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March 22, 2024

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Region 4 UAW will hold an LGBTQ+ Conference, including speakers and workshops on inclusion and building our solidarity. The conference will be held June 5-7, 2024, at the Pat Greathouse Center located at 1000 E. Center Street, Ottawa, IL 61350. Tuesday, June 4th will be allowed for a travel day, with the conference beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

This conference will culminate with participation in the Ottawa Family Pride Festival Parade, and associated activities, that will be held through the evening on Saturday, June 8, 2024. Please allow Sunday, June 9, 2024, for a travel day.

Celebrating diversity is the purpose of this event, and participation is open to all members, subject to their local's approval and a capacity limit of 125 attendees.

Registration: Registration will take place online at https://conference.uaw.org/region4/all.php and will close on May 22, 2024. The username is 2024region4 and the password is registerALL. 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/all.php and enter your PGC lodging confirmation number (if applicable).
- 3. Mail applicable fees to the address listed below.

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The non-refundable registration fee is \$250.00, which includes the cost of meals and materials.

Registration must be completed online with fees received by the Regional Office no later than Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

On-site registration will be on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and will resume on Wednesday, June 5th from 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Meals: The first meal served will be breakfast on Wednesday, with the last meal being breakfast on Saturday. Any delegate bringing a guest must add their name(s) to their online registration and pre-pay

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the guest meal fee(s) by mailing it in with the registration and lodging fee (if applicable). Guest meals are \$210 for the entire conference.

Note to Financial Secretaries: Checks should be made payable to "UAW Region 4 Activity Fund" and the notation part of the check should mention "LGBTQ+."

<u>Financial Assistance:</u> 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.

<u>Lodging:</u> Rooms at the Pat Greathouse Center hotel 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, Ext. 101 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 Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Check-out will be by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024.

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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.

<u>Please Note:</u> You may visit http://region4.uaw.org if extra copies of this call letter need to be downloaded.

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

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cc: Lucas DeSpain All Region 4 Staff ATTENTION FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

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The LM2 for this conference is Representation Administrative