fax, email or mail by Fri., Feb. 2, 2024.

There will be a discounted early-bird registration fee of \$250 per delegate if registering by Fri., Dec. 15, 2023. If you register after that date, the fee will be \$275.

HOTEL AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

A block of rooms has been reserved at The Westin Pittsburgh. Attendees should make their own hotel reservations by calling the hotel directly or booking online. The room rate is \$159 a night plus tax. A credit card will be needed to reserve the room. If a reservation must be canceled, please do so 72 hours before arrival or your card will be charged. The hotel will accept reservations until February 9, 2024. To ensure availability, please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Call for reservations: 1-412-281-3700 – Press 2 and reference USW Next Generation Conference. You can also book your room online: usw.to/ng2024-westin

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

SCHEDULE

- Sun., March 3 – Attendees should plan to arrive in Pittsburgh.
- Mon., March 4 through Thur., March 7 – The conference will begin Monday. Group sessions, workshops and community service will continue throughout Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Check back here for updates to the agenda as the conference nears.
- Fri., March 8 – Attendees should plan to travel home.

Should you have any questions about the conference, please do not hesitate to reach out or to contact our District 3 Next Gen Co-ordinator, Deepak Kullar, at dkullar@usw.ca.

In solidarity,



Scott Lunny
Director