



CALL

FOR THE

2016 COPE ENDORSING CONVENTION

OF THE

FLORIDA AFL-CIO

Greetings:

We are pleased to notify you that the 2016 COPE Endorsing Convention of the Florida AFL-CIO will be held in Orlando, Florida on June 11-12, 2016. A Plenary Session will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 11th with workshops and seminars in the afternoon. The voting COPE convention will be held Sunday, June 12th.

REGISTRATION of DELEGATES will begin Friday, June 10, 2016, at 3:00 PM at Doubletree Hotel at the Entrance to Universal, Orlando, Florida. ***ALL UNIONS or COUNCILS*** affiliated with the Florida AFL-CIO are urged to have their full delegations attend and actively participate in this Convention.

REPRESENTATION

The delegate allocation and voting strength of each affiliated local union shall be determined by the total per capita tax paid for the first twelve (12) months of the fifteen (15) month period preceding the Convention, divided by twelve.

The delegate allocation and voting strength of a local union affiliated for less than twelve (12) months shall be computed from the month of affiliation and shall be determined by the total per capita tax paid for all months affiliated divided by twelve. The number of delegates will be determined in the following manner:

One Hundred (100) members or less - one (1) delegate.

Thereafter, one (1) additional delegate allowed for each 100 members or fraction thereof.

Central bodies - one (1) delegate.

State Association and Trade Councils - one (1) delegate.

Other Organizations - one (1) fraternal delegate with voice but no vote.

All Credentials of Delegates-elect must be in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer at least twenty (20) days prior to the commencement of the Convention. Credentials received after that time shall be submitted to the Credentials Committee, and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Convention to seat such delegates.

No Delegate shall be seated unless the organization which he or she is representing is affiliated and in good standing with the Florida AFL-CIO as of May 31, 2016.

No affiliate shall be represented by proxy, and no delegate shall represent more than one (1) affiliate.

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CREDENTIALS

*Credentials are forwarded to all affiliated organizations in good standing. **The credential must be signed** by the delegate and alternate, if applicable. List the name of a union officer in the space provided. Submit the completed credential to the Florida AFL-CIO with the appropriate registration fee, in care of Andrew Spar, Secretary-Treasurer, 135 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 no later than May 23, 2016.*

Delegates who are not pre-registered must register on-site no later than 2:00 PM EST June 11, 2016, in order to be eligible to vote.

The Committee on Credentials will meet at the Doubletree Hotel at 7:30 AM on Saturday, June 11, 2016 and again at 7:00 AM on Sunday, June 12, 2015, and will report immediately upon the commencement of the Convention.

RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by May 23, 2016. The Secretary-Treasurer will cause copies of all such resolutions to be made and distributed to convention delegates at the time of registration. Resolutions presented after this date will be considered upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote, providing the originator furnishes sufficient copies for each delegate. The deadline for receipt of late resolutions is 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 11, 2016. A number for each resolution must be assigned by the Secretary-Treasurer before printing.

*Fraternally,
ANDREW SPAR
Secretary-Treasurer*

ROOM RESERVATIONS

*All delegates should make their own room reservations directly with the Doubletree Hotel at the Entrance to Universal **no later than, Sunday, May 8, 2016**. There are two options for making your reservations – phone or email.*

To reserve your room by phone, call 800-222-8733 and reference the Florida AFL-CIO.

To reserve your room by online, go to: http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/M/MCOUNDT-COP-20160609/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

There are several events planned for delegates and guests during the COPE Endorsing Convention. The times, dates and costs for each of these events are listed on the credentials form. Please refer to these when making your plans.

