20th Annual Promoting the General Welfare Conference

Keynote speaker: Lonnie Stephenson, IBEW International President
“Unions: Leveling Playing Fields to Make the American Dream Accessible”

When: Saturday, March 23, 2019 | 9 A.M. – 5 P.M. (check in begins at 8 A.M.)
Where: Community Engagement Center (CEC) 201 | University of Nebraska at Omaha
Cost to attend (lunch included): $45 general admission | $35 for students
CEUs available!

Mobilizing and Activating Young People
Presented by: Kooper Caraway, President, Sioux Falls Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Leveling playing fields and removing roadblocks to the American Dream is a fulltime job. Success depends on creating a movement. In this arena, if you aren’t at the table, you are most likely “on the menu.” This workshop will examine how best to educate, activate, and mobilize young people in ways that advance the general welfare of the nation.

Eliminating Workplace Harassment
Presented by: Alicia Flores, Program Coordinator, University of California at Berkeley’s Labor Center
Unions, when doing their best work, consider their members family. Local unions are driven by the idea that “an injury to one is an injury to all.” That means that any workplace harassment directly contradicts union core principles. This workshop will explore the reality that member-to-member harassment destroys solidarity and how to turn that around.

Inequality and the American Dream
Presented by: Jeff Johnson, former president, Washington State Labor Council
For everyday wage earners, the American Dream is to work hard and play by the rules so the next generation can do better than you did. This workshop will explore what happens when the economy is structured in ways that make the American Dream nearly impossible to attain, and what will make the economy work again in ways that advance the common good.