



Transportation Communications International Union

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TO: ALL LOCAL CHAIRPERSONS – PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I am writing to advise you of your eligibility and the many benefits with affiliating your Local Lodge with the Pennsylvania State Council of Machinists. I am convinced that affiliating with the State Council will enhance the representation of all the members in your Local Lodge. As part of our merger with the Machinists Union, it is important that we take advantage of all the benefits the Machinists have to offer.

You may be familiar with the Pennsylvania State Council of Machinists, but a short outline here may be useful to you. The Council is a structured body with their own set of governing by-laws, state political PAC, annual dues and several committees made up of the various Machinists' Local Lodges throughout the State of Pennsylvania. The purpose of the State Council is to promote the interests of its workers throughout the State of Pennsylvania. By participating in the State Council, your Local Lodge will become a full voting partner with a designated number of delegates based upon the number of members in your Local Lodge. You will have a strong voice in state and local politics. It is the State Council that is responsible for endorsing candidates for Congress and state office. The Pennsylvania State Council of Machinists is also affiliated with many of the various Central Trade and State Labor Councils and takes an active part in their activities. As you can see, their clout stretches across the entire state.

Amtrak and commuter railroads depend heavily on a combination of both — state and federal funding. This is why it is important to be actively engaged with the decision makers at the State Capitol. Moreover with the state of Pennsylvania receiving high-speed rail grants and other funding for expanding and improving passenger rail service, the state is going to play a greater role in deciding who will operate and maintain the service. But more importantly, a number of states like Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan and others are attacking collecting bargaining rights of union workers. Therefore, it is critical that we are actively involved at the state level to help fend off these attacks and preserve our collective bargaining rights.

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For your reference I have enclosed a copy of the Pennsylvania Council of Machinists By-Laws detailing their structure. Also attached is an invitation from the Pennsylvania State Machinists Council President C. A. (Obie) O'Brien inviting TCU/IAM Pennsylvania Local Chairmen to attend their annual convention from Monday, June 20, 2011 through Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Holidome & Conference Center; 2000 Loucks Road, York PA. A special room rate of \$94.00 per-night plus tax has been negotiated for members and guests attending the conference. Attending the convention will provide you with a great opportunity to see firsthand how the State Council operates. Attendance is not mandatory. Should you decide to attend, you should make prior arrangements with your Local Lodge for reimbursement of your expenses for this meeting.

Please review the enclosed materials and contact the Legislative Department office at 301-840-8704, if you have any questions in affiliating your Local Lodge.

In solidarity,



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Enclosure

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