

AFT-Wisconsin 2015 Convention Announcement

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Dear AFT-Wisconsin members,

I'm pleased to invite you to AFT-Wisconsin's 84th annual convention, which will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Madison from Friday, October 23, through Sunday, October 25. Members of the AFT-Wisconsin Convention Committee and AFT-Wisconsin staff have been working hard to put together an engaging, informative, and practical program. Our goal is to allow delegates and guests to share strategies, ideas, and best practices from their local unions, and to help members develop solidarity with other dedicated AFT-Wisconsin leaders and activists from around the state. (The tentative convention schedule is included below.)

There are two ways that AFT-Wisconsin members can attend our convention—as either a delegate or a guest. **Registration is free of charge, but both delegates and guests must be registered by October 1 to attend.**

- **Delegates** are allowed to vote on official convention business on behalf of their local unions, and must be elected in accordance with

local union requirements. If you're interested in serving as a local delegate, please contact your local union officers soon to find out how.

- **Guests** may not vote on convention business, but may attend any part of our convention in a non-voting capacity. Please note: the Joint Luncheon and COPE Reception require a small admission fee to attend. The Joint Luncheon cost is \$16, and admission to the COPE Reception is \$10 before October 10, or \$15 at the door. If you'd like to register as a guest for any part of our convention, please contact AFT-Wisconsin Executive Assistant Kathy Kreul at 1-800-362-7390, x226, or at kreul@aft-wisconsin.org.

I'd like to extend a special invitation to our Committee on Political Education [COPE] Reception, a fundraiser for our AFT-Wisconsin political program. As you know, AFT-Wisconsin does not contribute member dues to endorsed political candidates; instead, our members pool voluntary donations to our COPE fund, from which we support endorsed political candidates. This year's COPE Reception will be held on Saturday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The committee has extended invitations to speakers, and the reception will include hot and cold hors d'oeuvres along with free wine, beer, and soda. Our COPE raffle, another great way to support COPE with the chance to win some great prizes (including a Fitbit!), will be held during the reception. If you RSVP prior to October 10, the cost is \$10; otherwise, the cost is \$15 at the door. **If you RSVP by October 10, you can mail a \$10 check, made out to AFTW COPE, to AFTW COPE Reception, 6602 Normandy Ln., Madison, WI 53719.** (Your check must be received prior to October 22.) If not mailing your check ahead of time, you must make your payment when you register.

If you have any questions about convention, please contact AFT-Wisconsin Executive Assistant Kathy Kreul at 1-800-362-7390, x226, or at kreul@aft-wisconsin.org. This promises to be an outstanding convention, and I hope to see you there!

In solidarity,

Pam Campbell,

AFT-Wisconsin Convention Committee Chair

TENTATIVE 2015 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, October 23

- 7:00-9:00pm.....Registration Begins
- 7:00-9:00pm.....Exhibits Open
- 6:00-9:15pm.....SPECIAL SESSION – Retiree Council
- 8:00-9:15pm.....SPECIAL SESSION –Get to Know the State Federation
- 8:00-9:15pm.....SPECIAL SESSION – Community Involvement/Outreach Strategies
- 8:00-9:15pm.....SPECIAL SESSION – Treasurer Q&A
- 9:00-11:00pm.....Delegate & Guest Reception

SATURDAY, October 24

- 7:00-9:00am.....Registration
- 8:00am-4:00pm.....Exhibits Open
- 8:30-9:30am.....Opening Session

- Welcome: Kim Kohlhaas, President, AFT-Wisconsin
- State of the Union: Kim Kohlhaas, President, AFT-Wisconsin
 - Candidate Speeches

9:45-11:45am.....Committee Meetings

12:00-1:15pm.....Joint Luncheon (Candidate Speeches if time is needed)

1:30-2:45pm.....Best Practices for Communication (locals sharing successes, strategies, State Web)

3:00-4:15pm.....Best Practices for Organizing (locals sharing successes, strategies)

3:00-5:00pm.....Registration

4:15-5:15pm.....Council meetings

5:30-7:00pm.....COPE Reception

After 7:00pm.....Free Time

SUNDAY, October 25

7:30-8:15am.....Registration

8:15am.....DEADLINE to Register in Order to be Seated

8:30am until done.....Elections Committee

8:30am until done.....Delegate Session

- Committee Reports

Adjournment.....Executive Board Meeting

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