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LABOR RELATIONS MANAGEMENT

Fall 2011
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The world of Labor Relations is changing faster than ever. Ensure you’re prepared by completing your Certificate in Labor Relations Management – one of the only certificates of its kind in the U.S. Learn to successfully navigate the complexities of collective bargaining, and open the door to progress with a delicate blend of communication and collaboration.

Get started today! Contact program manager, Donna Shepard, at 414-227-3208 or dshepard@uwm.edu.

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CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS
Attend 10 days of training within three years of completing the first program. The 10 days are comprised of separate seminars – a repeated seminar does not receive credit. Seminars must be Labor Relations Management topics offered through the Business & Management department, UWM School of Continuing Education. Courses may be taken individually, however the Certificate establishes you as a comprehensively skilled Labor Relations manager.
Dealing With the Union – With Confidence!

The cost and operational impact of failure in labor relations is incalculable. Labor relations is different not only from other human resource functions, but from other operational functions as well. Dealing with unions is subject to more rapid, unpredictable shifts in direction. There are few effective guidelines and practically no “sure fire” routes to success. However, there are several proven ways to give an employer the valuable tools necessary to deal with the union.

Who Should Attend:
- Newly assigned members of the company’s bargaining team
- Inexperience entrants in labor relations
- More experienced negotiators or labor relations professionals charged with dealing with unions

You Will Learn To:
- Comprehend the legal, tactical and strategic elements of the collective bargaining process
- Understand what happens once the contract has been signed
- Examine successful techniques for dealing with difficult union situations
- Analyze important contract clauses

Content:

**Collective Bargaining**
- What you need to know about the law of collective bargaining
  - The duty to bargain, information requests, obligations and rights of an employer faced with bargaining
- How to begin
  - Preparation as the key to successful negotiations
- Content of the contract
  - Understanding how the contract works and how to use it to accomplish operational and economic goals
- Bargaining tactics and techniques
  - How to increase your chances of a successful outcome
  - The psychology of what goes on both at and away from the bargaining table

**Contract Administration**
- Post-negotiation matters
  - Drafting the new agreement, preserving the bargaining history, assessing your success at the table and applying the new contract fairly but aggressively
- The union steward
  - The proper role of the steward, controlling a difficult steward or committee, understanding the steward’s - and the company’s - rights
- Resolving disputes favorably before arbitration
  - Winning arbitration strategies, how to effectively prepare and win arbitration, and how arbitrators really decide cases

"This was most definitely worth the time and money."
Brandy Jones, HR Generalist, Weil-McLain
Labor Relations Training for Managers and Supervisors in a Unionized Setting

Workplace disputes are costly. In a unionized workplace, the likelihood of disputes is high and often increasing as unions fight to regain workplace market share. Review a time-tested process for reducing the risk and cost of those disputes. Obtain guidance in practical, understandable and usable terms for retaining or regaining effective control of today’s workplace.

Who Should Attend:
- Front-line supervisors
- Managers
- Anyone facing labor relation employment challenges

You Will Learn To:
- Understand labor and employment laws that every supervisor should know
- Recognize the purpose of the grievance process
- Comprehend arbitration and how it differs from a trial
- Avoid unnecessary grievances
- Identify past and current practices on contract interpretation
- Win your case before the hearing starts

Content:

An Advocate’s Perspective
- Introduction to Unions
  Why employees choose a union, the supervisors role, the union steward, NLRB
- Knowing and understanding all the rules
  Administering the Union Contract while maintaining productivity

The Arbitrator’s Perspective
- The Grievance Process and Arbitration
  The purpose of the grievance process and taking the mystery out of arbitration
- Effective Contract Administration — How to Avoid Going to Arbitration
  Developing a non-confrontational relationship
- What the Arbitrator Looks For
  Common issues which frequently arise at arbitration
- Winning Arbitration Strategies
  How an arbitrator really decides cases

"I would recommend this class to all supervisors."
Terry Krueger, Supervisor, Albert Lea Medical Center

Tue.-Wed., Sept. 13-14
Instructors: Steven M. Bierig and Harry J. Secaras
Fee: $895 • CEUs: 1.4
Program No. 5045-2909
or
Mon.-Tue., Apr. 2-3, 2012
Program No. 5045-2916
Collective Bargaining: Tactics, Techniques & Table Manners

The three most essential elements of successful collective bargaining are preparation, strategy and technique. Preparation is the gathering and use of data in formulating company proposals and counter-proposals. Strategy is the establishment of a negotiating position, anticipating and planning a defense against union proposals, and planning a course of action to reach your collective bargaining objectives. Techniques are negotiating table manners – the personal skills and insights enabling the negotiator to identify hang-up issues and areas of agreement, and to separate early the real from the give and trade items on the union’s list of demands.

