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A Message From Our President

Happy New Year!

President-elect Obama has now appointed a new Secretary of Labor, Hilda Solis from California. NAGLO is looking forward to developing a working relationship with the new Secretary and her staff. It is my understanding that until the nominees are confirmed, they are advised not to have dealings or conversations about their new assignments with individuals or groups.



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I supplied the President-elect's Transition Team for the Department of Labor information about the shortfall of support from the federal government in the OSHA programs that are state plan states. I have also relayed to them that some states had concerns about the Federal Apprenticeship Program. In addition, I also vested with them about worker training issues.

It would be my hope that once the new Secretary is confirmed, a meeting with the Board of NAGLO can take place and we can convince her to attend our Annual Meeting in August in Utah.

Sincerely,

Dave Neil
President

Mark Your Calendar

2009 Annual Meeting

Sunday, August 2 through Wednesday, August 5, 2009

Hilton Hotel Salt Lake City, Utah

For more information, go to <http://www.naglo.org>

Getting to Know You

This month, our feature member is:
Commissioner Sherrie Hayashi
Utah Labor Commission



Commissioner Hayashi has a B.S. in Political Science and J.D. from the University of Utah College of Law. As with most of us, she places her family as her focus in all her efforts. Commissioner Hayashi proudly tells us, “My family is very central to all I do. I have an 11 year old son and a 2 year old daughter. Trying to find family activities that will accommodate both is almost impossible, but we try.” She also tries to keep involved in community organizations such as the Asian Chamber of Commerce, Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and the Utah Minority Bar Association.

When asked about prioritized issues concerning the State of Utah, Commissioner Hayashi explains, “State and federal funding issues are our top priority. Our agency has federal contracts with OSHA, HUD, and EEOC. Allocating our agency resources in these tough economic times is a challenge.” Utah’s Labor Board, Unlike some other states’ departments of

labor, also handles such programs as fair housing and coal miner certification.

The Mission of the Utah Labor Commission is to “lead in achieving safety and health in Utah’s workplaces and fairness in employment in housing.” To that end, Commissioner Hayashi’s vision as Commissioner in fulfilling the mission is: To keep focused on our Strategic Plan which identifies four strategies in order to fulfill our mission: 1) Enforcement of clear, reasonable, and effective regulatory standards; 2) The Labor Commission’s investigative and adjudicative proceedings are efficient, fair, and correct; 3) The Labor Commission staff work together to accomplish the Commission’s mission; 4) The Labor Commission is known for its service to Utah. By focusing our efforts in accordance with, and routinely revising our strategic plan, we will accomplish our mission.

When asked how her membership in NAGLO has influenced her activities as Labor Commissioner, she is quick to explain. She states, “I’ve appreciated having resources in other states that have similar challenges. A prime example was the Crandall canyon mine accident, which coincidentally occurred while I was in Savannah at the NAGLO conference. As other agencies had mine safety responsibilities, I have resources I was able to call upon as our own state examined the policy issue of determining Utah’s role in mine safety.

“I am excited about hosting the NAGLO Annual Meeting because Utah is one of the most beautiful and scenic areas in the United States. Salt Lake City is becoming a much more vibrant and diverse social and cultural city with many arts such as the ballet, opera, symphony; sports — The Utah Jazz, Real Salt Lake Soccer; as well as multitudes of recreational activities — hiking, biking, rock climbing, fishing, waterskiing, rafting, skiing, snowboarding, just to name but a few. Of course, there is the influence of our rich Native American and Mormon history as well. I hope everyone, especially those who haven’t visited our state, will use the NAGLO conference as an opportunity to bring your families and spend some time in our beautiful state!”

Thank you, Commissioner Sherrie Hayashi for sharing your insight with your fellow NAGLO members. More information about Utah’s Labor Commission can be found on their website: <http://www.laborcommission.utah.gov>.

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Welcome New Member!

Mr. Kevin Wililamson, Director, Region 6
United Food & Commercial Workers Union