



# **CONVENTION CALL**

**Minnesota State Retiree Council,  
AFL-CIO**

**20th Annual Convention**

**Sunday, September 25, 2016  
11 a.m. — 3 p.m.**

**Duluth Entertainment Convention Center  
350 Harbor Drive  
Duluth, Minnesota 55802**

# OFFICIAL CONVENTION CALL

## Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO

July 15, 2016

**To:** All Labor Organizations with Retirees

The 20th Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO, will be held at the Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center (DECC), 350 Harbor Drive, Duluth, Minnesota 55802, on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The convention will start at 10.30 a.m., with **registration beginning at 9:30 a.m.** Expected adjournment will be at 3:00 p.m. The cost of coffee and lunch is included in the convention registration fee.

**CONVENTION REPRESENTATION** The By-Laws provide as follows (Section 5 & 8 b.):

<b><u>Affiliated Membership</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation Fee Paid</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Delegates</u></b>
1—25	\$ 5	2
26—50	\$10	3
51—75	\$15	4
76—100	\$25	5
101—250	\$50	8
251—500	\$75	9
500+	\$100	10

The number of delegates to the convention is based upon an organization's affiliated membership (see table above). Delegates may both speak and vote. Candidates for election to the State Retiree Council Board must be delegates. Affiliated organizations are entitled to an equal number of alternates who are also encouraged to attend. Alternates may speak but **not** vote.

### **Non-Affiliated AFL-CIO Retiree Groups**

Non-affiliated AFL-CIO retiree groups may send up to six (6) non-voting representatives.

### **Credentials Deadline: Sept. 16**

Enclosed is one blank credential for affiliated groups. Please make copies as needed OR download the forms from our website: <http://www.mnaflcio.org/state-retiree-council>

Once you have selected your delegates and alternates, please complete a form for each one. Send **the bottom portion** to the Minnesota State Retiree Council AFL-CIO, 175 Aurora Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103. **It should be received by Friday September 16.** The delegate or alternate should **retain the top portion** to present at the convention registration desk.

Please send a **\$25 convention registration fee for each delegate, alternate and guest**, along with the credential forms. Checks should be written to Minnesota State Retiree Council AFL-CIO. Although, technically, credentials may be submitted at the

convention, **PLEASE submit credentials by Friday September 16, to make sure all who attend get lunch.**

### **Convention Resolutions**

In order for resolutions to be included in the delegate packet, they must be submitted to the Retiree Council Board no later than its August meeting (Aug. 24). Late resolutions are welcome, but will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the convention to allow consideration. The recommended Resolution Form is enclosed—and may also be downloaded from our website: <http://www.mnaflcio.org/about/state-retiree-council> (scroll to bottom of page).

### **Resolutions Committee**

The Resolutions Committee consists of up to five (5) members who are delegates and whose credentials are received by the Sept. 16 credentials deadline. Appointment to the committee will be made by the president and approved by the board.

### **Awards – Deadline for nominations: Aug. 19**

The Retiree Council may present awards in seven (7) categories at each convention, as well as Affiliate Excellence Awards. Recommendations for convention awards will be accepted on the enclosed Convention Award Recommendation Form, accompanied by a description of the qualifications of the individual nominated for the award, or, in the case of the Affiliate Excellence Award, on the form for that award. A history of awards is enclosed to avoid nomination of prior recipients. Recommendations for awards must be returned to the Minnesota State Retiree Council AFL-CIO, no later than **Friday, August 19**.

### **Elections and Nominations**

Elections will be conducted at the convention for Council officers and open Director seats on the Board. ***Candidates must be convention delegates.***

**Nominations preferred by Aug. 19.** Nomination forms along with a one paragraph bio should be submitted to the Nominations Committee Chair by **Friday August 19**. Every candidate is encouraged to screen with the Nominations Committee. Nominations Committee interviews of candidates will be conducted in connection with the August Board meeting (Aug. 24) and also between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. (or a little later if necessary) on the day of the Convention.

Although candidates need not be present at the Nominations Committee meeting, they must submit the nominations form along with a one paragraph bio to the committee chair.

We look forward to your participation in this important Nineteenth Annual Convention.

