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## Metro Detroit AFL-CIO Labor Update

### Letter From President Daryl Newman



Brothers and Sisters,

On May 10th, 2019 the National AFL-CIO came to the Metro Detroit AFL-CIO jurisdiction to put on its Path to Power training. This training is to educate and prepare future labor candidates to run for office. I was impressed with the candidates who attended the training. This program is off to a strong start.

Within the labor movement we need to take a more proactive approach to actively engaging our membership on issues that directly affect them. Many of the decision impacting them are made at a state and local level but they rarely hear about it on national news outlets. As a trusted source of information, we

need to be more active in making sure our members know what policymakers are doing locally.

As President of the Metro Detroit AFL-CIO I want to encourage all of you to help identify members who are interested in running for office at the local or state level. We need to create a labor “bench” so we can elect people who support our freedoms end these senseless attacks on our membership and the working families of Michigan.

Although this training on May 10th was a good start, it was only a start. The work continues to build our bench and begin to make our three counties *Union Counties!* We cannot wait until next year. The work starts now.



## Michigan AFL-CIO Update

The Michigan AFL-CIO will be having its Constitutional Convention on May 15th and May 16th at IBEW 58. Following the “Day One” convention activities they will also be hosting a “Mixer” at IBEW 58 for all those who are attending the convention.

For more information on the Michigan AFL-CIO’s convention click on the link below:

<http://miaflcio.org/constitutional-convention-2019/>

## Metro Detroit AFL-CIO Affiliate Spotlight!



The Newspaper Guild of Detroit, CWA 34022, currently has three bargaining units negotiating contracts with Gannett. The Detroit News, Free Press and Observer & Eccentric are all seeking fair contracts while Gannett is demanding a long list of concessions. Our bargaining unit owned by Digital First Media and Alden Global Capital, The Macomb Daily and Royal Oak Tribune, continue to work with a national caucus on stopping vulture hedge funder ownership. Generally, we continue our work to support a fair and independent press and saving local news.

We also recently organized around twenty AFT Higher Education Organizers and Staff and are beginning

the process of first contract. To learn more about our current bargaining and our national campaign against Digital First Media check out

[www.detroitguild22.org](http://www.detroitguild22.org) and <https://dfmworkers.org>.

-Stevie Blanchard

## Save the Date

### June 4th

Community Service Committee Meeting  
4:00 pm

Metro Detroit AFL-CIO  
115 W. Willis St.  
Detroit, MI

### June 13th

Civil Rights Committee Meeting  
5:00pm

Metro Detroit AFL-CIO  
115 W. Willis St.  
Detroit, MI

### June 3rd - June 4th

AFL-CIO 2019 Great Lakes District Meeting

Location: Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown  
600 Commonwealth Place  
Pittsburgh, PA

## District Meetings AFL-CIO

2019 Growing Our Movement  
Empowering Our Communities

### Great Lakes District

It's that time again! Building on last year's success, we are excited to announce the second annual AFL-CIO district meetings. Over the next several months, labor activists across the country will come together under the banner:

Growing Our Movement—Empowering Our Communities

### Pittsburgh

Monday, June 3-Tuesday, June 4

Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown  
600 Commonwealth Place  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Register Now:**

[DistrictMeetings.aflcio.org](http://DistrictMeetings.aflcio.org)



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June 19th, 2019  
National AFL-CIO  
President Richard Trumka Townhall  
Time: 6:00pm  
Location: TBD (Metro Detroit Area)

