



87th AFT-Wisconsin Convention Convention Announcement

The 87th AFT-Wisconsin Convention will be held virtually from October 19-23. The convention committee is excited to be able to host a virtual convention. The Convention Call will go out August 16, 60 days prior to convention (Article VIII) and it will include important information on how the virtual convention will operate. We will also host an orientation meeting this summer. We will hold true to our mission to “strengthen the institutions in which we work, to improve the quality of services we provide and to bring together all members to assist and support one another.” We are making every effort to honor the spirit of engagement and democracy while offering opportunities for all locals to participate safely and affordably.

Convention information can be found at aft-wisconsin.org or you can reach out to AFT-Wisconsin Executive Assistant Kathy Kreul at kreul@aft-wisconsin.org. If you have questions or are interested in how you can participate in AFT-Wisconsin, please contact Kathy Kreul and she will connect you with a board member.

Call for Nominations (Article IV)

Nominations for officers and the Executive Board are now open. Nomination papers and position descriptions are available online at aft-wisconsin.org. Nominations must be submitted in compliance with AFT-Wisconsin Constitution up to, but no later than, **October 12, 2021**. A candidate position paper may be submitted to kreul@aft-wisconsin.org no later than **September 19, 2021**.

Submitting Constitution and Bylaw Amendments (Article XII, sections 1-3)

Proposed amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be initiated by members, locals, councils, or the Executive Board. Proposed constitutional and bylaw amendments, and white papers explaining the rationale for the change, must be received no later than **Thursday, August 19, 2021**. Please email them to the AFT-Wisconsin office at kreul@aft-wisconsin.org. Kathy will acknowledge receipt of submission via email.

Submitting Resolutions

Members, locals, councils or the Executive Board may submit resolutions which will promote the interests of AFT-Wisconsin. All resolutions must be written in resolution form and signed by person submitting. Complex resolutions should be accompanied by an explanation of intent so convention delegates can best understand the action which the resolution calls for. Submit resolutions electronically to kreul@aft-wisconsin.org. Kathy will acknowledge receipt of submission via email. Deadline for submitting resolutions is seven (7) days prior to convention, **October 12**. There will be **no resolutions allowed after October 12 and there will be no special orders of business** during convention. This is a change from past convention. The Executive Board may edit resolutions for clarity, make grammatical corrections, combine similar resolutions, or request additional information. Past convention resolutions are ongoing and available on the AFT-Wisconsin website or by contacting the office.

Registration (Article V)

Registration runs from September 1-30. Each local must be in compliance with the AFT-Wisconsin Constitution. Kathy Kreul will be sending compliance emails to the presidents and treasurers. Once delegates have been confirmed by their local leadership, they will receive information regarding how they can access all convention materials on-line.

Important Dates to Remember

August 19: Deadline for constitutional and bylaws amendments, and Convention Call goes out
September 1: Convention Registration opens
September 15: AFT Executive Board meeting
September 19: Deadline to submit position paper for nominations, and amendments will be sent to local presidents
September 30: Deadline for registration
October 1: Delegate list mailed to local president
October 10: Deadline for signed delegate list
October 12: Deadline for nominations and resolutions
October 13: Convention platform launches, registered delegates will receive email
October 19: Opening session and Committees, 6:30-9:00
October 20: Guest speakers and candidate speeches, 6:30-9:00
October 23: Delegate Session, beginning at 8:30 and concludes when business is completed
October 25: Ballots mailed out to ranking delegate
November 12: Ballots must be postmarked
November 17: Elections Committee meets to count ballots
November 19: Election Announcement