



Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastics & Allied Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC

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GMP APPROVES MERGER WITH USW

The delegates to the 75th Quadrennial Convention of the Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastics & Allied Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC (GMP) overwhelmingly approved a merger with the United Steelworkers (USW), both unions announced today. The merger unites two historic unions with complimentary memberships throughout the United States and Canada.

“Charting the Course for the Future” was the theme of the GMP Convention. As GMP International President Bruce R. Smith told the delegates, “The GMP is itself the product of many mergers, and each one made the GMP stronger and better. We expect history to repeat itself with the USW merger.” GMP International Secretary-Treasurer Claude Beaudin told the delegates that, “The merger will give the GMP Council greater strength at the bargaining table, enhanced organizing and educational opportunities and access to the wide range of services and support provided by the USW. Together with the USW we are building a stronger and more powerful union to ensure that our members obtain the best wages, benefits and protections possible.”

“The merger will undoubtedly strengthen and benefit our members in the glass industry and beyond,” said USW International President Leo W. Gerard. “The GMP shares our goals and will be a vital part of the USW.” As a result of the merger, the GMP will become the GMP Council of the USW and will continue to serve the industries that it has historically represented.

The GMP is headquartered in Media, Pennsylvania. It represents workers primarily in the glass, foundry, molding, plastics, pottery, ceramics, china and fiberglass industries as well as workers in government, healthcare and a variety of other industries. The USW, which is the largest and most progressive industrial union in North America, is headquartered in Pittsburgh and represents workers in the metals, mining, pulp and paper, rubber, chemicals, glass, auto supply and the energy producing industries, along with a growing number of workers in the public sector and service corporations.