



### **Notice to 2013 Annual Meetings Registrants**

AAR and SBL keep their members informed about labor situations in the cities in which we hold concurrent Annual Meetings. When we learn of labor situations that might affect our gatherings, we alert members as soon as possible. In the case of calls for boycotts, we make every effort to reduce usage at boycotted properties while maintaining our contracts.

Cancelling hotel contracts would carry severe financial penalties for both AAR and SBL. AAR and SBL respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all people, and we also recognize that our members have a choice of hotels. We hope that this notice enables AAR and SBL members to make informed choices as they register for the Annual Meetings and select housing.

**Updated on May 29, 2013:** We are pleased to report that the Sheraton Baltimore City Center Hotel is no longer under boycott. The Hotel, Unite Here Local 7, and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 37 have ratified a new agreement that will provide workers with improved benefits, retirement, and wages.

**Updated on July 1, 2013:** We are delighted to report that Unite Here and the Hyatt Hotel chain have reached an agreement. The pact includes provisions for back pay and procedures for union organization at local hotels among other items. News reports about the agreement are available at the following links:

<http://www.unitehere.org/detail.php?ID=3706>

[http://www.hyattpressroom.com/hyatt/en/news\\_releases0/2013/UNITE-HERE-and-Hyatt-Reach-National-Agreement.html](http://www.hyattpressroom.com/hyatt/en/news_releases0/2013/UNITE-HERE-and-Hyatt-Reach-National-Agreement.html)

We look forward to seeing you in Baltimore.