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IFPTE 2019 Legislative Advocacy Conference
February 3-8, 2019
Mayflower Hotel
Washington, DC

Program Schedule

Sunday, February 3rd

Travel Day

6 pm – 10 pm

Welcome Reception (IFPTE Super Bowl Party)

Hosted by: [The Florida House](#)

Venue: Blackfinn AmeriPub (4-minute walk from Mayflower)
1620 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Monday, February 4th

7 am – 8 am

Attendee Check-In – *This is the only day in-person check-in will be held.* All participants—pre-registered or those still needing to register—must do so onsite to receive their badges and materials

Room: Palm Court Ballroom Foyer

7 am – 9 am

Continental Breakfast

Room: Palm Court Ballroom

8 am – 5 pm

IFPTE Legislative Advocacy Conference

Room: Palm Court Ballroom

8 am – 8:30 am

Paul Shearon, IFPTE President

Welcome to Washington/Opening Remarks



8:30 am – 10:00 am

Legislative Advocacy Week convenes

Agenda Moderators

Matt Biggs - IFPTE Secretary-Treasurer/Legislative & Political Director

Faraz Khan – IFPTE Legislative Representative/Researcher

- Participant Introductions
- Discussion of critical issues facing union members
 - Public Sector Workers
 - Medicaid Funding
 - State and local employee pensions
 - Agency Fee – legislation to overturn Janus
 - Safety legislation for public sector highway workers
 - Trade – US-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA) – *Stan Sorscher, SPEEA/IFPTE Local 2001 Representative to speak on USMCA*
 - NASA Appropriations/Authorization
 - Federal employee pay/pensions/healthcare/Executive Orders – *VPs Stone and Henson to speak on Federal Issues*
 - DoD Appropriations/Authorization
 - Immigration – *NAIJ/IFPTE Judicial Council 1 to speak on Immigration Courts issues*
 - Labor law reform
 - Infrastructure, including spending to modernize our inner waterway and energy infrastructures – *Local 561's Mike Arendt to speak on these issues*
 - Retirement Security/pensions
 - Due Process and Judicial Independence for SSA ALJs and IJs – *Judicial Councils 1 and 2 to speak on these issues*
 - Any other issues relevant to IFPTE members
- What to expect during Hill visits

10:00 am – 10:15 am

BREAK

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Panel Discussion of Legislative Challenges Facing Government Sector Workers

IFPTE government sector workers will discuss the unprecedented legislative challenges from the Congress, Courts and State legislatures facing government workers. Locals 21, 195, 196, 400, Newark Council 21, and two federal sector Locals to participate on the panel. President Shearon will moderate the panel.

11:30 am - 12:00 noon

Tracy Zea, VP – Waterways Council Inc.

Discussion on transportation infrastructure progress in the 116th Congress, particularly as it applies to water infrastructure modernization and new build projects impacting IFPTE represented members.

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

LUNCH (Attendees on their own)

1:30 pm – 2 pm

Presentations from IFPTE's Partners

- Janet Gerhard, [The Florida House](#) – To discuss their work with IFPTE Locals and the larger labor movement in providing services to union members and their families when they are struggling with behavioral health or addiction issues;
- [American Income Life](#) – AIL, which has worked together with labor unions since its inception, doesn't just insure union members, they also support causes that are important to union members. You will hear from AIL about their financial services tailored specifically for unions members.

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Jennifer Dorning, President, [Department for Professional Employees \(DPE\)](#)

Jennifer will discuss the work that DPE is engaging in on behalf of professional workers, as well as DPE's long-standing work with IFPTE on issues such as the H-1B Visa program, labor's position on reforming the program, its impact on U.S. and foreign workers alike, and what to expect from Congress.

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Will Attig, Executive Director – [AFL-CIO Union Veterans Council \(UVC\)](#)

A discussion on the work of the UVC and the AFL-CIO in championing the interests of union veterans and the major legislative issues in Congress pertaining to veterans.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Members of Congress TBD (*invitations have been sent to House Education and Labor Committee Chairman, Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA), Reps. Rodney Davis (R-IL) and Chris Smith (R-NJ), and Senators Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Kamala Harris (D-CA).*)

Will discuss key issues being considered in the United States House of Representatives, with an emphasis on those issues impacting Working Americans.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Department of Labor Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS)

DoL Investigator Thomas Hayes will give a presentation on properly filing LM forms electronically and in a timely manner. This presentation only applies to private and federal sector Locals.

5:00 pm

President Paul Shearon

Announcements/Closing Remarks

Tuesday, February 5th

IFPTE Day on the Hill – *for non-federal IFPTE members only* - All participants will head to Capitol Hill for visits with their lawmakers (**NOTE: All participants are encouraged to schedule their own Hill meetings well in advance of Legislative Advocacy Week.**)

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

Room: Cabinet Room

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

2019 Federal Caucus – for IFPTE federal members only – see Federal Caucus agenda.

Room: Palm Court Ballroom

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

IFPTE Eleventh Annual Congressional Reception

Hosted by: IFPTE

Venue: Rayburn Cafeteria

Room 2068 on the west side of Rayburn Office Building on the G Level

IFPTE members will have an opportunity to discuss critical worker issues in a relaxed setting with Members of Congress, Congressional staffers, and other union advocates from across the labor movement. IFPTE's Capitol Hill reception room is being sponsored by Washington state Congressman Derek Kilmer. Business attire; family is welcomed to attend. Hors d'oeuvres and open bar serving wine, beer, sodas, juice and water will be available. ***(IFPTE members are encouraged to invite their Congressionals/Staff to attend).***

7:45 pm – Buses depart Capitol Hill for the Mayflower Hotel

Wednesday, February 6th/Thursday, February 7th

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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7:00 am – 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

Room: Cabinet Room

Thursday, February 7th

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Closing Hospitality Event

Hosted by: American Income Life

Venue: Capitol Hill Home of John Jamison
616 North Carolina Avenue, SE

This is the final hospitality event, which is a catered event being held at the [Capitol Hill home of John Jamison](#), owner of Winning Connections. ***PLEASE NOTE: Transportation will only be provided for Attendees to return to the Mayflower Hotel after the reception is over.***

Friday, February 8th

Travel Day

Please Note:

- Locals are expected to arrange their own Hill meetings
- Point papers will be provided; however, Locals are encouraged to bring their own Local-specific issue papers
- This agenda is subject to change pending confirmations from speakers

