

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013

Welcome Delegates, Alternates, Observers and Guests



Welcome to the opening day of the 26th Convention of the Office and Professional Employees International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC.

For nearly 70 years, OPEIU has been a leader within the labor movement, representing office clerical and professional employees in a variety of industries. Over the years, OPEIU has also proven that it is a forward-thinking union, constantly searching for ways to compete in an ever-changing economy, and adapting our organizational strategies to meet the challenges of today's workplace.

This has meant broadening our ranks to include other professional organizations, such as podiatrists, nurses, clinical social workers, teachers, helicopter pilots,

insurance agents, insurance adjusters, and Minor League Baseball umpires. Affiliation with OPEIU has given these groups more legislative clout and greater access to people who need their services.

We are a diverse group, but we're all connected through our desire for dignity and respect on the job. No matter what our job, we all benefit from union membership. Thus, our Convention theme — Work Connects Us All!

Delegates from all seven regions of OPEIU have gathered here in beautiful San Diego, California, this week to participate in the Convention. Please make sure you attend all sessions and carefully consider the resolutions presented. The knowledge and experience of delegates will prove invaluable as we debate and chart the future course of OPEIU. As we meet this week, we will accomplish great things to prepare for the months and years to come.

We hope you'll enjoy this week at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront, a union hotel whose employees are represented primarily by UNITE HERE, Local 30 and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501.

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What to Expect!

We have an exciting week ahead of us. As you know, the actual work of the Convention began before today as committees such as the Credentials, Constitution and Laws, Officers' Reports, Official Publications, Organizing, Publicity and Resolutions met and began their deliberations. OPEIU also hosted a Rising Stars Youth Initiative Workshop for members ages 35 and under.

Delegates are already hard at work to help shape the policies of OPEIU that will guide us until our next Convention – policies that will build upon, and improve what has been developed since the union was chartered by the AFL on January 8, 1945.

During each Convention, delegates adopt resolutions and review the union's policy statements on a wide variety of issues affecting working families. Revisions to the policy statements are made where necessary and new policies are often added.

We have an exciting range of speakers joining us who will provide important information of concern to our members. (See the schedule of speakers on page 3.)

We will also elect officers who will lead and serve the members for the next three years; women and men who will guide OPEIU through an uncertain political and economic climate, as we negotiate contracts, service our members and continue to organize. Delegates at this Convention will elect 19 officers: President, Secretary-Treasurer and 17 Vice Presidents.

An Important Task

As delegates to this Convention, we must work diligently to fully represent the members who elected us to be here. When we leave at the end of the week, we will leave knowing we have done our best to develop a program for progress that will enable OPEIU to grow stronger over the next three years.

The International Union's staff and representatives are here to make everything run as smoothly as possible, and to help make your stay both productive and enjoyable. You will be able to easily identify all staff members, as their photos appear in the latest edition of *White Collar*. They will also have special identification badges.

Today's Forecast*



*Subject to Mother Nature!



Enjoy the many sights of San Diego!



Convention Fun Fact!

San Diego is the birthplace of California! The first European exploration of the West Coast was by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, a Portuguese navigator sailing for Spain, who landed in San Diego on September 28, 1542.



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Convention Speaker Schedule

Monday, June 3

Michael Buffer Master of Ceremonies

San Diego Mayor Robert Filner (D-CA)

Hawai'i Governor Neil Abercrombie



Richard Trumka

Robert Filner



Neil Abercrombie

Tuesday, June 4

Richard Trumka, President AFL-CIO

Stephanie Miller The Stephanie Miller Show Sirius/XM Satellite Radio

Wednesday, June 5

Arturo Rodriguez, President United Farm Workers of America (UFW)

Randy Tucker Jr., President New York City Chapter, NAACP

Colin Quinn Comedian and Political Satirist

Thursday, June 6

Clayola Brown, President A. Philip Randolph Institute

Leslie Tolf, President AFL-CIO Union Privilege Program

Our San Diego Host

Our host Local Union in San Diego, California, Local 30, will be on hand to welcome and assist Convention delegates any way they can. If you have any questions about our lovely host city, please see Local 30 Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer Walter Allen Jr., who is an OPEIU delegate.



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A Full Social Calendar

In addition to all the important business that is conducted, delegates will also have the opportunity to gather together and get to know each other better. OPEIU has scheduled a variety of opportunities to allow you to do just that, and to relax and unwind after a hard day of work.

Please join us each day, meet your fellow delegates and have a great time!

Day	Function	Time	Location
Sunday, June 2	Welcome Reception	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Promenade Patio
Monday, June 3	OPEIU Exercise Club "It Pays to Shape Up"	6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Lobby Second Floor
	"Some Like it Hot" Beach Party	3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Hotel del Coronado (Buses depart Hilton at 2:30 p.m. and return at 7:15 p.m.)	
	J.B. Moss VOTE Event	8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Sapphire Terrace
	After Party	9:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.	Sapphire CDGH
Tuesday, June 4	OPEIU Exercise Club "It Pays to Shape Up"	6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Lobby Second Floor
	California Spirit Sunset Dinner Cruise	6:30 p.m10:00 p.m. (Buses depart Hilton at 6:15 p.m. and return at 10:00 p.m.)	
	After Party	10:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.	Sapphire CDGH
Wednesday, June 5	OPEIU Exercise Club "It Pays to Shape Up"	6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Lobby Second Floor
	USS Midway, SeaWorld or San Diego Zoo (Per online registration)	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Buses depart Hilton at 2:30 p.m. The USS Midway guests will return at 5:15 p.m. and the SeaWorld and San Diego Zoo guests will return at 6:15 p.m.)	
	After Party	10:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.	Sapphire CDGH
Thursday, June 6	OPEIU Exercise Club "It Pays to Shape Up"	6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Lobby Second Floor
	Farewell Party	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Promenade Patio
	After Party	9:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.	Sapphire CDGH