



Hyatt Regency, Sarasota, FL

United To Meet Our Challenges & Opportunities

As NSO members continue to face attacks on their wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment, including retirement, pension benefits and health insurance, they will need to continue to stand up for their rights and not give up the fight! The NSO Winter Advocacy Retreat has been expanded to three days to provide advocates with the information and skills to lead, promote, secure and defend the hard-earned rights of its affiliates and members.

The 2018 NSO Winter Advocacy Retreat is the time to gain knowledge and enhance your skills necessary to endure the many attacks that are launched against your members. Please join us for this great experience where you'll have the opportunity to network, learn, participate and have fun doing it.

Winter Advocacy Retreat-At-A-Glance

(Schedule is subject to change without advanced notice)

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2018

1:00-5:00 p.m.	Early Registration
3:30-4:00 p.m.	Trainers Meeting
4:45- 5:15 p.m.	New Attendee Orientation

THURSDAY, January 11, 2018

7:00-10:00 a.m.	Registration
7:00-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00-11:30 a.m.	Session Series 100
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00-3:30 p.m.	Session Series 200
1:00-5:00 p.m.	Registration
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Trainers Meeting
4:00-5:30 p.m.	Emerging Issues

FRIDAY, January 12, 2018

7:00-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
7:30-10:00 a.m.	Registration
8:15-8:45 a.m.	General Session
9:00-11:30 a.m.	Session Series 300
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00-3:30 p.m.	Session Series 400
3:30-4:00 p.m.	Trainers Meeting
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Solidarity Reception



SATURDAY, January 13, 2018

7:00-9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30-11:00 a.m.	Session Series 500
11:00-11:30 a.m.	Break (refreshments provided)
11:30-2:00 p.m.	Session Series 600
2:00 p.m.	Adjournment

Below are event highlights and important information:

Winter Advocacy Retreat Registration: All participants and guests **must** register online at <http://www.cvent.com/d/ctq7vr/4W?RefID=Attendee>

Meeting room arrangements and materials are based upon attendee registration counts. The deadline for registration is **November 10, 2017**.

Review the [session descriptions](#) and the [Winter Advocacy Program Grid](#) to make your selections.

Contact Vice President for Program Catherine Alexander at nsovp.program@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding registration.

NSO wishes to have all participants attend their sessions of choice, so please register early since many sessions have limited seating.

Hotel Reservations: Hyatt Regency Sarasota Florida. Participants will be required to make their own room reservations online at <https://aws.passkey.com/go/NSO2> by **December 6, 2017**. A credit card will be required to reserve a room.

The valid room rates for the Winter Advocacy Retreat are \$189 Single or Double Occupancy. If you experience any problems with your room reservation(s), please contact the hotel's Reservation Help Line at 1-800-233-1234.

Solidarity Reception: For the purpose of solidarity and networking, NSO and ORG will host a reception on Friday, January 12, 2018 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, attendees will be free to enjoy Sarasota on their own. Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be available for your enjoyment. **Prizes will be raffled, but you must be present to win!** Further details will be available at the NSO Registration Desk.



Sarasota Activities: [Events](#) | [Visit Sarasota County](#).

Directions

From Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport (4 miles):

Travel West 0.3 miles on Desoto Road/University Parkway. Turn Left onto 41South for 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Boulevard of the Arts. Our hotel is on the left 0.1 miles.

From Tampa:

I-75 South

Take exit 210 (Fruitville Road/State Road 780)

Proceed West on Fruitville Road towards Sarasota for approximately 7 miles

Turn right onto Tamiami Trail

Proceed to the 1st traffic light and turn left onto Boulevard of the Arts

Hyatt Sarasota is located immediately on the left

Travel time: approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes

Ground Transportation:

SUPER SHUTTLE:

<https://www.supershuttle.com/locations/sarasotabradentonsrq/>

Taxi Options:

Yellow Cab – 941 383 8885

West Coast Executive Sedans – 941 580 4111