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TO: All U.S. Principal Lodge Officers

RE: 2017 Legislative Education Action Program (LEAP) Conference Information

Dear Colleagues:

I have scheduled the 49th Annual LEAP Conference to be held at the historic Mayflower hotel in Washington, D.C. Please plan to arrive on Sunday, April 23 and depart Wednesday, April 26. The conference's general session will be Monday, April 24 and Tuesday, April 25. The congressional reception for all delegates, family and guests will be held Tuesday evening, April 25. Wednesday, April 26 may be used as an additional lobbying day. Only union members who are registered to vote may participate as delegates. There will be approximately one hundred and seventy-five delegates from the industrial and construction sectors in attendance.

Conference Registration & Hotel Reservation Deadline: Saturday, April 1

Please visit our dedicated LEAP Conference website: www.LEAPinDC.org. From here you are able to register yourself and any guests, as well as make your hotel reservations and find all necessary LEAP materials. We will update the site periodically with speaker announcements, legislative issues and other important information, so be sure to check back.

- Location: The Mayflower at 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036
 - LEAP Rate: \$309 single/double; plus 14.5% tax (The Mayflower is a Marriott property)
 - Parking: \$49/night for valet parking; self-parking is not available
 - 1 block from Farragut North Metro (Red line) & 3 blocks from Farragut West Metro (Blue/Orange/Silver lines)
- Reduced rate reservation cut-off: Saturday, April 1 - Cancellations: 24 hours in advance
- **Please call Convention Services Unlimited (CSU), rather than the hotel, to reserve your hotel room via telephone: 1-888-278-9886 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, ET)**

Schedule Congressional Meetings Prior to Your Arrival in D.C.

Meetings with your senators and representatives should be scheduled well in advance of your arrival in D.C. A sample letter requesting a meeting is enclosed.

- Schedule meetings for Monday and Tuesday afternoons, or anytime on Wednesday
- Wednesday is an optional lobbying day, there is no general session scheduled
- Find contact information for your senators and representatives by zip code search at <http://capwiz.com/boilermaker/dbq/officials/>

Request for Voluntary CAF Contribution

We kindly request each Boilermaker delegate make a voluntary **\$45.00 personal contribution** to the Campaign Assistance Fund (CAF). Your contribution is critical and allows us to put Boilermaker families at the forefront of the federal legislative agenda.

We are required by the Federal Election Commission and the Internal Revenue Service to make the following statement: **That amount is only a suggestion. You can contribute a different amount, or no amount, without suffering any reprisal or adverse consequences. Contributions or gifts to CAF are not tax deductible.** CAF cannot accept contributions from union treasuries and contributions must be made from **personal funds**. Ways to contribute:

- PayPal: visit www.LEAPinDC.org
- Personal check or money order payable to **Campaign Assistance Fund**, mail to:
Int'l Brotherhood of Boilermakers – Dept of Gov't Affairs
1750 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 335
Washington, DC 20006

For general conference questions contact Hannah Samuel of the Department of Government Affairs at hsamuel@boilermakers.org or 202-756-2868, ext 0.

I'm looking forward to meeting with you. With best wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,



Newton B. Jones
International President

Enclosures: Tentative Agenda
Registration Form
Congressional Meeting Request Letter
Tentative Issues
Congressional Reception Invitation

cc: W. Creeden, IST
U.S. International Vice Presidents
T. Brown, COS/ED-ISO/AAIP
C. Conroy, DGA-P&LD

**INTERNATIONAL
BROTHERHOOD OF
BOILERMAKERS**

**49TH ANNUAL LEAP CONFERENCE
APRIL 23 TO 26
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - **TENTATIVE*****

LOCATION: THE MAYFLOWER
1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW • Washington, DC 20036

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Guests Arrive, Check In

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Capitol Hill Basics Class
Location: Palm Court Ballroom
(For new attendees or anyone that would like a refresher)

MONDAY, APRIL 24

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast
Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Session
Location: Grand Ballroom

Opening Ceremonies, including

- International President's Welcoming Remarks
- Boilermakers In Memoriam

Keynote Speaker

Brief Overview of Lobbying

Federal Legislation Review & Discussion

12:00 p.m.

Group Photo
Location: TBD

Afternoon

Congressional Meetings

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	General Session Location: Grand Ballroom Guest Speakers Legislator of the Year Award & Remarks CAF/LEF Overview & Political Landscape CAF & LEF Awards LEAP Giveaway Drawing (must be present to win) Conference Concludes
Afternoon	Congressional Meetings
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Congressional Reception Location: Grand Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Drop-off Lobbying Reports Optional Lobby Day
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*We will revise this tentative schedule of events as we confirm speakers, etc. Please visit www.LEAPinDC.org for periodic updates. We look forward to seeing you in April!

