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The International Convention

Your Opportunity to Participate in a Special Democratic Process

This year we will hold our 27th convention at the Planet Hollywood Hotel, hosted by Local 162 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Our governing document – the International Constitution and By-Laws – requires that every five years your International Executive Board select a location to meet and handle the important and pressing affairs of the Union. The Convention is no ordinary union meeting. It is a super-sized, week-long meeting where delegates from each Local Union throughout the country, elected by you the membership, will decide the future and direction of our organization through 2013 and well into the future. Resolutions submitted by the International Executive Board, District Councils and Local Unions concerning issues crucial to the livelihood of all roofers and waterproofers will be decided on the floor of the Convention in a fair and democratic fashion. Delegates will have the opportunity to thoroughly discuss and vote on issues such as safety on the jobsite, the Roofers Code of Conduct, trade jurisdiction, a comprehensive energy policy, future financing of the organization, training

and recruitment, and the election of International officers. The Convention is our opportunity to prove to

ourselves, our contractors and our communities that we are up to the task of competing and advancing the cause of working men and women in the Twenty-First Century.

If your Local Union has not already done so, it will soon be electing delegates to represent your Local membership at the Convention. I urge you to get involved in this special democratic process of selecting those who will represent your interests on the many vital topics to be considered at the Convention. Then when the convention opens for business on October 27th, you can be confident that you and your fellow members have picked the most qualified persons to represent your Local Union in this unique process that will keep our Union vibrant, its members working in safe and good paying jobs, and build on the proud 105-year heritage of our trade. ■

