



**Donald E. Blatt**  
Director, District 1

August 12, 2024

## **Collective Bargaining Conference**

**To: USW District 1 Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Collective bargaining is fundamental to our work as USW leaders. It involves extensive preparations, from surveying our members to developing proposals. At the bargaining table, it requires an effective committee that can keep track of bargaining notes and explain why proposals are important to our members. At the same time, it's essential that negotiating committees keep members updated about progress at the bargaining table.

In order to meet these demands, USW District 1 is coordinating a three-day Collective Bargaining Conference from September 23 - 25, 2024, in Independence, Ohio, for all local unions whose contracts expire between November 1, 2024, and December 31, 2025. This conference will provide an overview of the law of collective bargaining in public and private sector workplaces, and how local union/unit bargaining committees can prepare for different roles that effective bargaining committees need. The conference will also include two mock bargaining scenarios.

Please bring a copy of your current Collective Bargaining Agreement with you to the training.

### **Registration and Conference Timeframe**

Registration will be held on Monday, September 23, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South, located at 6001 Rockside Road in Independence, Ohio. The conference will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and will conclude at 12:00 noon on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Delegate Registration Form and Registration Fee**

There will be no registration fee for this conference.

Please send your registration form to: Lori Gutekunst  
USW District 1  
20600 Eureka Road, Suite 300  
Taylor, MI 48180

The registration form must be received no later than August 23, 2024.

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## **Housing Information**

The hotel must be contacted directly when making reservations. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of \$116 per night (plus state and local taxes). Please make your room reservations as soon as possible, as the hotel will only hold rooms at this rate through August 23, 2024.

To register, contact: Holiday Inn Cleveland South  
6001 Rockside Road  
Independence, OH 44131  
(216) 524-8050

Tell the hotel you are from the United Steelworkers to receive the special rate.

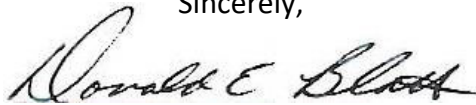
Included with the room rate is one coupon for the breakfast buffet each day of stay. Also, there are no parking fees.

## **Delegate Expenses**

Each local must bear the expenses of their attending participants, including lost time, travel, and hotel.

If you have any questions or need further information regarding this class, contact Steve Meyer at the Northern Michigan Sub-District Office at (989) 667-0660. **For housing information, contact the hotel directly.**

Sincerely,



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Director, District 1

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Enclosure

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