



INTERNATIONAL UNION, UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AEROSPACE AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA-UAW

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January 18, 2024

**To: All Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries, Financial Secretaries
Region 4 UAW**

Greetings:

Region 4 UAW will hold a Bargaining for Bargainers Training on March 25-28, 2024, at the UAW Pat Greathouse Education Center, 1000 East Center Street, Ottawa, IL 61350. The conference will begin at 9 AM on Monday, March 25th and will conclude by 1 PM on Thursday, March 28, 2024. Please allow for Sunday, March 24th as a travel day.

This conference will offer in-depth bargaining training and other bargaining-related workshops. Attendees should be local leaders who are either on the bargaining committee or members who have an interest in future bargaining responsibilities.

REGISTRATION: Registration for this conference will take place online at <https://conference.uaw.org/region4/bfb.php> and will close on March 8, 2024. The username is 2024region4 and the password is registerBFB. However, at this time, the registration fee and PGC lodging cost (if applicable) will still need to be mailed to the Region 4 Office. Instructions on how to best use this system are listed below.

1. If you plan on lodging at the PGC, please call Tamara at 815-433-2500, Ext. 101 for a reservation/confirmation number first. If you will not be lodging at the PGC, proceed to Step 2.
2. Register at <https://conference.uaw.org/region4/bfb.php> and enter your PGC lodging confirmation number (if applicable).
3. Mail applicable fees to the address listed below.

**Region 4 UAW
900 E. Center Street
Ottawa, IL 61350
Attn: BFB**

Registration Fee: The cost is \$235 per delegate (which includes the cost of meals and materials and is non-refundable). Registration fees must be received by the Regional Office no later than Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

On-site registration will take place on Sunday, March 24th from 3-5 PM and will resume at 7:30 AM on Monday, March 25, 2024, in the Education Center (the building located across the parking lot from the hotel).

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Note to Financial Secretaries: Checks should be made payable to “UAW Region 4 Activity Fund” and the notation part of the check should mention “BFB.”

Meals: The first provided meal will be breakfast on Monday and the last will be breakfast on Thursday.

Financial Assistance: Scholarships are being offered by the UAW Region 4 Retired Workers, which will provide up to \$1000 for each member attending, subject to Director’s approval. This covers registration, lodging, and the remainder will help offset mileage or lost time. Lost time will be the responsibility of the Local Union. To be considered for financial assistance, locals must make a written request to me and attach their last three (3) monthly financial statements. You will be notified by my office if you are chosen for this program.

Lodging: Rooms at the Pat Greathouse Center are available at \$70.00 per room, per night. Each room has two (2) beds; we urge members to double-up, when feasible, to ensure that as many delegates possible can stay on the property. Please contact Tamara at 815-433-2500 to make room reservations for the Center.

If you get the office voicemail, please leave a message with your request and your email address for confirmation and/or follow-up.

You will be emailed a confirmation number once your reservation has been received. When making reservations, please indicate if the delegate(s) has special room requirements (PGC management will not change rooms during the check-in process).

PGC Hotel check-in will begin on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at 3 PM. Check-out will be by 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

It is imperative to fill the hotel rooms at the PGC, before seeking area lodging. However, in the event rooms at the PGC become sold out, we also have negotiated rates at the Comfort Inn (815-433-0029), Fairfield Inn (815-431-8955), the Hampton Inn (815-434-6040), the Super 8 Motel (815-434-2888), and the Quality Inn (815-433-9600). Ask for the UAW rate – All rates are subject to availability. I suggest avoiding the Ottawa Holiday Inn—it was built by anti-union contractors.

You may visit <http://region4.uaw.org> if extra copies of this call letter and registration form needs to be downloaded.

Additional questions should be directed to Bradley Schwanda, our Region 4 Education Representative, at 847-459-3888.

Fraternally,



Brandon W. Campbell, Director
Region 4, UAW

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cc: Lucas DeSpain, Assistant Director
All Region 4 Staff

ATTENTION FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

The LM2 for this conference is:

Representation	<u>90</u>
Administrative	<u> </u>
Political	<u>10</u>