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**In Memoriam – Mark H. Ayers, Chairman**

## **Mark H. Ayers, January 22, 1949- April 8, 2012**

It is with the deepest sense of loss and sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our Chairman, and President of the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, Mark H. Ayers, early the morning of April 8, 2012.

Since 2008 President Ayers served as the third Chairman of the NCCMP, following the retirement of Edward C. Sullivan. President Ayers oversaw the organization's activities during one of the most tumultuous periods in its history. This period included the implementation of the Pension Protection Act, the response to the Great Recession of 2008, the enactment of the Worker, Retiree and Employers Relief Act of 2008, The Preservation of Access to Medicare and Pension Protection Act of 2010, and the response to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. The recession and continued lag in employment have placed enormous strains on these important pillars of economic security for participants of multiemployer plans and their families and their sponsoring organizations, unlike anything seen since the enactment of ERISA.

Under President Ayers' chairmanship, the NCCMP led the fight for the fair and equitable treatment of workers covered by multiemployer benefit plans. He also oversaw the expansion of the NCCMP's scope that produced the formation of the consortium of advocates for worker benefit security, uniting the efforts of our counterparts in Canada (MEBCO) and Europe (AEIP). This consortium enables us to coordinate our responses to broad-based public policy proposals affecting plans globally in areas including international accounting standards, U. S. tax withholding policy, and the efforts to secure adequate and sustainable pensions in Europe and North America.

His leadership, dedication and determination will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

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