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HISTORIC FLOODING AT BLACK LAKE



Photos courtesy of the UAW Black Lake Golf Club and UAW Black Lake Conference Center's Facebook page



Members in Region 2B attend training in preparation of the 2026 UAW Constitutional Convention

GREETINGS!

2026 has already been an eventful year for the UAW Education Department. Historic flooding caused by heavy spring rains and snowmelt around Black Lake damaged the Old Lodge at the Walter and May Reuther UAW Education Center, forcing several spring conferences to be postponed until the fall. Despite these challenges, our Education Center opened in late May, and our staff is working on repairs.

Our regions and local unions have continued training our members, including preparing delegates ahead of next week's 39th UAW Constitutional Convention. This is where our elected local union member delegates will meet, deliberate, and decide on resolutions that will shape our union for years to come.

In this issue, you'll find a spotlight on Local 2325's Education Committee and their innovative approach to building interest in Effective Educator training and find links to information on our upcoming national events.

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LOCAL UNION EDUCATION COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT



Members of Local 2325 in Region 9A attend Effective Educator training

BUILDING SKILLS, BUILDING POWER AT UAW LOCAL 2325

A newly formed local union education committee hit the ground running at Local 2325, the Association of Legal Advocates and Attorneys. Representing nearly 4,000 legal services workers in New York, this amalgamated local is building out its already robust educational program.

As a first initiative, the education committee, supported by Local Union Discussion Leaders (LUDLs) Naomi Schachter and Brenden Ross, launched a set of Effective Educator workshops for officers, bargaining committee members, and shop stewards.

Driven by the principle that education is power, the committee set out to maximize participation. They emphasized that the value of this training extends well beyond facilitation practice. The knowledge and tools participants gain also apply to a wide range of leadership situations, including navigating challenging meetings and guiding strategic conversations

Familiarity with the popular education model also strengthens members' ability to share knowledge clearly and effectively in everyday communication.

That message resonated, and seats filled quickly. As a result, 35 participants from 15 bargaining units deepened their local capacity. For Leigh-Anna Nielsen, a newly elected bargaining committee member from Mobilization for Justice, the training opened up a new approach.

As that unit heads into bargaining later this year, they'll be doing so with strengthened skills and heightened confidence, positioning them well for the work ahead.

If you are interested in learning more about the popular education model, or how your local union education committee advances the training they offer, contact your Regional Education Representative.

"I loved learning about the popular education method because I didn't really understand it before!"



What's Your Education Committee's Success Story?



Do you have a local union education committee that is doing awesome things?

Tell us your local union education committee's success story and it could be shared in a future newsletter!

Send us an email! Be sure to include your name, local union number, and phone number.

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Subject: My Education Committee's Success Story!

KNOWLEDGE CORNER



THERE'S A BOOK FOR THAT!

If you have ever visited the Education Library at Black Lake, you may recognize the bookshelf pictured above. This is where you can find dozens of UAW Publications available for purchase. Whether you are looking for educational material in your role as a member, to strengthen your local union standing committee, or as a local union representative, there are several publications that would interest you.

The good news is you don't have to make the trip to Black Lake to access these valuable resources!

You can visit our online library at uaw.org/education/publications to download many of our publications for free!

For those who prefer printed versions, or for publications that are not offered online, your local union leadership can easily order materials through the Local Union Information System (LUIS) website at a very reasonable cost.

No matter how you access them, these publications are an important tool to help educate, empower, and build stronger unions!

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

BARGAINING & CONTRACT ENFORCEMENT BOOT CAMP

Sept 20-25, 2026 - This institute will provide intense training for local union bargainers and grievance handlers to sharpen their skills!

Registration deadline:
August 10, 2026

RESCHEDULED: MEMBER MOBILIZATION INSTITUTE

Sept 27-Oct 2, 2026 - Transform from a committed union member into a skilled labor movement leader ready to build union power from the inside out!

Registration deadline:
August 17, 2026

STANDING COMMITTEES & EAP INSTITUTE

Oct 4-9, 2026 - This institute explores the link between strong standing committees and the collective power of our union. This year's institute features an EAP track.

Registration deadline:
August 24, 2026

MORE INFO

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