In Solidarity,

Bill Moore  
President

Rodney Anderson  
First Vice President

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Bill Moore  
*President*

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*Corresponding Secretary*

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*Recording Secretary*

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*Treasurer*

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Erv Neff

Dan Mikel

Martha Johnson

Lifetime Vice Presidents

Dan Gustafson

David Roe

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July 15, 2016

TO: : Affiliates of the Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO

FROM: Bill Moore, President

**SUBJECT: OFFICIAL CONVENTION CALL FOR 2016**

Enclosed are a number of items related to our convention to be held Sunday, September 25, 2016 at the Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center (DECC), 350 Harbor Drive, Duluth, Minnesota 55802

You should have:

*Official Convention Call*

*Credential form for affiliates to designate delegates*

*History of Convention Award recipients*

*Convention Awards Nomination submission form*

*Affiliate Excellence Award submission form*

*Nominations form to submit nominees for offices*

*Resolution submission form*

*2016 Convention Timetable*

*Directions to Duluth Entertainment Convention Center*

*Duluth Holiday Inn room rates & reservation information*

If any of the above enclosures are missing, please contact Barb Hitzeman at the Minnesota AFL-CIO office: 651-294-3084 or toll free at 1-800-652-9004, bhitzeman@mnaflcio.org.

This year's convention registration fee is again \$25. That will also include lunch and coffee. **The fee payment must accompany the credential for each delegate, alternate or guest.** Checks should be made to Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO.

Credentials and all other forms may be duplicated as you need. The entire credential packet is also available at our website: <http://www.mnaflcio.org/state-retiree-council>

Please pay special attention to the opportunity to recommend individuals and groups for awards at our convention. We hope to receive numerous nominations recognizing the good work of individuals, retiree organizations and unions. And don't rule it out: Your own group may deserve an Affiliate Excellence Award. Hope to see you September 25!

# **Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO**

## **CONVENTION AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **GEORGE COLBY AWARD**

Aimed at individuals who have contributed considerable time over a number of years in service to retirees.

- 1999** – George Colby
- 2000** – Lenny Brandt, Gene Oliva, Ann Cummings
- 2001** – Jerry Beedle, Dick Hagen, Charles Van Guilder
- 2002** – Darrell Ray
- 2003** – Erv Neff
- 2004** – Robert Fragnito
- 2005** – U.S. Senator Mark Dayton
- 2006** – Dan Mikel
- 2007** – Vice President Walter Mondale
- 2008** – U.S. Congressional Representative James Oberstar
- 2009** – Lee Graczyk
- 2010** – U.S. Congressional Representative Betty McCollum
- 2011** – Secretary of State Mark Ritchie
- 2012** – Martha Johnson
- 2013** – Sandra Peterson
- 2014** – U.S. Congressional Representative Tim Walz
- 2015** – Dave Roe

### **RETIREE COUNCIL AWARD**

Presented to a union member whose service throughout their lifetime resulted in the kind of life and benefits retirees enjoy today.

- 2000** – David Roe, Neil Sherburne, Dan Gustafson, Bill Peterson
- 2001** – Minneapolis CLU/Dick Johnson  
St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly/Shar Knutson
- 2002** – Minnesota AFL-CIO Staff, Dick Anfang
- 2003** – Mike Kodluboy, Bob Killeen, Gene Oliva, Jerry Manley
- 2004** – Al Hendricks, Sandra Peterson, Matt Stark
- 2005** – Tom Dwyer
- 2006** – Dave Schaller
- 2007** – Karen Patek, Lorraine McCloud
- 2008** – Lucille Robinson, Dave Trach
- 2009** – Mark Froemke
- 2010** – Minnesota AFL-CIO Staff
- 2011** – Joan Clark
- 2012** – Barbara Street
- 2013** – Arnie Entzel
- 2014** – Mary Sansom
- 2015** – Michael Madden

### **PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Awarded to a union member or union for exhibiting unusual leadership for building a strong voice for retired union workers and their families.

