

January 2, 2020

Re: MPFFU 2020 Convention Information

Dear Local President:

The 54th Biennial Convention of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union will be held on April 28-29-30, 2020 at the Amway Grand Plaza Curio Collection by Hilton, in Grand Rapids.

Members attending this convention will determine the goals and the objectives of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union for the next two years. It is very important that every local is represented at this important event.

AGENDA

The convention will officially begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 and will conclude no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2020. The business sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday will begin at 9:00 am and end at 5:00 pm unless changed by a vote of the Convention delegates.

Nominations for the offices of President, Secretary-Treasurer, District Vice Presidents, and Trustees will take place on Tuesday, April 28th. The election for these positions will take place on Wednesday, April 29th at approximately 4:00 p.m.

There will be a **Welcome Reception** for delegates, alternates, and registered guests on Monday, April 27th between the hours of 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. The **Presidents Reception** will be held from 7:00 pm-10:00 pm on Wednesday, April 29th.

REGISTRATION

[The online credential form for delegates, alternates, and guests is found here.](#) Please complete your registration with the full name of each delegate, alternate, and guest who will be attending the convention. The number of delegates and alternates that your local is entitled to is listed on another page in this attachment. **Please complete and submit the registration form as soon as possible.** Payment can be made at a later date. (see below) Email tchesney@mpffu.org or call 734-675-0206 if you have any questions.

[Register delegates, alternates, and guests online by clicking here.](#)

PAYMENT

To be eligible for the early-bird registration fee of \$200 for each delegate and alternate, payment must be received by March 27, 2020. If you pay after March 27th, the registration fee is \$250 per person.

All convention materials, the Welcome Reception, lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday, refreshment breaks, and the President's Reception on Wednesday evening are included in the registration fee.

Locals that currently pay their per capita via the **monthly auto-deduct plan** can pay the convention registration fee by this method as well. Simply contact the State Office by phone or email, authorize the amount and provide us with the names of those individuals you are paying for.

Members may also [pay here with a credit card](#), or by a check made payable to MPFFU FIRE PAC. Union checks should be made payable to MPFFU.

GUESTS

Other MPFFU members, spouses, or other guests of MPFFU members may only attend the convention activities as **registered guests**.

All guests must pay the guest registration fee of \$130, which covers all sponsored food & beverage functions throughout the entire convention. Guest registration for just one day of the convention is \$60 per person.

CHECKING-IN AT THE CONVENTION

In order to be seated at the convention, your local must have paid its per-capita tax, in full, through the month of **March 2020**. Please check with your local's treasurer prior to your arrival at the convention to confirm that this has been done.

Attendees may check-in and receive their own name badges beginning on Monday, April 27th between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Registration and check-in will resume on Tuesday, April 28th at 7:30 a.m.

A picture ID is required to check-in and to receive your name badge. You will not be allowed to check-in or pick-up name badges for other delegates or alternates.

PLEASE NOTE: The DEADLINE for checking in and picking up all delegate or alternate name badges is 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 28th. Persons that have not picked up their OWN name badges by this deadline will not be allowed to take part in the convention proceedings or the elections.

RESOLUTIONS

- ❖ Resolutions must be printed legibly or typed and include the name of the person(s) introducing them. Email resolutions to tchesney@mpffu.org.
- ❖ **Resolutions will be accepted until April 17, 2020.** After this date, only resolutions that are clearly of such a nature as to require late submission shall be considered for action. Acceptance of any resolution after April 17th will require **unanimous** approval of the Convention Resolutions Committee or by a majority vote of the Convention delegates.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- ❖ The President shall select delegates for committee assignments from the list of those delegates who register prior to March 27, 2020. Please send an email to tchesney@mpffu.org if you are interested in serving on a convention committee.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

❖ ***YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS.***

- ❖ Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Amway Hotel by calling 800-253-3590. Make sure you *tell them that you are attending the Michigan Professional Fire Fighter's Convention. (code: MPFFU)* You can also make your reservations online. [Use this link](#) to get the negotiated rate of \$149 + taxes, per room night.
- ❖ The deadline for hotel reservations is March 27, 2020. After this date, rooms and/or our group rate may not be available at this hotel.

❖ ***Cancellation Policy: All reservations must be cancelled at least 48 hours prior to the date of expected arrival to avoid a cancellation fee.***

PROXY REGISTRATION

- ❖ Although all locals are encouraged to attend the Convention, locals may be represented at the convention by a proxy vote. **If your local will not be able to attend, contact the State Union office for a proxy registration form.** There is no charge to register proxy votes.
- ❖ If you will be giving your proxy votes to another local from your district, you must complete the proxy form and mail it to the state office **postmarked by March 27, 2020. Proxies will not be accepted if they are postmarked after that date.**
- ❖ You can also send the proxy form by email to tchesney@mpffu.org or by fax to 734-571-5954. The proxy form must be sent by March 27th.
- ❖ A local can only carry the proxy votes from one local within their district.
- ❖ The Chairman of a local delegation may cast the votes of any unregistered delegates that the local is entitled to.
- ❖ Proxy votes may be cast for election of officers, convention site selection, and any roll call votes taken at the convention.

CLOSING

In closing, please feel free to call the State office or your District Vice President if you need any assistance completing the registration form, writing resolutions or have questions about any other convention related items.

Remember, it is your participation that will help make this a productive and successful convention. Please register to attend as soon as possible.