REGISTER FOR THE 2017 LEAP CONFERENCE

- All attendees, both delegates and their guests, must register for the conference
- Register online at: www.LEAPinDC.org or complete & fax form to Hannah Samuel at 202-756-2869

DELEGATE INFORMATION

- Please print your name clearly, *this name will appear on your conference badge*
- Please make a copy of this form for each delegate that is registering

Delegate First and Last Name: _____

Local Lodge #: _____ Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Will you attend the Capitol Hill Basics refresher class Sunday, April 23? Yes No

Shirt Size - choice of Men's size M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL: _____

GUEST INFORMATION

- Please print your guest's name clearly, *this name will appear on their conference badge*

1. Guest First and Last Name: _____

2. Guest First and Last Name: _____

3. Guest First and Last Name: _____

4. Guest First and Last Name: _____

5. Guest First and Last Name: _____

VOLUNTARY POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAMPAIGN ASSISTANCE FUND

We request each Boilermaker attendee make a voluntary personal CAF contribution of \$45.00.

This amount is only a suggestion. You can contribute a different amount, or no amount, without suffering any reprisal or adverse consequences. CAF contributions are not tax deductible and must be made from personal funds. Contributions from union treasuries cannot be accepted.

- Via personal check or money order: make payable to "Campaign Assistance Fund" and mail to the address below
- Via PayPal online at: www.LEAPinDC.org

**PLEASE SCHEDULE YOUR CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS
IN FEBRUARY/MARCH:**

- Please call your representatives and senators at the U.S. Capitol Switchboard: 202-224-3121. Ask to speak to the scheduler to arrange an appointment with the Member and their labor liaison. Ask the scheduler to save the date for the Boilermakers' Congressional Reception on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.
- **Due to the lengthy screening of congressional mail, we recommend faxing or emailing the scheduler a follow-up letter.** For your convenience, below is a sample letter for your use -- make sure to fill in the information in the parentheses.

(Date)

Representative **OR** Senator (First and Last Name)
U.S. House of Representatives **OR** U.S. Senate
Attention: Scheduler & Labor Liaison
Via Fax **OR** Email: (Fax/Email)

Dear Representative **OR** Senator (Last Name):

On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers and Local Lodge (number) located in (city, state) you are cordially invited to attend the **Boilermakers' Congressional Reception on Tuesday, April 25 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The Mayflower located at 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW.** Your name will be announced as you enter the ballroom and Boilermakers from your state will greet you in the photo line. To RSVP for the reception please email Hannah Samuel at hsamuel@boilermakers.org.

In addition, we would like to meet with you to discuss important legislative issues that are of concern within our union and respective industries. We are available after 1:30 p.m. on April 24 and 25 or anytime on April 26.

We will focus on legislative issues that will promote good paying jobs and job security for Boilermaker families. In addition, we believe it is important to hear about some of the important issues being advanced in the 115th Congress from your perspective.

Should you have questions, please contact me at (telephone number or email address). Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from your office.

Respectfully,

Name
Title

TENTATIVE ISSUES FOR LEAP 2017

With a new president and new congress arriving in January 2017, we will defer on specific legislative issues for the 2017 LEAP conference for a short time.

As of this date we do not know what Congress and President Trump will prioritize in their first 100 days and how we will respond to any particular pieces of legislation that will be introduced.

The Government Affairs Department will be carefully monitoring the new administration and congressional leadership to determine where our emphasis should be for our upcoming legislative conference. We will update the LEAP website www.LEAPinDC.org accordingly to keep you informed in a timely manner.

We always welcome other suggestions for our annual lobby visits, so please feel free to pass your ideas on to us. Please keep in mind that we need to avoid specific, local issues for our main topics, but delegates should definitely make those a priority when you visit your own Members of Congress and make the best use of your time with them.

We have a lot to discuss at LEAP this year and we look forward to a very interesting and exciting conference.

If you have any questions please contact Cecile Conroy, Director, Government Affairs, at 202-756-2868 x202 or cconroy@boilermakers.org.



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Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers*

cordially invites you to attend our

***49th Annual Congressional Reception
Tuesday, April 25th
6:00 to 8:00 pm***

*The Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
in the Grand Ballroom*

To RSVP please email Hannah Samuel at hsamuel@boilermakers.org

This is a widely attended event. Food and refreshments of a nominal value will be served.