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December 6, 2019

TO: All U.S. Principal Lodge Officers

**RE: 2020 Legislative Education Action Program (LEAP) Conference Information**

Dear Colleagues:

I have scheduled the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual LEAP Conference to be held at the historic Mayflower hotel in Washington, D.C. Please plan to arrive on Sunday, April 19 and depart Wednesday, April 22. The conference's general session will be Monday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 21. The congressional reception for all delegates, family and guests will be held Tuesday evening, April 21. Wednesday, April 22 may be used as an additional lobbying day. Only union members who are registered to vote may participate as delegates. There will be approximately one hundred and seventy-five delegates from the industrial and construction sectors in attendance.

Please visit our dedicated LEAP Conference website: [www.LEAPinDC.org](http://www.LEAPinDC.org) starting January 6, 2020 to register yourself and any guests, reserve your hotel room and find all necessary LEAP materials. We update the site periodically with speaker announcements, legislative issues and other important information, so be sure to check back.

**Conference Registration & Hotel Reservation Deadline: Saturday, March 28 at 6pm ET**

- Location: The Mayflower at 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW (a Marriott property)
- LEAP Rate: \$343 single/double, plus 14.95% tax
  - Parking: \$61 per night for valet parking; self-parking is not available
  - Via Metro: 1 block from Farragut North Metro (Red line) & 3 blocks from Farragut West Metro (Blue/Orange/Silver lines)
- Cancellations: 72 hours in advance of check-in date with no penalty
- **Reserve by phone: call Convention Services Unlimited (CSU) at 1-888-278-9886 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, ET). Do NOT reserve through the hotel.**

**Schedule Congressional Meetings Prior to Your Arrival in D.C.**

Meetings with your senators and representatives should be scheduled well in advance of your arrival in D.C. A sample letter requesting a meeting is enclosed.

- Schedule meetings for Monday and Tuesday afternoons, or anytime on Wednesday
- Wednesday is an optional lobbying day, there is no general session scheduled
- Find contact information for your senators and representatives by zip code search at <https://boilermakers.org/LEAP> and click on "Find your elected officials".

## **Request for Voluntary CAF Contribution**

We kindly request each Boilermaker delegate make a **voluntary \$45.00 personal contribution** to the Campaign Assistance Fund (CAF). Your contribution is critical and allows us to put Boilermaker families at the forefront of the federal legislative agenda.

We are required by the Federal Election Commission and the Internal Revenue Service to make the following statement: **That amount is only a suggestion. You can contribute a different amount, or no amount, without suffering any reprisal or adverse consequences.** Contributions or gifts to CAF are not tax deductible. CAF cannot accept contributions from union treasuries and contributions must be made from personal funds. Ways to contribute:

- PayPal: visit [www.LEAPinDC.org](http://www.LEAPinDC.org)
- Personal check or money order payable to Campaign Assistance Fund, mail to:  
Int'l Brotherhood of Boilermakers – Dept of Gov't Affairs  
1750 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 335  
Washington, DC 20006
- At conference via cash, check or credit card

For general conference questions contact Hannah Samuel of the Department of Government Affairs at [hsamuel@boilermakers.org](mailto:hsamuel@boilermakers.org) or 202-756-2868, ext 0.

I'm looking forward to meeting with you. With best wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,



Newton B. Jones  
International President

Enclosures: Hotel Notice  
Tentative Agenda  
Registration Form  
Congressional Meeting Request Letter  
Tentative Issues  
Congressional Reception Invitation

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## **BOOK YOUR LEAP HOTEL NOW!**

- **The Mayflower reservation cut-off is Saturday, March 28 at 6pm ET but we may not have any rooms available if you do not reserve early**  
In the past few years we have run out of rooms in our discounted block. We did find an overflow hotel, but usually at a higher rate. It is easier to request additional discounted rooms at The Mayflower, before it completely sells out, than it is to find a last-minute hotel in D.C.
- **Reserve your Mayflower hotel rooms now WITHOUT penalty**  
The Mayflower *does not* charge your credit card until the day you check in. **You can cancel your reservation up to 72 hours in advance of your arrival date without penalty.** The Mayflower is a Marriott property. The discounted LEAP rate is \$343 single/double; plus 14.95% tax.
- **If you need to reserve a room before or after the usual conference dates of Sunday, April 19 to Wednesday, April 22, book as soon as possible**  
We do have a limited number of rooms available for earlier arrival and/or later departure dates. These rooms are only available by calling Convention Services Unlimited (CSU) at 1-888-278-9886 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm ET). Do not call the hotel for reservations, our discounted block is managed by CSU.
- **You can reserve rooms online at [www.LEAPinDC.org](http://www.LEAPinDC.org)**

