

Did You Know?



The International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, better known as the United Auto Workers (UAW), is a labor union which represents workers in the United States and Puerto Rico. Founded in order to represent workers in the automobile manufacturing industry, UAW members in the 21st century work in industries as diverse as health care, casino gaming and higher education. Headquartered in Detroit, Michigan, the union has about 513,000 active members and more than 575,000 retired members in approximately 800 local unions which negotiated 3,100 contracts with some 2,000 employers.

The UAW was founded in May 1935 in Detroit, Michigan, under the auspices of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) after years of agitation within the labor federation. The AFL had focused on organizing craft unions since its founding in 1881 by Samuel Gompers. But at its 1935 convention, a caucus of industrial unions led by John L. Lewis formed the Committee for Industrial Organization, the original CIO, within the AFL. Within one year, the AFL suspended the unions in the CIO, and these, including the UAW, formed the Congress of Industrial Organizations.



Chairmen's notes: As Education Chairmen we would like to invite your input and suggestions as to what you would like to see from your educational committee. Keep an eye on the Local 218 website for coming classes on finance and union procedure. Again, as your Educational Committee please tell us what you would like to see from your union. Altogether we stand strong!

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