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January 14, 2026

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

**Re: UAW Region 4 Basics of Bargaining Conference: March 23-27, 2026**

**DETAILS FOR THE ABOVE-REFERENCED EVENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- Conference & PGC Hotel Registration: Now through March 16, 2026
- Travel Day: Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Event Check-In: Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4 - 4:45 p.m.
- Event Opens: Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m.
- Event Adjourns: Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> by Noon
- Travel Day: Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

**Conference Registration:**

- Registration Website - <https://conference.uaw.org/region4/bfb.php>
- Username: 2026region4/Password: registerBFB
  - Enter your PGC lodging confirmation number (if applicable).
- **If staying at the PGC**, complete the hotel reservation step *before* the conference registration.

**PGC Hotel Reservations: \*NO PETS ARE ALLOWED\***

- Rooms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$70 nightly.
- Each room has two beds. We encourage double occupancy whenever possible.
- PGC Hotel check-in begins: Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 p.m. Check-out: 10 a.m. Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Reserve rooms by contacting Holly at [hskoog@uaw.net](mailto:hskoog@uaw.net) or (847) 459-3888.  
If you get the office voicemail, leave a message with:
  - The room request and email address for confirmation and/or follow-up.
  - When making reservations, indicate if the delegate(s) has special room requirements.

\*A confirmation number will be emailed to you once the reservation has been received.

**Fees: Non-refundable**

- Registration - \$250 per delegate (which includes the cost of meals and materials). First meal provided will be breakfast on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and the last meal provided will be breakfast on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Guest - \$50 fee per day for those delegates who choose to bring a guest to the conference.**

**ONLY** checks or money orders will be accepted for registration and guest fee payments. We are **unable** to accept credit/debit cards.

Send payments no later than Monday, March 16, to:

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

Make checks payable to: UAW Region 4 Activity Fund.

Notate - BFB on the memo line.

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**Please ensure the PGC Hotel is full before seeking area lodging.** When PGC Hotel rooms are sold out, reduced rates have been arranged at the following Ottawa hotels:

- Fairfield – 815-431-8955
- Hampton Inn – 815-434-6040
- Super 8 – 815-434-2888

\*We **STRONGLY** encourage avoiding the Holiday Inn as it was built by non-union labor.

**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. To be considered for financial assistance, locals must make a written request to me and attach their last three (3) monthly financial statements.  
**\*Scholarship recipients must still pay registration and lodging in full. Financial assistance is granted on a reimbursement basis.**

**Please Note:** This call letter has been posted on the UAW Region 4 website: <http://region4.uaw.org>. Additional questions should be directed to Rory Dolan, our Region 4 Education Coordinator, at (847) 459-3888.

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Delegates will gain a broad understanding of the bargaining process and the role that rank-n-file members play in that process. We will have the Community Services Department onsite to explain their role in the bargaining process. The Bargaining Strategies Department will explain how to take the fight to the boss through Contract Campaigns.

If your Bargaining Committee is headed into bargaining and you have not completed the intense Bargaining for Bargainers class, please contact your servicing representative.

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In solidarity,



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cc: Lucas DeSpain, Assistant Director

**ATTENTION FINANCIAL SECRETARIES**

The LM2 for this conference is:

Representation	<u>95%</u>
Administrative	<u>      </u>
Political	<u>5%</u>