Need help with a room reservation or have questions?  
Contact Hannah Samuel, Department of Government Affairs  
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**INTERNATIONAL  
BROTHERHOOD OF  
BOILERMAKERS**

**52ND ANNUAL LEAP CONFERENCE  
APRIL 19 TO 22, 2020  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - **TENTATIVE\*****

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**LOCATION: THE MAYFLOWER**  
1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW • Washington, DC 20036

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

Guests Arrive, Check In

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Capitol Hill Basics Class  
Location: Palm Court Ballroom  
(For new attendees or anyone who would like a refresher)

**MONDAY, APRIL 20**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast  
Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Session  
Location: Grand Ballroom

Opening Ceremonies, including

- International President's Welcoming Remarks
- Boilermakers In Memoriam

Keynote Speaker

Brief Overview of Lobbying

Federal Legislation Review & Discussion

Afternoon

Congressional Meetings

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.      Breakfast  
Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer
- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      General Session  
Location: Grand Ballroom
- Group Photo
- Guest Speakers
- Legislator of the Year Award & Remarks
- CAF & LEF Awards
- LEAP Giveaway Drawing (must be present to win)
- Conference Concludes
- Afternoon      Congressional Meetings
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.      Congressional Reception  
Location: State Ballroom in the Main Hall

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      Drop-off Lobbying Meeting Report Forms  
Location: Chinese Room (near registration area)
- Optional Lobby Day

\*We will revise this tentative schedule of events as we confirm speakers, etc. Please visit [www.LEAPinDC.org](http://www.LEAPinDC.org) for periodic updates. We look forward to seeing you in April!

## REGISTER FOR THE 2020 LEAP CONFERENCE

- All attendees, both delegates and their guests, must register for the conference
- Register online at: [www.LEAPinDC.org](http://www.LEAPinDC.org) or complete & fax form to Hannah Samuel at 202-756-2869

### DELEGATE INFORMATION

- Please print your name clearly, *this name will appear on your conference badge*
- Please make a copy of this form for each delegate that is registering

Delegate First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Lodge #: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you attend the Capitol Hill Basics training/refresher class Sunday, April 19? Yes  No

LEAP Shirt Men's M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL: \_\_\_\_\_

Women's S, M, L, XL, XXL: \_\_\_\_\_

### GUEST INFORMATION

- Please print your guest's name clearly, *this name will appear on their conference badge*

1. Guest First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Guest First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Guest First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Guest First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Guest First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO CAF

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Ways to contribute:

- PayPal: visit [www.LEAPinDC.org](http://www.LEAPinDC.org)
- Personal check or money order: payable to Campaign Assistance Fund, mail to address below
- At conference: via cash, personal check, money order or credit card

## Schedule Lobbying Meetings in February/March:

- Schedule early!! Call your representatives and senators at the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121. Ask to speak to the scheduler to arrange an appointment with the Member and their labor liaison. Also, ask the scheduler to save-the-date for the Boilermakers Congressional Reception on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.
- Due to the lengthy screening of congressional mail, we recommend faxing or emailing the scheduler a follow-up letter after calling. For your convenience, below is a sample letter for your use -- make sure to fill in the information in the parentheses.

(Date)

Representative **OR** Senator (First and Last Name)  
U.S. House of Representatives **OR** U.S. Senate  
Attention: Scheduler & Labor Liaison  
Via Fax **OR** Email: (Fax/Email)

Dear Representative **OR** Senator (Last Name):

On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers and Local Lodge (number) located in (city, state), you are cordially invited to attend the **Boilermakers 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congressional Reception on Tuesday, April 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Mayflower located at 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW.** Over 175 Boilermaker members and staff will be in attendance. Your name will be announced as you enter the ballroom and Boilermakers from your state will greet you in the photo line. To RSVP for the congressional reception please email Hannah Samuel at [hsamuel@boilermakers.org](mailto:hsamuel@boilermakers.org).

