

IAM Transportation Activists Program

Q: What is the Transportation Activists Program?

A: An all-volunteer program designed to encourage member participation in their union and strengthen the IAM membership through an expanded communication and education network of trained activists to assist IAM representatives.

Q: Who may volunteer for the program?

A: Any member in good standing. We are looking for both new hires with little knowledge of the IAM as well as long-time, experienced members.

Q: How much time does it require?

A: Generally, any activities will take place during your normal working hours while you are performing your regular job. The most important function of our volunteers is to interact with other members and share the knowledge received in training.

Q: What will I be doing?

A: Serve as a resource for the Grand Lodge, District Lodge and your Local Lodge. You may be asked to distribute information in your workplace, help members understand the structure and activities of their union and participate in strategic campaigns that require membership involvement.

Q: How much does it pay?

A: This is an all-volunteer program. Participants volunteer their time to help strengthen their union and educate their sisters and brothers. They do not receive any pay from the Grand Lodge, District Lodge or Local Lodge. Prior approval must be obtained in order to be reimbursed for expenses.

Q: Where does the training take place?

A: Either at the IAM's William W. Winpisinger Education & Technology Center in Southern Maryland, or if there are enough participants in close proximity, instructors may travel to a Local Lodge for training.

Q: How long is the training?

A: Three – five days, plus two additional travel days for training at the Winpisinger Center. The length of training will be based on the number of participants in each class. As this is an all-volunteer program, we will limit the time necessary for training as much as possible.

Q: Who pays for travel to the Winpisinger Center for training?

A: Airline employees must use their travel passes for transportation to the BWI airport, where they will be picked up and taken to the Winpisinger Center. Tickets will be purchased only for members that work at railroads and fixed-base operators who do not receive travel benefits from their employer.

Q: When will the first training class begin?

A: Following the Grand Lodge Convention this Fall.

Q: Could Local Lodge Officers apply?

A: Yes.

Q: I've submitted the registration form. Now what?

A: You will be contacted to verify your information and to discuss the program in detail.