



2008 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND PLAN

From November 30 to December 2, 2007, the USLAW Steering Committee met in Chicago to discuss and adopt the plan of work that will guide the work of the organization in 2008. A detailed report of that meeting is posted on the USLAW website (www.uslaboragainstar.org). What follows is a brief summary of key decisions.

POLITICAL OBJECTIVES:

- Compel Congress to defund the war and bring all troops home now, funding only their safe return, their care upon return, and reparations and reconstruction in Iraq. Redirect spending to serve human needs and to promote peace and justice at home and abroad.
- Strengthen activity in opposition to the war and occupation at every level of the labor movement.
- Further develop USLAW solidarity with Iraqi unions and allied organizations.
- Expand education in the labor movement to expose the consequences for working people of a foreign policy that serves the interests of corporations and the military instead of the people.
- Oppose military action and subversion in Iran.
- Encourage labor movement solidarity with all the working people of the Middle East, in particular Palestinians and Israelis.

FOCUS AND PRIORITIES:

- **2008 Elections**
 - Demand that all candidates explain their stand on immediate withdrawal from Iraq, return of all troops and contractors, defunding military action and closing all US bases there, and reordering national priorities to serve human needs, peace & justice, and fully fund care of veterans and reparations for Iraqis.
 - Get State Labor Federations and other union conventions to call on candidates to support the USLAW demands.
 - Organize "Truth Squads" that attend candidate events to ascertain and challenge their positions, then publicize their responses.
 - Organize voter education events and activities and utilize the "Economy that Works for All" slide presentation to explain the impact and cost of the occupation and "war on terror" for working class families and communities.
- **International Solidarity and Labor/Human Rights**
 - Connect the fight for labor law reform in the U.S. with the struggle for labor rights in Iraq.
 - Working with Iraqi unions, develop a global campaign for labor rights and implementation of the ILO conventions in Iraq.
 - Increase efforts to prevent privatization of Iraqi oil.
 - Continue work of Mideast Peace Task Force in developing plan and materials to encourage labor movement discussion on the crisis in Palestine/Israel and its resolution, and to promote greater solidarity with all workers in the region.
- **Congressional Pressure and Legislation**
 - Increase pressure on Congress to defund the occupation and "war on terrorism," force withdrawal of all military forces and contractors, close all bases, cut the military budget and spend national resources to meet human needs; demilitarize the economy.
- **Build Opposition to Occupation and Militarism**
 - Increase participation in antiwar protest activities endorsed/supported by USLAW and its allies by labor organizations, their members and families.
 - Expand USLAW's working relationship with organizations of veterans and military families and build a network of union members who are vets or in military families. Support the "Winter Soldier Hearings" sponsored by Iraq Veterans Against the War in Washington, DC in March.

BUILD AND SUPPORT USLAW

- Launch a campaign by USLAW affiliates to sign their members up as associate members of USLAW
- Increase levels of financial support by affiliates through affiliation fees and direct appeals to their members for contributions and monthly sustainers.
- Expand members exposure to USLAW through articles in newsletters, display ads in union publications, links on websites, reports to members on USLAW activities, discussion at union meetings and events, and circulation of USLAW literature.
- Involve affiliates and associate members in recruiting new affiliates from within their national union, state and regional bodies and central labor councils.
- Publicly identify affiliation with USLAW on the literature and publications of each affiliate.

	2006	2007
Total USLAW Affiliates		
National Organizations	5	6
Regional/State Organizations	18	21
Central Labor Bodies	17	16
Large Local Unions	21	23
Small Local Unions	59	70
Allied Labor Organizations	6	11
Ad Hoc Labor Antiwar Committees	15	18
Worker Centers & Other Labor Organizations	8	7
	TOTAL	149 172
Affiliation Fees Paid	\$102,565	\$ 92,025
Associate Members	330	122
Membership Fees Paid	\$5,920	\$2,945

NEW AFFILIATES IN 2007

A. Philip Randolph Institute	Communications Workers of America Local 1032 (NJ)
AFM Local 802 Musicians Union (NY)	IAM Lodge 1781, Air Transport Employees (CA)
AFSCME Local 2627/DC 37	North Shore AFL-CIO Federation of Labor (Cleveland)
AFSCME Local 375/DC 37	Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health
AFSCME Local 420/DC 37 (pending payment)	SEIU Local 32BJ (NY) (pending payment)
AFSCME Retiree Chapter 47	Texas Labor Against the War
AFSCME Local 590/DC47	UNITEHERE Laundry & Drycleaning Joint Board
AFT Local 4400, Cabrillo College Federation of Teachers (CA)	UNITEHERE Local 11 (LA)
California Higher Education Staff Union	UNITEHERE Local 169 Washable Clothing & Sportswear (NY)
Coalition of Labor Union Women - East Bay (CA)	UNITEHERE Local 2 (SF)
Coalition of Labor Union Women – Pittsburgh	UNITEHERE NY Metro Area Joint Board (pending payment)

USLAW 2007 Financial Report

INCOME	2006	2007 To 11/28
General Funds	\$180,888	\$109,455
Solidarity Fund	\$ 5,084	\$ 68,309
All Income	\$185,972	\$177,764
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$155,561	\$186,265

General Fund Balance: \$40,000 (11/27/07)