AFT Public Employees
2015 National Conference

Reclaiming the Promise of Quality Public Services for Strong Communities

Denver, Colorado
May 28-30, 2015

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, May 28

12:00 – 7:00 pm
Registration
Contact Congress

Preconference Workshops

1:00 – 4:00 pm
Engaging Membership in an Era of Challenges to Union Security
Dan McNeil, AFT Legal Department
Jenn Porcari, AFT Public Employees

1:00 – 4:00 pm
Public Speaking: For Community Building and Legislative Testimony
Carol Kurtz, AFT Union Leadership Institute

4:00 – 6:00 pm
Local Activists and Leaders in Public Safety: A Discussion of the Future and Challenges

Public Safety and Judicial work is a core mission of our democratic system. This meeting will offer activists an opportunity to discuss current issues facing the public safety community.

3:30 – 6:30 pm
AFT Work and Health Fair

7:00 – 10:00 pm
Welcome Reception
DJ, dancing and hors d’oeuvres
Friday, May 29

7:30 am – 6:00 pm  Registration
Contact Congress

8:00 am  Full Breakfast – Constituency Discussion Tables

9:00 – 10:30 am  Opening Session

Welcome to the AFT Public Employees National Conference
Jill Cohenour, President, Montana Federation of Public Health and Human Services and Chair, AFT Public Employees Program and Policy Council
Tim Markham, Executive Director, Colorado WINS

Keynote Speaker
Randi Weingarten, AFT President

10:45 am – 12:15 pm  Workshops**

12:30 – 1:45 pm  Luncheon – Building Stronger Communities; Infrastructure Investment, Pensions and Retirement Security

2:00 – 3:30 pm  Workshops**

4:00 – 5:00 pm  Labor Action – Local Demonstration in Support of Colorado Workers

5:00 – 6:00 pm  Local Hospitality/Reception – Hospitality Committee – Colorado WINS and Alaska Public Employees Association/AFT

Saturday, May 30

8:00 am  Registration
Contact Congress

8:30 am  Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 am  Paying for Quality Public Services: Creative Solutions in support of the Common Good

Gary Feist, President, North Dakota Public Employees Association and Vice President, North Dakota United
Carol Hedges, Colorado Fiscal Institute M/C
Ed Muir, AFT Research and Strategic Initiatives
10:45 am – 12:15 pm  **Workshops**

12:30 – 2:00 pm  **Special Awards Presentation Luncheon**

2:15 – 4:00 pm  **Closing Session**

**COPE Raffle** with BASKETS provided by local affiliates. Must be present to win!

**Workshops to include:**
- Community engagement strategies for government employees
- Fighting attacks on pensions and promoting infrastructure investment
- Federal legislative update
- Protecting public employees from bullying at work
- 21st century communications for public employee unions
- Local union treasurer training
- Organizing for power: member engagement
- Legal update
- Government employee salary surveys and negotiating public employee wages
- Organizing for power: effective data management
- Organizing for power: political action
- Building solidarity with public employees around the world
- Public employee involvement in immigration issues
- Talking about government and the common good
- Social media: legal dos and don’ts