



A Union of Professionals

AFT Michigan
AFL-CIO

79th Convention Call

May 2, 2026

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AFT Michigan Local Leaders:

One of the core values of the labor movement is democracy. We vote to form a union. We vote to approve contracts. We vote to elect our leaders. Your local is a part AFT nationally and AFT Michigan at the state level. Being part of the union means your local has the opportunity to send delegates to both the state and national conventions being held this year.

Our conventions take place every two years. **AFT Michigan 79th Convention will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the Huntington Place in downtown Detroit** (1 Washington Blvd).

For your delegates to be seated, locals are required by the AFT Michigan constitution to be in good standing as of the date of the convention, which requires being **paid up on per caps through February 2026, and having your current financial review or audit, constitution, and list of officers on file with AFT Michigan.**

Each local is entitled to a certain number of delegates based on your per capita dues paid to AFT Michigan from January 2025 through December 2025. Your local also has the opportunity to nominate members to participate on convention committees (Constitutional Amendments, Credentials, Human Rights, Legislation & Resolutions, and Nominations & Elections).

If your local has an issue it feels strongly about, you are invited to submit a resolution you would like the delegates from around the state to consider. Our staff is available to help you navigate the process and apply appropriate formatting. Resolutions should be submitted to info@aftmichigan.org by April 10. At the convention, we will also elect AFT Michigan leadership for the next two years.

Go to bit.ly/myaftmi to sign in to MyAFTMichigan and add your local's elected delegates. If you have any issues accessing the portal, please contact office@aftmichigan.org.

Once you have logged in, you will see the total number of convention delegates that your local is allotted as well as the number that have already been registered. Please click the "Add Delegates" tab to begin adding your local's elected delegates and alternate delegates, beginning with your "Ranking Delegate." As you add each delegate, they can also be assigned to convention committees.

All delegates require the signature of two elected officers to be properly credentialed for convention. It is not necessary for both officers to be in the same location to provide the needed signatures. One officer should add the names of the delegates and sign their name. The second officer can then sign into MyAFTMichigan from their own device to add the second necessary signature to each delegate.

Please only submit names of delegates who are likely to attend the convention. When we receive ten names because the local is allocated ten delegates, but only six plan on attending, it makes planning more difficult and unnecessarily increases costs. A reminder that any contested election for convention delegates must be by secret ballot and members must receive adequate notice before the deadline for nominations.

Nominations for AFT Michigan officer positions may be made via www.aftmichigan.org/2026Convention. Candidates must be nominated by a member of their home local and then accept the nomination to be eligible for election at the convention.

We will once again recognize a handful of the rank and file leaders who make up the backbone of our union with the AFT Michigan Worksite Leader of the Year Award. If there is a building rep or steward in your local who is really going above and beyond in terms of signing up and engaging members and generally spreading union solidarity. Nominations can be made via www.aftmichigan.org/2026Convention.

A union is only as strong as the participation by our members. We live our values by participating in conventions like this where all voices can be heard. We hope to see you at the Convention. If you have any questions, please contact your field representative, email office@aftmichigan.org or call 313-393-2200.

In Solidarity,

Handwritten signature of Terrence Martin in black ink.

Terrence Martin
President

Handwritten signature of Kirsten Herold in black ink.

Kirsten Herold
Secretary-Treasurer

Sign in to MYAFTMichigan, if your local is in good standing follow the following instructions on how to register attendees for AFT Michigan Convention. If your local is not in good standing, please click the link provided to see what is needed for your local to become in good standing.

OFFICIAL AFT MICHIGAN CONVENTION REGISTRATION GUIDE

Follow these steps to ensure your Local's delegation is properly credentialed.

STEP 1: Locate Attendees

Search for members and use the buttons below to assign their role. If a member is not found, try searching by email, last name only, or contact AFT Michigan for assistance.

+Delegate

+Alternate

+Guest

Allotment Rules:

- The **Blue button** disappears once your total delegate allotment is reached.
- The **Yellow button** only appears *after* your delegate allotment is full.

STEP 2: Review Contact Information

After selecting a category, you must verify and save the individual's contact information before proceeding to the delegate credential page.

STEP 3: Delegate Status & Digital Signatures

Assign the **Delegate Status (delegates only)** and provide the digital credentials. Two unique signatures are required for every delegate:

- **The President's Box:** Must be signed by the Local President.
- **The Officer's Box:** Must be signed by a different elected officer.
- **Signing Order:** These can be signed in **any order**. If the second signature is being added later, it can be found at the **bottom of the main Convention Registration page in the Delegate List section**.

STEP 4: Convention Committees

Select the appropriate **Convention Committee** for the delegate to ensure they are assigned to the correct governance sessions. (Note: Committees are not required for Guests or Alternates).

⚠ Troubleshooting & FAQs

- **Missing Buttons?** Blue disappears when the delegate cap is hit; Yellow only appears once that cap is reached.
- **Missing one signature?** Check the label on the empty box. The second signer should look for the **Delegate List section** at the bottom of the main registration page.
- **Signature Issues:** If on mobile, rotate to landscape mode. If using a mouse, ensure you hold the click throughout the entire signature.

*Final registration is not complete until both signatures are recorded. In the Delegate List, records **missing a signature will be highlighted in red**, and those with **both signatures will be highlighted in green**. Your goal is to have all records highlighted green.*



Mark Your Calendar

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026 AFT MICHIGAN 79th CONVENTION

60 DAYS	MARCH 3	CONVENTION CALL MAILED TO ALL LOCALS
40 DAYS	MARCH 23	DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
30 DAYS	APRIL 2	DEADLINE TO SEND PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO AFFILIATED LOCALS
22 DAYS	APRIL 10	DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CREDENTIALS & NOMINATIONS OF DELEGATES WHO ARE TO SERVE ON CONVENTION COMMITTEES
22 DAYS	APRIL 10	DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF RESOLUTIONS (ONLY CONVENTION COMMITTEES MAY INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AFTER THIS DATE)
22 DAYS	APRIL 10	DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PER CAPITA DUES THROUGH DECEMBER FOR DELEGATES TO BE CERTIFIED
	APRIL 13	PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION & RESOLUTIONS
8 DAYS	APRIL 24	DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF WRITTEN OFFICER NOMINATIONS
	APRIL 27	PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR: NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS CREDENTIALS
	MAY 2	AFT MICHIGAN CONVENTION Huntington Place - 1 Washington Blvd, Detroit, MI 48226 Registration: 8:00 am—9:30 am Convention Convenes at 9:30 am

DELEGATES

- Based on average membership based on per capita dues paid the previous calendar year (Jan-Dec 2025)
- 2 delegates for the first 25 members; plus 1 delegate for each additional 25 members
- To participate in Convention committees, locals must be in good standing (paid through Feb 2026, current financial review/audit and constitution on file) by April 10
- To be seated at Convention, locals must be in good standing as of that day