

January 30, 2015

To: District 6 Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries & Unit Chairpersons

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

The 20th USW District 6 Conference will be held on August 17 – 20, 2015 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario at the Comfort Suites & Quattro Conference Centre. Sault Ste. Marie is the perfect place for this conference as it is a city that truly reflects our theme: Strong Unions Build Strong Community. For the first time ever, delegates will put words into action and spend a day out in the Soo Community helping others.

District conferences are among our union's most important events. It's our opportunity to discuss issues that pertain to us in District 6 - in our provinces and in our bargaining environments. This is our opportunity to move our agenda forward with a focus on building strong union communities, winning better contracts and renewing our emphasis on grass roots activism and mobilization.

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Steelworkers' Humanity Fund. A registered Canadian Charity, funded by USW member contributions, the Fund supports International development projects, provides emergency humanitarian aid, supports food banks across Canada and offers education programs to Steelworker members. Join us to celebrate this important anniversary.

I invite your suggestions on what you would like to see or hear at this conference. Drop me a message at [mwarren@usw.ca](mailto:mwarren@usw.ca). Planning is already under way, so please send me your ideas a.s.a.p.

Enclosed you will find the following:

- Agenda highlights
- Delegates' registration form
- Special Services request form
- Accommodation and travel information
- Special events information
- Sponsorship opportunities

Register early for a chance to win a District 6 Education Scholarship worth \$1000 for your Local. You are encouraged to register online at [www.d6conf2015.com](http://www.d6conf2015.com). See the registration form for details.

This will be a very exciting conference and of great benefit to your Local Union. Don't delay in registering your delegates. There is no limit on the number of delegates you can send.

I look forward to seeing you in the Soo.

Yours in solidarity,



Marty Warren  
Director – District 6

P.S. Local Union elections are taking place in 2015. If your Local Union has elected new officers, please forward the new information to the District 6 office. Thank you.

## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

**Plenary** – This conference promises to be different from any Steelworker conference you’ve ever attended. The plenary discussion will be lively, the ideas new and exciting. More than just plenary discussion, you’ll have a chance to participate in interactive panels, open mic sessions and more. You’ll hear from inspiring and thought provoking speakers, but most importantly, we want to hear from you and how your Local makes a difference in your community. A Strong Union Community is almost always a strong, socially responsible community. Let’s build on what we do best! Let’s leave a positive mark on the city of Sault Ste. Marie.

**Community Day** – Steelworker delegates connecting with the Soo community. This is our chance to give back. We’ll go to non-profit organizations in need of help. It could be painting, fixing a window or door or serving lunch. Bring your get-down-and-dirty clothes – we’ll provide the t-shirts. More details about this day will follow.

**Community Celebration Concert** – Enjoy a night of fun and entertainment at the Roberta Bondar Park & Pavilion. We’re bringing the community together to celebrate with music, fireworks and more, including a special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for the Steelworkers’ Humanity Fund.

**Director’s Dinner** – You are invited to an evening of dinner and entertainment at the newly renovated St. Mary’s Paper Mill in Sault Ste. Marie. Musical guests will feature Under 6 Feet and live from the Soo, **Steelworkers Got Talent**. Dust off your guitar, put your band together, or break out that comedy act, for a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$1000 to be donated to the registered charity of your choice. Bus transportation will be provided.

**Movie Night** – The District 6 Women’s Committee will host a movie night showing *Looking for Angelina*, a 2005 Canadian drama, based on the true story of abuse and murder, involving Angelina Napolitano. This award-winning film was shot in two weeks in Sault Ste. Marie on a shoe-string budget. (Rated 6.9/10)

**Hospitality Suites** – Come on down and join us for a drink, a chat and a bit of karaoke. Hospitality suites will be held on Sunday and Tuesday evenings, in the Comfort Suites Hotel. All proceeds will be donated to local charities.

**Meals** – Breakfast is complimentary with your hotel accommodation. Lunch will be served Monday – Thursday. Dinner will be served at the Director’s Reception on Monday evening and at the Bondar Pavilion on Wednesday evening.

*Check the online registration page at [www.d6conf2015.com](http://www.d6conf2015.com) for updates.*

*Simultaneous French/English translation will be provided during all plenary sessions.*

*A more comprehensive agenda will be sent out closer to the conference date.*



## CALLING ALL TALENTED STEELWORKERS BRING YOUR AMAZING ACT TO THE STAGE

**GRAND PRIZE \$1,000**

**towards a registered charity of your choice**

This talent show is open to all Steelworker delegates. It's the perfect opportunity to showcase your talent! If you sing, dance, play an instrument, juggle, do magic, comedy, or another self-contained novelty act, here's your chance to perform.

Performances will take place during the evening of the Director's Dinner on Monday, August 17, 2015 at the newly renovated St. Mary's Paper Mill in Sault Ste. Marie. The winner will be decided by the audience.

You must register in advance to take part. There is no cost to register. Submit one registration form per act. Performances are limited to five minutes maximum.

### REGISTRATION

**Register your act before July 15 at [www.d6conf2015.com](http://www.d6conf2015.com) or send this form by mail, email or fax.**

*All fields are required.*

Contact Name:		Local:	
Contact Email:		Cell:	
Act Name: (include song title if applicable)			
Description:			
# of performers:			

## REGISTRATION

**Preferred registration method: online at [www.d6conf2015.com](http://www.d6conf2015.com)**  
**You may also mail, email or fax the form below.**

**Fees:** (most meals are included – see dietary requirements on Special Services page)

**\$300** Early Bird\* - Payment must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2015.

**\$350** Regular - Payment postmarked after June 1, 2015.

**\$400** Late - At the door registration.

*\*Locals registering by the Early Bird deadline (June 1) will automatically be entered into a draw to win a \$1,000 District 6 Local Union Education Program Scholarship.*

*There is no limit to the number of delegates you can send from your Local Union.*

Local Union: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

	Delegate 1	Delegate 2	Delegate 3	Delegate 4
Name:				
Personal Phone #:				
Personal Email:				
Gender:				
Language: (EN/FR)				
1 <sup>st</sup> Time Delegate?				

