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February 1, 2019

To: All Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries and

Financial Secretaries – Region 4, UAW

Re: Collective Bargaining Conference – March 31 – April 5, 2019

Greetings:

The UAW Education Department will hold its Collective Bargaining Conference during March 31 through April 5, 2019 at the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center in Onaway, Michigan. UAW members in good standing are eligible to attend this conference. It is ideal for those who currently serve on bargaining committees but is open to those interested in learning more about the bargaining process. Region 4 is entitled 36 delegates for this conference. The first meal of the conference will be dinner on Sunday and the last meal will be breakfast on Friday. Please bring a red shirt to participate in red shirt day on Wednesday.

Conference Schedule:

- Registration Sunday, March 31st from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.
- Conference opens Sunday, March 31st at 5 p.m.
- Conference convenes Monday, April 1st morning at 8 a.m.
- Conference concludes Thursday, April 4th evening at 4 p.m.
- Delegates Departure Friday, April 5th.

Delegates attending this conference will learn the ins and outs of collective bargaining from experienced union negotiators. Some of the topics will include: laying the foundation of solidarity for bargaining at their locals, running digital member-to-member programs, staying organized during bargaining, the roles of bargaining committee members, reaching tentative agreements, costing contracts, ratification, and more. Delegates will also participate in a mock bargaining session. Ideal attendees are members who are currently serving on bargaining committees, or members who wish to learn more about the bargaining process.

<u>Registration/Lodging:</u> Delegates must complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the Regional Office, along with a check or money order of \$650 payable to <u>International Union, UAW. This registration fee covers the cost of lodging, meals and materials and is non-refundable.</u> Since the fee is non-refundable local unions should select alternates to replace delegates who must cancel. <u>All housing</u> is based on double occupancy.

The Regional office should receive all conference registration forms and fees <u>no later than Friday</u>, <u>February 22, 2019</u>. Conference registration forms received without the conference registration fee cannot be processed. Mail forms to:

UAW Region 4
Attention: Andrea/Collective Barg. Conf.
680 Barclay Boulevard
Lincolnshire, IL 60069

<u>Transportation</u>: Local Unions are responsible for delegate transportation costs. All delegates are expected to arrive at the Center by noon on March 31st and remain until the conference concludes at 9:00 am on April 5th. Arrivals and departures should be arranged accordingly.

<u>For those driving</u>, the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center is located at 2000 Maxon Road, Onaway, MI 49765.

For those traveling by air, Pellston Regional Airport is the most convenient airport, located about one hour from the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center. An airline policy has been adopted for those local unions who have delegates flying to Detroit through TSI. Personal checks are not accepted as payment for airfare. Fares may be paid with a credit card or local union check. All local union checks must be made payable to: UBE/Air and mailed to UBE/Air, Education Department, UAW Family Education Center, 2000 Maxon Rd., Onaway, MI 49765. To make flight reservations, use this link http://www.cvent.com/d/rbqvch. Transportation from the airport to the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center must be arranged with the Education Center as soon as possible by calling (989) 733-8521.

Special FEC Delegates: The International Union will provide housing and food at the Family Education Center for five delegates from our region whose local unions are selected to receive financial support to send delegates to the Collective Bargaining Conference. Locals selected for financial assistance are required to pay a special registration fee of \$137.50. To be considered for financial assistance, the Local Union President must send a request to me, along with a copy of the last three-monthly financial statements. Only truly needy locals will be considered; and those approved will receive a confirmation letter from me.

Please follow this link for a copy of this call letter http://region4.uaw.org. This conference is an investment in the future of your local union, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

In solidarity,

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