

2018 AFT Michigan Convention Summary

Highlights of our 75th Convention in Detroit on May 19, 2018 included:

- Welcomes from AFT Michigan endorsed candidate for governor, Gretchen Whitmer, and for the U.S. Senate, Debbie Stabenow;
- Welcomes from Kris Mallory from AFT West Virginia and a video message from AFT President Randi Weingarten;
- Delegates adopted a number of constitutional amendments including a dues increase. Concerning dues the delegates approved a pilot program where dues to the state federation will be a percentage of members combined income. Locals decide if they want to opt into this pilot program.
- Recognizing the organizing efforts of the Paraprofessionals of Warren Woods with the AFT Michigan President's Award;
- Presenting the Walter Bergman Human Rights Award to The Michigan Student Power Network;
- Honoring recently retired Ruby Newbold, President of the Detroit Association of Educational Office Employees, AFT Michigan Vice President and AFT Vice President;
- Honoring four great worksite leaders with our inaugural Building the Front Lines Award:
 - Andella White, Detroit Paras, Local 2350
 - Danielle Nagle, Hamtramck Teachers, Local 1052
 - Mistie Ryan, Lake Shore Teachers, Local 1465
 - Nancy Welter, Wayne State Part-Time Faculty, Local 477
- Acknowledgement of Organizing Wins Since 2016:
 - Early Childhood Educators in Kingsley, Kingsley Teachers Local 4409
 - Paraprofessionals in Hamtramck, Hamtramck Teachers Local 1052
 - Paraprofessionals at James & Grace Lee Boggs School, Michigan ACTS Local 6482
 - Teachers at Southwest Detroit Community School, Michigan ACTS Local 6482

2018 Convention Resolutions

The Convention passed a number of resolutions that will guide our policies and actions moving forward. You can find the full text of each resolution on our website.

1. Sexual Assault in Higher Education
2. Walter Bergman Award to The Michigan Student Power Network
3. Safer Working Environment
4. Paraprofessionals and School Related Personnel Access to IEPs
5. Part-Time Faculty for Public Service Loan Forgiveness Regardless of Part-Time Status
6. Relieve Student Burden on All US Students

Constitutional Amendments

Delegates approved the proposed amendments to the AFT Michigan Constitution, which included adding the percentage based dues pilot program and an increase in monthly per capita dues by 25 cents for full-time dues payers, 12 ½ cents for half-time, and 6 ¼ cents for

quarter-time in September 2018 and 30 cents for full-time dues payers, 15 cents for half-time, and 7 ½ cents for quarter-time in September 2019, as well as several housekeeping items.

Election Results

2018-2020 AFT Michigan Administrative Board Elected to Lead AFT Michigan:

President and Secretary-Treasurer

David Hecker, Lamphere Teachers #1614 and Edna Reaves, Detroit Teachers #231

Vice Presidents – Detroit Teachers #231

Ivy Bailey Terrence Martin Sarah Niemi Marcus Walton

Vice Presidents – Locals Other than DFT #231

Michelle Cook, Hamtramck Teachers #1052 Ian Robinson, UM LEO #6244
TaShaune Harden, Michigan ACTS #6482 Christine Sipperley, Dearborn Teachers #681
Michelle Kirk, Mel/NAP Teachers #1051 Lincoln Stocks, EFE #698
Linda Moore, Taylor Teachers #1085 Susan Titus, WSU UPTF #477
Marcie Noutai, WCCC P&AA #4467 Jeff Whittle, Macomb ISD Paras #6216
Charlie Parrish, WSU AAUP-AFT #6075

Vice President - Higher Education

Jodi Monday, AAFMCC #6533

Vice President – Graduate Employees

Corin Bowen, UM GEO #3550

Vice President – Outstate Local

Kelly Stec, MSU GEU #6196

Vice President – Paraprofessional Local

Donna Jackson, Detroit Paras #2350

Vice President – Retirees

Angela Johnson, Detroit Teachers #231R

John McDonald, HFCCFT #1650 serves on Ad Board by virtue of being an AFT Vice President

A big thank you to all those who served on committees and volunteered to make our 75th Convention such a success!