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## INTERNATIONAL UNION, UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AEROSPACE AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA-UAW SHAWN FAIN, PRESIDENT MARGARET MOCK, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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March 28, 2023

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Region 4 UAW will hold an LGTBQ+ Event, including workshops on UAW 101, Lessons in Labor History, Runaway Inequality, Understanding Bias Through the History of Our Solidarity and more. The conference will be held June 7-10, 2023, at the Pat Greathouse Center located at 1000 E. Center Street, Ottawa, IL 61350. Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> will be allowed for a travel day, with the conference beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

This event will culminate in participation in the Ottawa Family Pride Festival Parade on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

Since celebrating diversity is the purpose of this training event, participation is open to all members, subject to their local's approval. This conference will be limited to 125 attendees.

Registration: Registration will take place online at https://conference.uaw.org/region4/all.php and will close on May 24, 2023. The username is 2023 region 4 and the password is register ALL. 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 \$185.00, 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 24, 2023.

On-site registration will be on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Meals: The first meal served will be breakfast on Thursday, 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 \$142 for the entire conference.

Note to Financial Secretaries: Checks should be made payable to "<u>UAW Region 4 Activity Fund</u>" 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. You will be notified by my office if you are chosen for this program.

<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 Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Check-out will be by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

\*Lodging fees and guest meals (if applicable) must be received by the Regional Office no later than Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

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.

Please Note: A copy of this call letter has been posted on the UAW Region 4 website at http://region4.uaw.org.

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

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Brandon W. Campbell, Director

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