

Strengthening the Union/Collective Bargaining AGENDA

Friday, April 11, 2008

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Registration
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Plenary Session
Lansing's Impact on Bargaining
Accessing Employer's Financial Data

Saturday, April 12, 2008

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:50 a.m. Welcome and Review of the Day
9:00 a.m. Public Employees Health Care Public Act (PA) 106:
The legislation AFT Michigan initiated and fought for is now law. How
does it impact us?
9:40 a.m. 403B New regulations we must know about
9:50 a.m. Break
10:00 a.m. Tracks

Apprentice Track

This workshop will provide the essential foundations (vocabulary, rules of engagement, and strategies) for individuals seeking to acquire the appropriate skills to help them perform in their roles at the table and away from the table.

Accomplished Track

This workshop will provide strategies to enhance the union's power and leverage to successfully champion difficult challenges at the table.

12 Noon Lunch
1:15 p.m. Continuation of Tracks
2:30 p.m. Break
2:45 p.m. Continuation of Tracks
4:00 p.m. Adjournment

Community Outreach Initiative (Public Relations) Workshop

Note: This workshop starts at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. participants may attend the 1:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Apprentice or Accomplished track or HCAs.

This workshop will focus on two strategies that will assist local unions in building coalitions in the community (through positive PR). The objective is build a “friendly” base that will be informed and more willing to help support the local union when the time comes.

(12 Noon Lunch)

Health Care Advocates Workshop

Note: This workshop starts at 1:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (there will be a 2:30 p.m. break) HCAs may attend the

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Apprentice or Accomplished track or Community Outreach Initiative workshop.

This workshop will focus on the new health care law PA 106, interpreting and comparing medical plans, and managing unnecessary cost shifting to employees. Participants will also be given an opportunity to understand experience reporting and rate renewal.