

2020 UWUA Region V Conference

This year's UWUA Region V Conference is designed to empower and educate our union's membership and offer a unique opportunity to network with fellow leaders, discuss strategies and identify actions members can embrace to help ensure continued success and growth in each region. This conference will offer several workshops on safety, legal considerations, organizing and effective communications – all intended to help members sharpen their skills and make them more effective advocates.

Workshops will include:

1 Fundamentals of Labor Law: A Foundation for Fighting for Our Members David R. Radtke, General Counsel Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO

This program will provide UWUA Local Union leaders with an intensive review of the various labor laws that directly affect the UWUA and our members. Topics will include internal union governance; the duty owed to members and non-members; prosecuting and defending unfair labor practice charges; and lawfully and effectively engaging in strikes, picketing and other actions in a labor dispute. The program will also provide an up-to-the-minute update on the rapidly changing labor law landscape and its impact on our Union. The program will be interactive with an opportunity to discuss issues that are directly affecting participants in their own locals.

2 Fighting to Secure Our Future: Mobilizing Members to Take Effective Direct Action Steve Wyatt, Labor Consultant Leadership, Education & Development, LLC

Member mobilization is the strategy UWUA will use to increase our power, secure our jobs, and protect our hard-fought gains. This workshop focuses on developing an informed membership campaign of direct action to present our case to other members, groups within the communities in which we reside, and your elected civic representatives. Participants will learn how to develop a M2M structure, identify and engage community allies, conduct constructive conversations, and make effective large group presentations.

3 Safety Training: Developing a Union Safety Committee Scotty MacNeill, National Safety Director Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO

Presented by the UWUA National Safety Director and the Regional UWUA National Safety Committee members, this workshop will provide local members with the knowledge and tools necessary to develop a functioning and effective union safety team.