



LABOR NETWORK FOR SUSTAINABILITY
ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP (approved
(091817))

ELIGIBILITY

1. Unions
2. Intermediate labor bodies or labor support organizations or networks
3. Other allied groups actively engaged with labor in climate work

RIGHTS/BENEFITS

1. Unions and Intermediate labor bodies or labor support organizations or networks get automatic representation at the Convergence.
2. Individual Liaison to Unions, Intermediate labor bodies or labor support organizations is eligible to be elected to the Convergence Steering Committee

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Institutional Allies must endorse the mission and principles
2. Institutional Allies must pay annual dues (see below for suggested amounts)
3. Institutional Allies must designate a liaison that is either an elected leader of the union/organization or a direct report to the highest ranking elected leader
4. Institutional Allies are strongly encouraged to attend national Convergence calls and meetings
5. Institutional Allies are strongly encouraged to contribute actively to the building of the network and campaigns of LNS

SUGGESTED FEES (These are guidelines. If your organization can't contribute as suggested, let us know and we'll work out a mutually acceptable amount.)

- **Unions having fewer than 100 members** - at least \$100 to \$300 annually;
- **Unions having from 101 to 500 members** - at least \$301 to \$600 annually;
- **Unions having from 501 to 2500 members** - at least \$601 to \$2,000 annually;
- **Unions having from 2,501 to 10,000 members** - at least \$2,001 to \$6,000 annually;
- **Unions having between 10,000 and 50,000 members** - at least \$6,001 to \$20,000 annually;
- **Unions having above 50,000 members** –at least \$25,000 annually.
- **Intermediate labor bodies such as central labor councils, district councils and statewide or regional organizations** that represent 50,000 members or less - at least \$300 annually
- **Allied Organizations** (workers centers, ad hoc labor committees, union climate or environmental caucus formations, local units of organizations affiliated with the AFL-CIO, AFL-CIO constituency groups (CLUW, PAW, APALA, LCLAA, CBTU, APRI, JwJ), and other forms of labor organizations - at least \$150 annually.

Please make checks payable to “Voices for a Sustainable Future”

Checks should be addressed to: **Labor Network for Sustainability, P.O. Box # 5780, 6909 Laurel Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20913 www.labor4sustainability.org**

Sample Union Resolution on Climate Change and the Labor Network for Sustainability

Whereas:

1. The labor movement seeks a sustainable future for the earth and its people;
2. Climate change represents a mortal threat to working people, the labor movement, and society at large; Climate change is a major job killer, as demonstrated by increasingly powerful and destructive hurricanes, wildfires, and floods;
3. We have to reduce greenhouse gas emissions fast. The time for slow, careful, cautious approaches is long past, and failure to act will have catastrophic consequences. There is growing public demand and urgency to transition to a clean and sustainable economy;
4. Minimizing climate catastrophe requires a planned elimination of coal, oil, and natural gas emissions, as well as emissions from agriculture, waste, and other sources. It requires a rapid movement toward 100% renewable energy. That requires a planned, rapid construction of renewable energy infrastructure on a massive scale, comparable to the economic mobilization that the U.S. undertook during World War II;
5. As the threat of climate change mounts, the rich continue to get richer, the poor get poorer, and working people get slammed. Fortunately, we can address both the climate crisis and the inequality crisis with the same set of policies. As a labor movement we need to re-center our priorities around these challenges;
6. Climate protection must serve as a means to challenge environmental, racial, and gender injustice as we transition to a sustainable-energy future;
7. Labor's climate policy should insist on the basic principle of fairness that the burden of policies that are necessary for society—like protecting the climate—shouldn't be borne by front-line communities, working people, and the poor;
8. The labor movement must organize and fight for a transition that provides quality jobs and livelihoods for workers and communities that are now impacted and for those many thousands who soon will be; We must also begin to develop strategies to organize workers in emerging sectors of an environmentally safe and sustainable economy; We cannot leave it up to others to determine our future;
9. Full employment and economic security for all must be a central part of a labor program for climate protection and environmental justice because the threat of unemployment pits workers against each other and forces them and their unions to accept any jobs, even those that are destroying their own futures. Climate protecting jobs must provide a decent income, health and retirement benefits, and the basic right of workers to speak, to organize, and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing for both directly impacted workers and front-line communities;
10. It is the mission of the Labor Convergence on Climate (a project of the Labor Network for Sustainability) to be the organized voice within the labor movement for policies that are ecologically sustainable while also advancing the movement for good jobs and a just transition for workers and communities hurt by the effects of climate change and by the transition to renewable energy. These are the principles of the Labor Convergence on Climate;

Therefore, be it resolved that _____ (name of union)

1. endorses the principles of the Labor Convergence on Climate and agrees to affiliate with the Labor Network for Sustainability; and

2. establishes a committee on climate change to involve its members in combating climate change and fighting for a just transition, and will appoint an individual to be its liaison with the Labor Convergence on Climate.