



District 9

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To: **ALL USW District 9 Local Unions**

The 2017 District 9 Education Conference is scheduled for August 28 – August 31, 2017 at the Hilton Sandestin, 4000 Sandestin Blvd South, Destin, Florida 32550. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 800.367.1271 or online at www.sandestinbeachhilton.com and entering Group Code **REF** to get the Conference rate of \$135, plus applicable taxes.

Cut-off for hotel reservations is July 26, 2017; however, we anticipate the hotel will sell out quickly so Locals are encouraged to make reservations early (we will once again use overflow hotels, as necessary). Reservations made after that date will be at the hotel's prevailing rate, not the negotiated conference rate. The hotel charges cancellation fees if made less than fourteen days prior to scheduled arrival and early checkout penalties, both of which are the responsibility of the local.

Registration is 1:00–6:00pm Sunday, August 27, 2017 and 7:30–8:30am Monday, August 28, 2017. All delegates should attend Orientation Sunday evening at 6:30pm.

Conference Registration Fees are:

Early Bird Registration	\$200 per delegate	<u>must be received no later than May 31, 2017</u>
Advance Registration	\$235 per delegate	<u>must be received between June 1 – June 30, 2017</u>
Registration	\$250 per delegate	<u>all registrations beginning July 1, 2017</u>

Fees include the cost of materials, a Conference t-shirt, lunch for registered delegates on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Wednesday night's reception. All expenses incurred for attending (including registration fee, hotel and lost time) are the responsibility of the Local.

Due to limited availability, classes are on a first come basis and will fill quickly (see attached registration form for more details). Locals are encouraged to take action as soon as possible by mailing completed forms with payment to USW District 9 Education Fund and making your hotel reservations early.

I look forward to seeing you at the Conference.

In Solidarity,

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