- 2000** – Bernard Brommer
- 2001** – UFCW Local 789
- 2002** – Ray Waldron, Louise Sundin
- 2003** – Martha Johnson, MN State Building and Construction Trades
- 2004** – Don Anderson, Gene Neuman
- 2005** – Roger Carlson
- 2006** – AFSCME Retiree Program, Bob Bonacorda
- 2007** – Norm Moen

- 2008 – Clarence (Smokey) Smekofski
- 2009 – Wayne Wittman, Dick Bennett
- 2010 – Charles Rike
- 2011 – Minnesota Association of Letter Carriers
- 2012 – Mary Benner, Locked Out Crystal Sugar Workers
- 2013 – Tom Huiting, John Guyse IBEW 343
- 2014 – Lois Willock & Judy Schultz
- 2015 – Lois Wendt & John Forrest, IUPAT Local 10

**BOB BONACORDA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Awarded to a union member or union for exhibiting unusual leadership in community service as a retiree or for retirees.

- 2001 – Wayne Wittman, Opal Peterson
- 2002 – Max Anderson, Doug Davis, Lucy Robinson
- 2003 – Kate Stahl, Ruth Gogolin
- 2004 – Ernie Jenkins, Audrey Logsdon, Stan Kowalski
- 2005 – Jerry Beedle
- 2006 – Tony Stelter, Fred Smoger
- 2007 – Minnesota Association of Letter Carriers
- 2008 – Percy Hughes
- 2009 – Twila Rubenstein
- 2010 – Mary Ann Beneke
- 2011 – Jerry Manley
- 2012 – Cheryl Jones
- 2013 – Twin Cities Retirees of the NC State Reg. Co. of Carpenters
- 2014 – Robert Hallstrom
- 2015 – Gerhard Bergmann, IUPAT

**TOM DWYER POLITICAL SERVICE AWARD**

Awarded to a union member or union for leadership in political education or action aimed at improving society to benefit working families and retirees.

- 2001 – Joe Begich, Bruce Lundgren
- 2002 – Jim Pearson, Joe Moren
- 2003 – John Brodrick, Russ Thornell, George Farr
- 2004 – Gary Berg, Tom Dwyer, Nellie Stone Johnson (posthumously)
- 2005 – Ken Zelinski
- 2006 – Lois Wendt
- 2007 – Bernie Hesse, Gene Neuman
- 2008 – John Raplinger
- 2009 – Harold Weed, “Changing Face of Retirement” team
- 2010 – Steve Francisco
- 2011 – Dan Mikel
- 2012 – Bruce Faribault
- 2013 – Tom Beer, Louise Sundin, John Williams
- 2014 – Jim Voytilla
- 2015 – Bruce Yernberg, IUOE Local 70 and Marianne Yernberg, SEIU Local 113 & IUOE Local 70

**MARTHA JOHNSON COMMUNICATION AWARD**

Awarded to a union member or union demonstrating clarity of thought, creativity and dedication in advocating a union message through the media.

- 2004 – Mike Kodluboy, Ed Rapp
- 2005 – Ron Cohen, Russ Thornell
- 2006 – Bernard Brommer
- 2007 – Roger Carlson, Larry Chadwick, Dick Nielsen
- 2008 – Erv Neff, Dan Mikel

- 2009** – Diane O’Brien
- 2010** – Workday Minnesota
- 2011** – Barb Hitzeman
- 2012** – Barb Kucera
- 2013** – Twin Cities Labor Chorus
- 2014** – John See
- 2015** – Charlie Rike, CWA 7200 retired

**DON ANDERSON AFFILIATE EXCELLENCE AWARD**

The Don Anderson Affiliate Excellence Award is awarded to a retiree affiliate for unusual leadership in political education, political action, and community service aimed at improving affiliate participation to benefit retirees and working families.

- 2008** – St. Croix Valley Retirees, AFL-CIO  
Northern States Regional Council of Carpenters Retirees  
Branch 9 NALC
- 2011** – IBEW Local 343
- 2012** – Local 59, Minneapolis Teachers
- 2013** – St. Croix Valley Retirees Club
- 2015** – Education Minnesota Retired

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# Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO

## 2016 Convention Award Recommendation Form

The Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO presents awards to individuals and unions in recognition of outstanding contributions to working families and retirees. Affiliates of the Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO, may submit recommendations for these awards by completing this form and returning **no later than Friday, August 19, 2016**.

