

General Session
March 31, 2006

Welcome Remarks
Debut of new DVD
“General President’s Message to SMWIA Membership”

Michael J. Sullivan, a second generation Sheet Metal Worker, has been General President of the Sheet Metal Workers’ International Association since March 1, 1999. He was elected to a second five-year term at the union’s 41st General Convention in August 2004. Under Sullivan’s leadership organizing and expansion of job opportunities have remained at the forefront in the movement towards growth.

In his capacity, he directs and supervises 185 local unions throughout the United States and Canada involving more than 150,000 members who provide skilled services to the sheet metal and air conditioning industry, the kitchen equipment industry, to the transportation industry in both freight/commuter railroads and shipyards, and to other metal-related manufacturing and service operations. In addition to these duties, he recently earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the National Labor College, serves as a Vice President of the AFL-CIO Executive Council and participates on numerous AFL-CIO Executive Committees. He is a Director on the ULLICO Board and also is a Vice President of the Building and Construction Trades Department. He is a trustee of the National Labor College, a member of the board of directors of the Wesley Theological Seminary, serves as the Labor Co-Chairman of the Democratic Governors’ Association and is President of the Eugene Debs Foundation.

Mr. Sullivan previously served as SMWIA’s General Secretary-Treasurer and had served as a Vice President of the SMWIA General Executive Council for 10 years. Mr. Sullivan began his career in sheet metal work in his hometown of Indianapolis, IN, where he completed his apprenticeship in 1969. He was elected Business Representative in 1973 and from 1979 to 1994 served as Business Manager and Financial Secretary-Treasurer of Local Union 20. During his tenure in Indiana, he was President of the Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council and Vice President on the State AFL-CIO. He was appointed by the Governor of Indiana to serve as a member of the Indiana Workers Compensation Commission and the Hoosier Alliance Against Drugs. He also was Chairman of the Labor Institute for Training and President of the Michigan-Indiana Council of Sheet Metal Workers.

Keith Wilson, President of SMACNA, entered the sheet metal industry in 1971 as a materials handler and has worked his way through the ranks. Today, he is C.E.O. of Miller Bonded Incorporated, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Keith is the Vice Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee and a member of the Investment Committee. He has also served as chairman of SMACNA’s high performing contractor task force and is a member of the Technical Resources Committee and the National Energy Management Institute Committee.

Locally, he has served in all of the officer chairs of the New Mexico Sheet Metal Contractors Association and currently is serving a second time as vice president. In addition, he is chairman of the chapter’s labor committee, negotiating and education committees.