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2012 Western Regional Conference

Las Vegas, Nevada

February 29 – March 2, 2012

Prepare for the 2012 elections by attending the 2012 Western Regional Meeting of the Alliance for Retired Americans, a grassroots advocacy organization for current and future retirees.

The Regional Meeting will be an excellent opportunity to strengthen your skills as a retiree activist. Attendees will participate in interactive workshops and training sessions on:

- Learning how Social Security and Medicare will impact the 2012 elections
- Using new on-line communication tools to educate people of all ages
- Building and growing local retiree chapters
- Participating in media events and rallies

We will also be electing Regional Board members who will help plan and implement state and national Alliance strategies and campaigns.

The Alliance recently celebrated our 10th anniversary as a progressive voice for retirees. This was a milestone marked by increased growth and effectiveness in educating and mobilizing labor and community-based retirees. With over 4 million members and 1400 local chapters, we plan to build and grow our grassroots strength for the 2012 elections through organizers in key states, arranging media events and rallies, and the use of fliers and fact sheets to better inform retirees on the issues and where the candidates stand.

Please join your fellow Alliance members at our 2012 Western Regional Meeting so you can be an informed citizen during the 2012 election season.



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Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Alliance Membership Number _____

Alliance Chapter you belong to (if applicable) _____

Please complete a separate registration form for each person registering for the conference.

		Total
Registration Fee: (Includes 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner)	\$80 per person	\$
Late Fee: after Feb 1, 2012	\$15	\$
Total Amount Enclosed		\$

Payment must be submitted with Registration Form.

If paying by check or money order, please make payable to: **Alliance for Retired Americans.**

I am paying by credit card: MasterCard Visa American Express

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Name (as it appears on the card) _____

Signature _____

Mail to: **Alliance for Retired Americans** Fax completed form to: **202-637-5398**

Registration Desk
815 16th Street, NW, 4 North
Washington, DC 20006

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Conference

Registration and payment must be received by Feb 1, 2012 to avoid the late fee. Registration is \$80; after Feb 1 the registration fee is \$95.00. Payment can be made by check, money order, credit card or online via our website:
www.retiredamericans.org

When registering more than one attendee, please copy the registration form and fill it out completely for each person. To obtain additional copies of the registration form call **888-373-6497**, email ARAConference@retiredamericans.org or visit our website.

The registration fee includes 2 breakfasts, one lunch and one dinner.

Hotel

The conference will be held at:

Bally's Hotel

3645 Las Vegas Blvd South
Las Vegas, NV 89109
(877) 603-4390

Please contact the hotel directly to make your reservations. Be sure to identify yourself as being part of the Alliance for Retired Americans Western Regional Conference.

Room Rate: \$99 (plus tax)
before Feb 1, 2012

Check-in Time: 4:00pm
Check-out Time: 11:00am

Check-in at the conference registration desk begins on February 29 at 11:00am. The opening session is scheduled to begin at 1:00pm on February 29. The conference will end on March 2 at 12:00pm.

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Regional Executive Board Member Election Procedures

Under the Alliance for Retired Americans Bylaws, at the regional meeting delegates elect four Regional Executive Board Members. Three come from the sub-regions and one is an At-large Executive Board Member who represents self-enrolled members from the entire region.

The nominations process is as follows (By Laws Article IX, 3.):

Sponsoring organizations submit nominations for the Regional Board member from the sub-region in which the sponsoring organization has members. A sponsoring organization is defined as an organization that pays for enrolling individuals in the Alliance.

State Alliances and at-large members may submit nominations for the position of At-large Regional Board Member for the entire region.

All nominations must be received by the Alliance sixty (60) days before the regional meeting.

Once the nomination period is closed, the Alliance shall promptly send a list of all nominees within the sub-region to the State Alliances within each of the sub-regions. The Alliance sends a list of all nominees for At-large Regional Executive Board Member to the State Alliances in the entire region.

The Bylaws (Article IX, 4.) require that no more than four Regional Members of the Executive Board can be from the same sponsoring organization.

At the regional meeting, each sub-region has a caucus and elects one Regional Executive Board Member from a sub-region. Sponsoring organizations, which have members in the sub-region, State Alliances from the sub-region and self-enrolled members from the sub region can all vote at the sub-regional caucus. After the sub-regional caucuses conclude, the self-enrolled, at-large members have their own caucus to elect one At-large Regional Executive Board Member.

The number of delegates that sponsoring organizations, State Alliances, and self-enrolled members are entitled to send to the regional meeting and the number of votes each group is entitled to cast, is determined under Article VIII, section 3 of the Bylaws. Sponsoring organizations have the number of votes equal to their annual dues paid to the Alliance. State Alliances have ten votes. Self-enrolled members share the total number of votes equal to the cap on sponsoring organizations contributions divided equally by the number of self-enrolled members in good standing (measured 60 days before the regional meeting) who attend the meeting.

At the regional meeting a quorum is thirty percent of the state Alliance delegates present and qualified to vote at the regional meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer determines voting strength and good standing for purposes of the regional meeting.

Sub-region 1: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington, Wyoming

Sub-region 2: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada

Sub-region 3: Colorado, New Mexico, Utah



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