**Name of nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Union:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Award category** (*select one*):

- George Colby Award**  
*Aimed at individuals who have contributed considerable time over a number of years in service to retirees.*
- Retiree Council Award**  
*Presented to a union member whose service throughout their lifetime resulted in the kind of life and benefits retirees enjoy today.*
- Bernard L. Brommer Leadership Award**  
*Awarded to a union member or union for exhibiting unusual leadership for building a strong voice for retired union workers and their families.*
- Bob Bonacorda Community Service Award**  
*Awarded to a union member or union for exhibiting unusual leadership in community service as a retiree or for retirees.*
- Tom Dwyer Political Service Award**  
*Awarded to a union member or union for leadership in political education or action aimed at improving society to benefit working families and retirees.*
- Martha Johnson Communication Award**  
*Awarded to a union member or union demonstrating clarity of thought, creativity and dedication in advocating a union message through the media.*







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Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Town or City \_\_\_\_\_
Delegate Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
Alternate Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
Alternate Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
E Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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E Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Return this portion no later than September 16, with registration fee to:

Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO, 175 Aurora Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103

**Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Nomination Form for Election to Office**

This form, together with a one-paragraph bio, **must be** submitted to the Chair of the Nominations Committee, **prior to** screening with the Committee. The Nominations Committee will screen nominees, on August 24th, at the Minnesota AFL-CIO office, in conjunction with the August Board meeting, and also from 9 to 10 a.m. on Sept. 25, the day of the Convention, at DECC in Duluth.

**Please note that the organization which a nominee represents must be a paid-up-to-date affiliate of the State Retiree Council.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliated club or council: \_\_\_\_\_

What office are you seeking? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you believe is the biggest challenge facing the Minnesota State Retiree Council?

What role would you play in facing this challenge?

Will you be available to attend monthly board meetings?

Yes

No

***~Use back of sheet for a one-paragraph bio to be distributed at the Convention~***

**Please return this form by August 19, 2016 to:**

Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO  
175 Aurora Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102

# RESOLUTION FORMAT

- PLEASE DOUBLE SPACE -

**SUBJECT:**

**REFERRED TO:** (Leave open for office use)

**SUBMITTED BY:** (Organization name, number and location)

**WHEREAS:**

**; and**

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**; now, therefore be it**

**RESOLVED:** That the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO, go on record (etc.)

**; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED:** That (etc.)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Local Union Officer)

Affiliated Union: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SUBMIT RESOLUTION BY Friday, August 19, 2016.**





**Downtown Waterfront  
200 W. 1st St., Duluth, MN**

**Minnesota AFL-CIO  
State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO  
2016 Convention  
September 25-27, 2016**

**Please check out our website for hotel information including information on our recently completed renovations. Our lobby and numerous rooms have been renovated!**

