

UAW REGION 2B

2026
WORKPLACE JUSTICE
Conference



July 19 – 24, 2026

Sunday Check in 3 – 5 p.m.

**Walter and May Reuther
Family Education Center**

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UAW Region 2B will hold its 2026 Workplace Justice Conference July 19 – 24 at the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center in Onaway, Michigan.

This conference is designed to empower local union grievance handlers and negotiators with the skills they need to support and represent our membership. The curriculum includes tailored training tracks for new and experienced grievance handlers as well as bargaining leaders.

Delegates will be assigned to one of three tracks: Basic Grievance Handling, Advanced Grievance Handling, or Collective Bargaining. Workshops will focus on practical skills, contract enforcement, investigations, and more.

ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND

This conference is open to UAW members in good standing who currently serve on a bargaining committee, are grievance handlers, or are local union officers who support bargaining, or as approved by their local union.

Attendance is mandatory at all sessions and will be taken daily. Local unions sending delegates are responsible for payment of all lost time.

REGISTRATION

Local unions must register their delegates no later than June 26, 2026.

The \$680 conference registration fee must be paid using ACH in LUIS. This fee covers lodging, meals, and materials. It is non-refundable. Funds will not be withdrawn until the region approves the delegates after registration closes.

Delegates must be registered by an officer or authorized clerical designee. Delegates should not complete their own registration. Refer to the Local Union Process document for full registration instructions.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Delegates should arrive to the Family Education Center by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 19, allowing enough time to attend conference registration on arrival, where they will receive a detailed program agenda. Delegates are invited to explore the campus grounds on Sunday or to visit area sites. Dinner will be provided in the Dining Hall at 6:00 p.m. The conference program will kick off promptly at 7:15 p.m. Sunday evening.

Weather permitting, we will be having a cookout and beach party day, so be sure to pack your luau gear! And don't forget that Wednesday is Red Shirt Day!

CONFERENCE AGENDA (continued)

Sunday, July 19

- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:15 p.m. Black Lake Welcome

Monday – Thursday, July 20 – 23

- 8:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Workshops

Friday, July 24

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- Departure – Travel home

CURRICULUM

For this conference, we are offering three options for educational tracks. When registering delegates, select **ONE** of the following options:

BASIC GRIEVANCE HANDLING	
<i>Best For:</i>	<i>Newer grievance handlers who have little or no formal training on contract enforcement.</i>
<i>Details:</i>	Workshops may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UAW 101• Grievance Handling• Understanding Contracts• Workplace Discipline & Harassment

ADVANCED GRIEVANCE HANDLING	
<i>Best For:</i>	<i>Experienced grievance handlers (must have already completed the UAW Grievance Handling workshop in order to be eligible for the advanced track).</i>
<i>Details:</i>	Workshops may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disciplinary Investigations

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING	
<i>Best For:</i>	<i>Local union elected leaders with the responsibility of negotiating contracts on behalf of their membership.</i>
<i>Details:</i>	Workshops may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bargaining for Bargainers

ACCOMMODATIONS

Due to limited accommodations, delegate spouses/guests are not permitted to attend.

All delegates will be housed two or three per room. Requests for single occupancy must be made at check-in and include a personal payment of \$319.90 (not to be paid by local union). These cannot be guaranteed.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

All delegates must arrive by 3:00 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 19 and remain until adjournment at 9:00 a.m. ET on Friday, July 24.

Delegates will be dismissed to travel home on Friday, July 24. Early departures must be approved by the local union President by notifying Region 2B Education Representative Amy Richardson at arichardson@uaw.net. Room fees will not be refunded for early departures.

Passenger Vehicle Policy: Vehicles must be union-made (VIN beginning with 1, 2, 4 or 5) to park inside the Center. Others may park in an adjacent lot.

CANCELLATIONS

Registration fees are non-refundable. The regional office should be notified of any cancellations and replacements immediately.

This conference is an investment in the future of your local union. I encourage all Local Unions and Units to take advantage of this training opportunity. Space is limited, and slots will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Should you have questions, please contact Amy Richardson, Region 2B Education Representative, at arichardson@uaw.net.

In solidarity

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