



# **Call to the National Joint Council**



*Standing Together for Social Justice*

**Las Vegas, Nevada – June 9-13, 2013**

To: All NOLSW local unit officers and members  
From: Gordon Deane, NOLSW President  
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This is the Call to attend our National Joint Council (NJC) 2013, in Las Vegas, Nevada on June 9-13, 2013. The NJC is the one time every 18 months that NOLSW members from around the country get together in one place to discuss plans and problems, attend workshops, listen to speakers, and also to HAVE FUN. This year our NJC will take place at the Luxor hotel.

Our NJC takes place at a critical economic time for our country. Corporate interests and the 1% are making unprecedented attacks on unions, the poor, and the working class, while at the same time decreasing taxes for corporations and the wealthiest people. Our members and our clients are suffering and continue to suffer as a result of these policies.

At the same time, unions are exploring ways to work with other groups and expand union influence. Increasingly, union members are coming to understand that we need to work with other activists and organizations to build a social justice movement. In every speech and writing by UAW President Bob King, he emphasizes the need for union members to become part of a social movement and work in coalition with other groups. That is why the theme we have chosen for this year's NJC is—

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## **UNIT REPRESENTATION AT THE NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL**

Under NOLSW Bylaws, each unit is entitled to send two (2) Representatives to the National Joint Council (NJC), one of whom is the unit Chairperson. Units may send Additional Representatives if they so choose. All Representatives, other than the unit Chairperson, must be elected by the membership. Election shall be by a majority of those votes cast and contested elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.

Each Unit may send as many Additional Representatives as they wish, but all Representatives must be elected. Subsidized and Additional Representatives have voting rights, as determined by their delegation, up to the total amount of votes provided in the Bylaws of NOLSW, UAW Local 2320. Units are encouraged to send as many representatives as possible.

**Subsidized Representatives:** NOLSW will subsidize one Representative from each unit. The registration fee for the subsidized representative is \$150 which includes NJC materials, food during the NJC and travel costs. The unit is responsible for paying for the hotel and other incidental expenses. **Subsidized Representatives must use the union designated travel agent to purchase airline tickets.**

**Additional Representatives:** The registration fee is \$350 which includes NJC materials and food during the NJC. The unit is responsible for the travel costs, hotel and other incidental expenses. Additional Representatives may use the union designated travel agent to purchase airline tickets, but must provide their own method of payment or designate on the registration form and signed by the unit chairperson that the airline tickets and/or registration fees may be deducted from unit's Centrally Maintained Account kept in the national office.

**Guests:** The registration fee for guests is \$350 per adult or \$150 for children ages 7 - 18 (children under the age of 7 are free) which includes food during the NJC. The guest is responsible for their own travel costs, hotel and other incidental expenses during the NJC. Family of representatives, who do not wish to register for the entire NJC but want to attend the banquet only, may purchase banquet tickets for \$100 per adult or \$50 per child ages 7-18 in advance. Guests may use the union designated travel agent to purchase airline tickets, but must provide their own method of payment. Guests who are NOLSW members, if designated on the registration form and signed by the unit chairperson may have their airline tickets and/or registration fees deducted from the unit's Centrally Maintained Account kept in the National Office."

**Hotel costs:** NOLSW has negotiated a reduced rate at the Luxor Hotel for NJC 2013 representatives and guests of \$49 per night plus taxes and a \$9 per night resort fee which includes Internet, use of the fitness center and other hotel amenities.

**Registration:** Attached is a Registration form that each Representative (Subsidized or Additional) and guest must fill out and have signed by the Unit chairperson. Registration fees must be paid at the time the form is submitted unless the unit chairperson designates on the registration form that the fees for NOLSW members be deducted from their unit's Centrally Maintained Account.

Upon receipt of the completed registration form and payment, the union administrators will email each registrant instructions and procedures for contacting the union travel agent and making hotel reservations.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 10, 2013**