**In addition, we would like to meet with you to discuss important legislative issues that are of concern within our union and respective industries.** We are available after 1:30 p.m. on April 20 and 21 or anytime on April 22.

We will focus on legislative issues that will promote good paying jobs and job security for Boilermaker families. In addition, we believe it is important to hear about some of the important issues being advanced in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress from your perspective.

Should you have questions, please contact me at (telephone number or email address). Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from your office.

Respectfully,

Name  
Title

cc:

## TENTATIVE ISSUES FOR LEAP 2020

Specific legislative issues for the 2020 LEAP conference will be announced in early 2020 after Congress returns in January and resumes their legislative agenda. With a split in party control, legislative priorities in the House and Senate have been very different. However, LEAP will present many delegates with the opportunity to meet with members and their staff and educate them on issues important to the Boilermakers.

Below are some areas that we may be focusing on at LEAP, depending on what legislation is passed (or not) before Congress breaks in late December:

- **Workers' Rights:** Representative Bobby Scott (VA-03), Chair of the House Ed & Labor Committee and Senator Patty Murray (WA), Chair of the Senate HELP Committee, have both introduced a sweeping, comprehensive labor reform bill, the Protecting the Right to Organize Act, or PRO Act (HR 2474 and S 1306). The House bill currently has 217 co-sponsors and the Senate bill has 40 co-sponsors. It is possible the House may vote on the PRO Act before recess in December, but it is unclear when the Senate may schedule a vote. It is also possible that no votes will happen until they return in January. If neither chamber or one has not taken a vote by LEAP, this will be one of our priorities.
- **Energy:** There are several promising energy bills that include further incentives for Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage technologies (including Direct Air Capture) which, depending on their status in the House and Senate, will be a big focus for us in April.
- **Trade:** NAFTA 2.0 has yet to be brought to the House floor for a vote, although there are signs that it may before the December recess. Labor has not yet endorsed the new agreement at this time. The administration is also planning to negotiate trade agreements with Japan, the EU and the UK. Status on a trade issue for LEAP is TBD.
- **Ship Building:** A new round of appropriations will start in 2020 and we will lobby Congress to fund new Navy and Coast Guard ship building and increase maintenance budgets. We also will reinforce our support for the Jones Act and support legislation that requires the transport of energy exports on U.S. built ships.
- **Health Care & Pensions:** The House voted to repeal the "Cadillac Tax" (finally!!!) on union-negotiated health plans. HR 749 passed in July with an overwhelming vote of 419-6. Unfortunately, the Senate has yet to vote on the repeal, despite the enormous support in the House and the fact that S 682 has 62 co-sponsors. Similarly, the House passed HR 397, a bill to provide a loan program for severely distressed multi-employer pension plans by a vote of 264-169. As with the "Cadillac Tax" bill, the Senate has yet to vote on its companion, S 2254, which has 35 co-sponsors. If the Senate has not voted on either of these key bills by April, they will also be a priority for us.

We always welcome other suggestions for our annual lobby visits, so please feel free to pass your ideas on to us. Please keep in mind that we need to avoid specific, local issues for our main topics, but delegates should certainly make those a priority when you visit your own Members of Congress and make the best use of your time with them. We have a lot to discuss at LEAP this year and we look forward to a very productive conference.

We will update the LEAP website [www.LEAPinDC.org](http://www.LEAPinDC.org) accordingly to keep you informed in a timely manner.

If you have any questions please contact Cecile Conroy, Director, Government Affairs, at 202-756-2868 x202 or [cconroy@boilermakers.org](mailto:cconroy@boilermakers.org).





*The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers,  
Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers*

*cordially invites your Member of Congress to attend our*

***52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congressional Reception***  
***Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020***  
***6:00 to 9:00 pm***

*The Mayflower Hotel*  
*1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC*  
*in the State Ballroom*

*RSVP for Members of Congress by April 16<sup>th</sup> to Hannah Samuel at [hsamuel@boilermakers.org](mailto:hsamuel@boilermakers.org)*

**\*\*This invitation is not transferrable\*\***

This is a widely attended event. Food and refreshments of a nominal value will be served.