

# Strengthening the Union/Collective Bargaining AGENDA

Friday, April 3, 2009

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Registration

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Welcome

Bargaining Through Tough Times

*We deserve increased pay and good benefits, but times are tough. What no-cost or low-cost issues should we consider proposing, including those that strengthen our members' voice at the workplace?*

*Separate sessions planned for PreK-12/ISDs Teachers, PreK-12/ISDs PSRPs (Support Staff) and Higher Education.*

Saturday, April 4, 2009

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:50 a.m. Review of the Day

9:00 a.m. Lansing's Impact on Bargaining

*Separate sessions planned for PreK-12/ISDs Teachers, and Higher Education.*

9:50 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. Tracks

## **Apprentice Track**

Will provide the essential foundations (vocabulary, rules of engagement, and strategies) for individuals seeking to acquire the appropriate skills to help them perform in their roles at the table and away from the table.

## **Accomplished Track**

Will provide strategies to enhance the union's power and leverage to successfully champion difficult challenges at the table.

## **Community Outreach Initiative Track**

Will explore strategies toward strengthening your union's connections with the community, building relationships with the local media and designing a plan of action to improve understanding and sustain local support.

<b>12 Noon</b>	Lunch
<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	Continuation of Tracks
<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	Break
<b>2:45 p.m.</b>	Continuation of Tracks
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Adjournment

### **Health Care Advocates Training**

*Note: Workshop is from 1:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. HCAs may attend the morning session and participate in the 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. portion of the Apprentice or Accomplished track or Community Outreach Initiative Training track.*

*Will explore HRA and HSAs, the almost good, the bad and the ugly. The latter part of the workshop will focus on saving dollars through better health. The group will be involved in discovering ways to encourage members to get regular physicals, developing a wellness plan, forming “To Your Health!” committees, and a barrage of other really exciting ideas.*