**Mail, email or fax to:** United Steelworkers  
District 6 Conference  
200 Ronson Drive, Suite 300  
Etobicoke, ON M9W 5Z9  
416-243-9573 (fax)  
d6conf2015@usw.ca (email)

***Make cheque payable to USW District 6.***  
***Include a copy of the registration form with your cheque.***

## SPECIAL SERVICES

*Fill out one form for each person requiring special services.*

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Local:</b>		<b>Daytime Phone #:</b>	
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## DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

*Some meals are provided during the conference. Indicate below, if you have special dietary requirements.  
Note: Breakfast is provided at your hotel. Contact your hotel for special dietary requirements.*

<b>Vegetarian</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Vegan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Gluten Free</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Food Allergies</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify:				
<b>Other</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify:				

## ACCESS & SERVICES FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES

Use a wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blind or visually impaired	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobility impaired	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deaf or hearing impaired	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify:	
Do you require materials in an alternate media?	Specify:		
Do you require service for deaf/hearing impaired?	Specify:		

## HOTEL & TRAVEL

### HOTELS:

#### **Comfort Suites & Quattro Conference Centre (Headquarter Hotel)**

229 Great Northern Road  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 4Z2  
Phone: (705) 942-2500  
Toll-free: 1-800-563-7262

#### **Holiday Inn Express (Overflow Hotel)**

320 Bay Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 1X1  
Phone: (705) 759-8200  
Toll-Free: 1-877-660-8550

Room Rates: (taxes not included)

\$135 per night (standard room, single or double)

\$145 per night (triple)

\$155 per night (quad)

Amenities:

- Free Full Breakfast
- Free Outdoor Parking
- Fitness Centre
- Indoor Pool
- Free wireless internet

To get the special room rate, you must indicate that you are with the **USW District 6 Conference**.

**The cut-off date for blocked room reservations is July 16, 2015.** After this date, availability and room rates are NOT guaranteed.

## TRAVEL:\*

**Air Canada**, the official Canadian Airline for this event, is pleased to offer a 10% discount on available base fares to Sault Ste. Marie (YAM), for the travel period beginning Saturday, August 08, 2015 and ending Friday, August 28, 2015.

Book online at [www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com) and enter your promotion code **EDAZJ3U1** in the search panel.

No discount will apply to Tango and Executive Class lowest bookings for travel within Canada or between Canada and the U.S.

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**Porter Airlines** is proud to offer a 10% discount on available base fares (with the exception of the lowest class fare during a public seat sale) for travel to and from **USW District 6 Conference**. The discounted fares are available for booking from January 5, 2015 to August 31, 2015 for travel:

From: Anywhere in Canada or US To: Sault Ste. Marie      August 12, 2015 – August 28, 2015  
From: Sault Ste. Marie To: Anywhere in Canada or US      August 15, 2015 – September 31, 2015

Book online at [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com) or through your travel agent using promo code **USW15**.

*\*Promotional codes are for use by only those attending the USW D6 Conference.*


**Bus transportation** from Toronto to the conference hotels. Provided there is enough interest, bus transportation will be arranged at a cost of \$225.00 per person, round trip. If you are interested please contact Amanda Neale @ [d6conf2015@usw.ca](mailto:d6conf2015@usw.ca) or 416-243-8792 ASAP and no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Light snacks and beverages will be provided on board.

*Shuttle service to and from the various conference events will be provided.*

## SPONSORSHIP

This is a great opportunity to bring recognition to your local union. Maximize your visibility with one of the many levels of sponsorship available or contact us and we can tailor-make a package that is just right for you.

**Be part of the team. Get Recognized. Be a sponsor.**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES		
<b>Title</b> <b>(1 available)</b> 	<b>\$20,000</b>	➤ cover logo on event program ➤ signage in the Quattro Conference Centre area ➤ full page recognition in event program ➤ exclusive event banner ➤ logo t-shirts for Community Day ➤ complimentary display table
<b>Director's Dinner</b> <b>(1 available)</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	➤ cover logo on event program ➤ full page recognition in event program ➤ logo projected in conference centre entrance area ➤ logo tent cards on each dinner table ➤ complimentary display table
<b>Lunch</b> <b>(4 available)</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	➤ full page recognition in event program ➤ logo projected in conference centre entrance area ➤ logo tent cards at lunch station ➤ complimentary display table
<b>Coffee Break</b> <b>(5 available)</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	➤ half page recognition in event program ➤ logo projected in conference centre entrance area ➤ logo tent cards at coffee station ➤ complimentary display table
<b>Hospitality Suite</b> <b>(2 available)</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	➤ quarter page recognition in event program ➤ logo projected in conference centre entrance area ➤ logo tent cards in hospitality suite
<b>Raffle Prizes</b>		➤ recognition by M.C. at time of draw ➤ logo on raffle promotional posters

If you would like to join our team as a sponsor, please complete the form below.



SPONSORSHIP FORM					
Organization Name:					
Contact Name:					
Street:					
City:		Prov:		Postal Code:	
Phone:		Ext:		Fax:	
Email:					

***I would like to sponsor the conference as follows:***

Director's Dinner ☐    Lunch ☐    Coffee Break ☐    Hospitality Suite ☐

Raffle prizes: ☐

Other ☐ Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make cheque payable to USW District 6 and write *Sponsorship* on the memo line of the cheque.