



43rd PENNSYLVANIA AFL-CIO CONVENTION NEWS PITTSBURGH, PA



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SPEAKERS

William Peduto
Mayor
City of Pittsburgh



Rich Fitzgerald
County Executive
Allegheny County



Tom Wolf
Governor of
Pennsylvania



Stacey Strawderman
President
Marion County
AFT-West Virginia



Darrin Kelly
President
Allegheny-
Fayette Central
Labor Council



Welcome Delegates and Guests!



Rick Bloomingdale
President

Welcome to the 43rd Constitutional Convention of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO! The officers and staff of the State Federation hope that you will enjoy your time surrounded by your Brothers and Sisters in the City of Pittsburgh. Our Convention theme this year is: "Fighting for Today's Workers into

Tomorrow's Workplaces", focusing the Commonwealth's Labor movement on a conversation focused on the future of work; a future that adapts to automation, expands opportunities to enter the middle class for working families, and prioritizes safety and equality in the workplace.

The union activists and labor leaders at this convention will set the plans for electing pro-worker candidates in the 2018 elections, as well as furthering policies to protect and create good jobs, raise wages, protect pensions and health care, inspire fair trade policies and expand opportunities for all workers to form unions. We hope to see you at the several social activities and events for your enjoyment. Don't miss the fun at COPE Entertainment Night, Wednesday's Work and Family Breakfast, and the COPE Honoree Dinner. Don't forget the Work and Family Silent Auction. Tickets are on sale in the exhibit area.

We look forward to sharing the next few days with you!



Frank Snyder
Secretary-Treasurer

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- General Session
- Opens at 9:30AM
- Recess at 12:00PM

CAUCUS MEETINGS at 1:00PM

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS at
3:00PM**

**COPE Entertainment starts
TONIGHT at 8:00PM in
King's Garden 4/5**

Today is Equal Pay Day!

Despite the passage of the [Equal Pay Act](#) more than five decades ago, women are still underrepresented in high paying jobs and get paid less for the same work. But that couldn't be further from the truth. Women are the breadwinners for more than 40% of households. Women of color experience the widest wage gap for the same jobs. Black women make only 63 cents on the dollar as white men and Hispanic women only 54 cents. We need to work together as a united labor movement to advocate for pay equity for our sisters!



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Coming Up Tomorrow



**Kenneth
Rigmaiden**
**General
President**
IUPAT

Leo Gerard
**International
President**
USW



**Richard
Trumka**
President
AFL-CIO

Congressman-Elect Conor Lamb and U.S. Senator Bob Casey Address Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Executive Council

Longtime friend of Pennsylvania's working people, Senator Bob Casey addressed the PA AFL-CIO Executive Council, calling for an end to bad trade policies and a refocus on economic justice for the politicians in Washington.



Conor Lamb joined the PA AFL-CIO the day before being sworn in to Congress. Conor thanked the Labor movement, the "heart and soul" of his campaign for the dedicated activism and commitment he received from union members. When we work together, we win!



Tomorrow: Work and Family Breakfast

The Work and Family Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:00 am in King's Garden 1/2/3. All proceeds from the Work and Family Breakfast go to Variety: the Children's Charity of Pittsburgh. Variety enables children with disabilities to live life to the fullest by focusing on mobility, communication and social inclusion. This event reminds us that at the heart of the labor movement is an incredible commitment to family and community.



In addition, the Work and Family Committee is holding a **silent auction** during the convention to benefit Variety.

Tomorrow Night

COPE Honorees Awards Reception

Our COPE Honoree's Reception begins at 6:00PM in the Grand Ballroom Foyer, with dinner to follow at 7:00PM in the Ballroom. It is a great time to network and build Solidarity, with old friends and your union brothers and sisters from other affiliates.

Join us as we celebrate the 2018 Pennsylvania AFL-CIO COPE Honorees:

Michele Kessler, Secretary-Treasurer, UFCW Local 1776 and Co-President, PA Pride at Work Chapter

Fred Redmond, USW International Vice President of Human Affairs
Jack Shea, President Emeritus, Allegheny-Fayette Central Labor Council

Donald Siegel, Former International Vice President IBEW Third District, Current Senior Labor Advisor, Tom Wolf for Governor

Don't Miss This: Future of Work Panel

On Wednesday afternoon at 1:00PM, President Bloomingdale and Secretary-Treasurer Snyder will host a panel on the future of work, automation, artificial intelligence and its impact on the workplace. AFL-CIO National President Richard Trumka, PennDOT Executive Deputy Secretary Leo Bagley and CMU Professor Dr. Howie Choset will offer their thoughts on the ever-changing landscape of work and adaptation to automation.



As the labor movement moves forward into the 21st century, we will organize the future!

PennDOT's Leo Bagley and Carnegie-Mellon's Howie Choset, join the Future of Work Panel.