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TO: All District 7 Local Presidents
FROM: Brenda Roberts, District 7 Vice President
SUBJECT: Next Gen Activist Training

Dear District 7 Local Presidents,

I'm pleased to announce that District 7 is co-hosting a **CWA Next Generation Activist Training** in Denver on November 13-14.

The CWA Next Gen Activist Training provides members with a deeper understanding of the political and economic structures that impact working people and how we can work together to strengthen our movement for economic and social justice. The training focuses on building organizing and leadership skills and prepares participants to engage in a variety of CWA campaigns with support from our District 7 Next Gen Lead Activist Carissa Hahn and several experienced mentors.

We're looking for young CWA members eager to get active in our union and who would benefit from activist training and ongoing mentoring. **Please encourage your members who fit that description and who are aged 35 and younger to apply for one of 25 spots by completing the application form [HERE](#) and submitting it no later than October 21.**

Applicants should have a passion for social justice and a desire to work on a variety of campaigns, be they bargaining, organizing, or legislative and political. No previous union or activist experience is required. **However, trainees will be expected to engage with Next Gen lead activists and/or local mentors after the training, often as volunteers and depending on their experience and skill level.**

Participants will be expected to arrive in Denver on the evening of November 12 and depart the evening of November 14 after the training concludes at 5pm. The training budget includes:

- Lost wages for two days, with a possible additional half day depending on travel time and work schedule (to be agreed upon in advance of travel)

- Reasonable transportation costs (If the participant lives within 250 miles of Denver and chooses to drive, it will cover mileage. Otherwise, it will cover airfare.)
- Two nights at the meeting hotel
- Breakfast and lunch on November 13-14; group dinner outing on November 13; and reimbursement for one meal each (without alcohol) on November 12 and November 14 while in transit to/from the training

I urge you to encourage young activists in your local to apply for this training by completing the application [HERE](#) by October 21. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with me or with our Next Gen Lead Activist for District 7, Carissa Hahn, at: carissa@washtech.org

In unity,

Vice President Brenda Roberts
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