

Dear Member:

This has been a challenging year for working people in Kansas. We have faced attacks from both the Brownback Administration and the Kansas Legislature, but we have stood strong. During the 2013 legislative session, we fought a bill that would have completely removed all of your civil service protections...and we won. We fought a bill that would have removed a union's right to provide you information about political candidates and issues...and we won. We fought a bill that would have removed your right to join and participate in a union...and we won.

Help us build KOSE's strength for more wins during the upcoming legislative session by joining us at the ***KOSE convention on Saturday, October 26, 2013, beginning at 8:30am at the Ramada Inn, 420 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.*** There will be a ***reception***, also held at the Ramada Inn, from ***6:00-10:00pm on Friday, October 25.***

The convention's theme, "Moving Forward," reflects our focus on both moving our legislative agenda forward and moving our union forward through organizing. This convention will feature legislative roundtables, where you as a member will have the opportunity to engage in small group discussions with legislators from key legislative committees. The convention will also feature presentations addressing how to hold organizing conversations and how to effectively communicate with elected officials. Paul Davis, the presumptive Democratic candidate for governor, will join us for either Friday night's reception or Saturday's legislative roundtables.

Consistent with Article V, Section 1, and Article VI, Section 3 of the KOSE Constitution and Bylaws, ***nominations for KOSE officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) as well as Executive Board member positions will be accepted on Saturday, beginning at 2:00pm. You must be present to make nominations. Voting will take place by mail ballot.***

Enclosed is a convention registration form. ***Please complete the form and return to the KOSE office by Monday, October 7, 2013.*** If you have any questions, please contact the KOSE office. We look forward to seeing you at convention!

In Solidarity,

Scott Towery  
President

Rebecca Proctor  
Interim Executive Director