**[www.hiduluth.com](http://www.hiduluth.com)**

**Room Rates:**

**Standard Room Rate, Single/Double Occupancy**

**Saturday, Sept. 24: \$149**

**Saturday—Wednesday: \$129**

***plus 13.38% room tax per night***

**Make your reservation before August 25, 2016**

**Ask for the AFL-CIO Convention rate!**

**For reservations please call 800-477-7089 or 218-722-1202,**

**or book online at: [www.holidayinn.com/duluthmn](http://www.holidayinn.com/duluthmn)**

**Group booking code: AFL**

**Check-in time: 4 PM**

**Check-out time: 12 Noon**

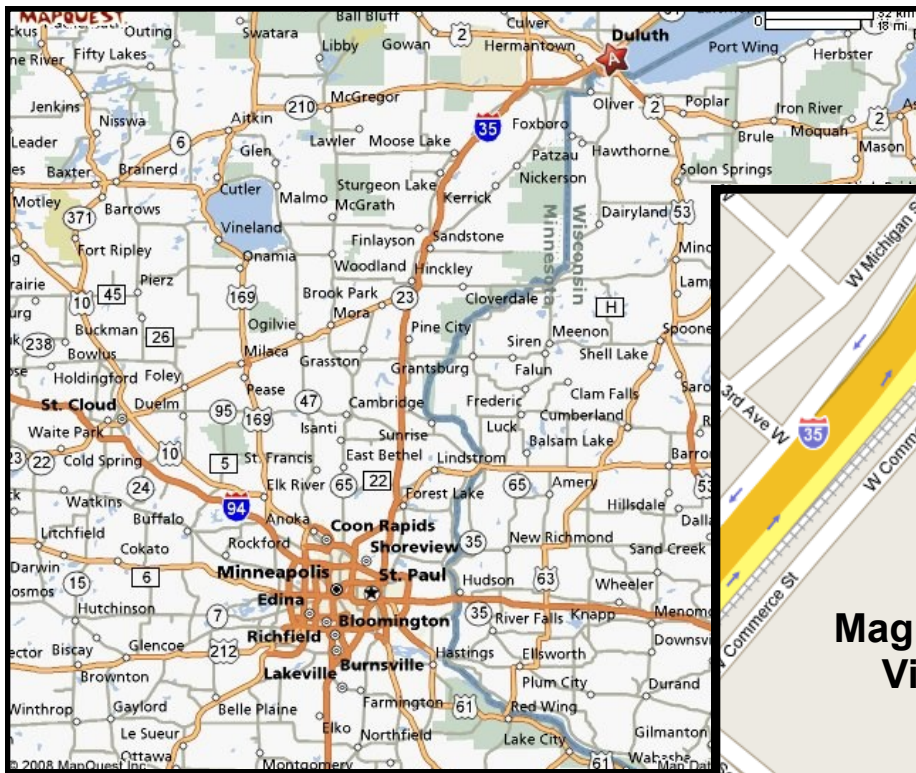


# Duluth Entertainment Convention Center

350 Harbor Drive

Duluth, MN 55802

Phone: 218-722-5573 or toll-free 800-628-8385



## FROM THE NORTH SHORE

Follow Hwy 61 South to Duluth  
Take I-35 South exit (left at stoplights by Holiday)  
Take Lake Avenue exit (#256B)  
At stoplights, turn left  
Immediately get into right lane  
Turn right onto South Lake Avenue  
After first set of stoplights, turn left onto Harbor Dr

## FROM TWIN CITIES/SOUTHERN MN

Follow I-35 North to Duluth  
Take Lake Avenue exit (#256B)  
At stoplights, turn right onto Harbor Drive

## FROM WISCONSIN

Follow Hwy 53/Hwy 2 to Superior, WI  
Continue on Hwy 53 N over the John A. Blatnik Bridge  
Merge onto I-35 North (exit to right after bridge)  
Take Lake Avenue exit (#256B)  
At stoplights, turn right onto Harbor Drive

## FROM THE IRON RANGE

Follow Hwy 53 to Duluth  
Continue to go straight past the mall and through many stoplights until you can see the lake  
Turn right onto Mesaba Avenue  
Get into the left lane and turn left at first stoplight  
Immediately turn right onto Lake Avenue  
Follow Lake Avenue to the bottom of the hill and over I-35  
Turn right onto South Lake Avenue  
After first set of stoplights, turn left onto Harbor Drive

## FROM THE AIRPORT

Follow road to stop sign  
Take right onto Haines Road  
At second set of stoplights (1.5 miles), take left onto Hwy 53/194  
Go straight, through many stoplights until you see the lake  
Turn right onto Mesaba Avenue  
Get into the left lane and turn left at first stoplight  
Immediately turn right onto Lake Avenue  
Follow Lake Avenue to the bottom of the hill and over I-35  
Turn right onto South Lake Avenue  
After first set of stoplights, turn left onto Harbor Dr



# Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO 2016 Affiliate Excellence Recommendation Form

The Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO Don Anderson Affiliate Excellence Award is awarded to a retiree affiliate for unusual leadership in political education, political action, and community service aimed at improving affiliate participation to benefit retirees and working families. Affiliates of the Minnesota State Retiree Council, AFL-CIO, may submit recommendations for this award by completing this form and returning **no later than Friday, August 19, 2016**

Name of affiliate you are recommending: \_\_\_\_\_

Local number: \_\_\_\_\_ President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

What activities has this affiliate accomplished in political education?

What has this affiliate accomplished in political action?

What has this affiliate accomplished in community service?

What other activities has this affiliate accomplished that the awards committee should consider?

Signature of nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Union: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Use back of form if necessary.)*

