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The Hilton San Diego Bayfront and UNITE HERE Local 30 reached an agreement on a new contract, which was subsequently ratified in a 94% affirmative vote by the workers taking part in the strike. We are grateful for this resolution at one of the main venues for the 2024 Annual Meeting, and we look forward to welcoming members to San Diego in November.

3 October 2024

Annual Meeting Update: Strike at the Hilton Bayfront

Hospitality workers represented by Unite Here have been on strike at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront since the Labor Day weekend to demand a fair contract for the workers. The Hilton Bayfront in San Diego is one of the hotels with whom we have contracts for the 2024 Annual Meeting.

SBL and AAR staff have been aware of the bargaining issues and the strike at the hotel since the time it was called, and we are actively monitoring the situation while reviewing our contracts and legal options.

We have communicated to the involved parties the urgency to reach an equitable agreement as soon as possible. In the meantime, we are assessing potential contingency scenarios, which may include moving events and housing.

We are in conversation with several of the stakeholders and are evaluating our options. No final decisions have been made at this time because the situation is still in flux. We will update you here on the SBL website and through direct communications should there be news or decisions that affect our members and conference attendees.