



BULLETIN 021

2023 Political Action Symposium

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The Canadian Grand Lodge issued a call letter to all local lodges across the country announcing the 2023 Political Action Symposium, which will be held from March 21-24 at the William W. Winpisinger (W3) Education and Technology Centre in Maryland, USA.

The IAM has always been a strong advocate for our member's rights, and we are determined to continue pushing for legislation that improves our members lives at work and in their communities, but the union needs help.

It is the contention of the union that the actual workers who possess first-hand knowledge and experience, are best equipped to lobby/advocate on an issue specific to their industry/sector. It would be highly impactful, and a great show of solidarity, for IAM members to work in groups all across the various regions in Canada lobbying their elected representatives on the matters most important to them—"Advocating for themselves, their colleagues, and the communities they live in."

It is so important for members to get involved, by participating in Sector-Specific Political Action. Each local lodge should choose one (1) or two (2) members who have and will continue to be very politically active to help move the Sector-Specific (airline sector) plan forward in our local lodge. The Executive Board requests participants to write a report describing what was learned, the effectiveness of lobbying politicians, and provide a detailed plan of action to improve working conditions, as well as create a lasting positive impact on our communities.

The Grand Lodge will cover the costs of the flights, accommodation, and meals. The Local Lodge will pick up any additional costs, such as time clearance and out-of-town per diems. Interested members who want to register for the event, should contact the Executive by sending an email to: executive@iamaw1681.ca. A registration link will be sent to the member(s). The deadline to enroll is January 20th, 2023. Please note, the EBoard must approve attendance to the symposium.

In Solidarity,

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