Who Should Attend:
- Human resources and labor relations staff professionals
- Anyone who may have recently assumed labor relations responsibilities
- Negotiators wanting to refresh knowledge and sharpen skills

You Will Learn To:
- Apply tested techniques and useful tools to handle standard situations
- Determine the cost of agreement versus the cost of disagreement
- Structure an offer
- Recognize when to take a strike

Content:
- What You Need to Know About the Law
  Collective bargaining federal and state law – good faith, illegal issues, contracts, petitions, mediation and conciliation
- Getting Ready to Bargain
  Successful negotiations involve months of careful, planned preparation - the bargaining process, current trends, selecting the team, developing a position and a proposal
- Negotiating an Agreement: The Contractual Ingredients
  Agreements and their modifications are based on the economy, strengths and weaknesses of the parties, the personalities of the negotiators, past negotiations, relationships, etc. – contract considerations, cost, mediation and tactics
- Negotiating an Agreement: Tactics, Techniques and Table Manners
  A critical variable in contract negotiations is the negotiator – style, personality, verbal skill, intuition, timing, flexibility

"Better than any MBA labor relations course I have taken in the past."

Jeff Burke, Plant Manager, Wheaton USA

(Except for the first day, this program is suitable for public sector employers)
Mastering the Collective Bargaining Process

Experience the collective bargaining process by participating in a simulated negotiation. Simulated negotiations cannot generate the type of pressures and anxieties witnessed in a real-life situation. They can, however, provide realistic insight into the emotional factors that can greatly affect the outcome of any negotiations.

Who Should Attend:
- Newly assigned negotiators on the management team
- Negotiators wanting a refresher

You Will Learn To:
- Identify how much time and preparation is necessary for collective bargaining
- Appreciate what it feels like when the stakes are high
- Understand the different ways to use your communication skills
- Gain experience
- Study important negotiating concepts

Content:
- Getting Ready to Bargain
  Selecting the team and deciding on long-vs. short-term contract, mediation techniques, and “when to take a strike” tactics
- Negotiating an Agreement
  Agreeing on a negotiating concept; what are signaling, extensions and retroactivity; structuring an offer
- Team Assignments
  You will be assigned to a union or management team and begin to develop strategies and plan for negotiation

The “Collective Bargaining Game”:

Day One
Getting ready to bargain

Day Two
Apply various techniques discussed on Day One. The game contains current business and economic conditions to encourage discussions that are pertinent to current situations. The game allows for a wide discretion of negotiating. The schedule is set by the bargaining teams

Day Three
The game continues through the morning session. After lunch, a round-table discussion brings the teams together to discuss and summarize their experiences. Day Three ends at 2:30 pm

"A must attend for anyone sitting at the table during negotiations."

Rachael Zebro
Human Resources Consultant, Nuclear Management Co.

Mon.-Wed., Nov. 14-16
Instructor: Thomas W. Mackenzie
Fee: $1,165 • CEUs: 2.1
Program No. 5045-2912
or
Mon.-Wed., Apr. 16-18, 2012
Program No. 5045-2917

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Advanced Collective Bargaining

This workshop uses case studies to highlight difficult problems confronting today’s organizations. Review escalating health care costs, outsourcing productivity improvements, job combinations, pension plans and strategic planning. It is a unique opportunity to hone your skills, address critical issues in bargaining and engage in an interactive process with your peers.

Who Should Attend:
- Experienced negotiators

You Will Learn To:
- Develop obtainable goals and objectives
- Research supporting data and documentation for use at the table
- Redefine the role of a union steward
- Handle rogue union committee members
- Respond to a union committee’s claim that they cannot sell a critical management demand

Content:
- Negotiation Prep
  Apply an economic value to items historically viewed as non-economic
- Presentation of Bargaining Positions at the Table, including In-depth Approaches
  Learn to communicate a theme and examine new systems of employee involvement.
  Negotiate a comprehensive package
- Role-play to Deal with Some of the Intangibles Encountered during Negotiations
  Move beyond the initial presentation to the organization’s objectives
- Special Feature
  Half-day open forum where you bring unique, critical issues to the floor for full discussion and analysis. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to transcend the theoretical into a practical model for obtaining your bargaining goals. Don’t forget to bring your contract to the program

"A fantastic two days of interchange and learning."

Harriett Bennett, Human Resources Manager, Johnson Controls

Mon.-Tue., Dec. 12-13
Instructors: Thomas W. Mackenzie and Jonathan Swain
Fee: $1,195 • CEUs: 1.3
Program No. 5045-2913
or
Mon.-Tue., May 7-8, 2012
Program No. 5045-2918

NOTE: Attendance limited to 20 to allow for the easy exchange of ideas, approaches and experiences.
Instructors

Howard L. Bernstein
Howard is a Partner in the Labor and Employment Law Group of the Chicago law firm Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg. He concentrates solely in representing employers throughout the country in labor relations and employment law matters with emphasis on National Labor Relations Board proceedings, contract negotiations, arbitrations, union election campaigns and unfair labor practice cases. He is former Counsel to the Chairman of the NLRB in Washington and is a Fellow of the College of Labor & Employment Lawyers, as well as a member of the ABA Committee on Development of the Law Under the National Labor Relations Act.

Steven M. Bierig
Steven is an arbitration and mediation specialist with experience in labor and employment disputes on a national basis. He has been on a number of panels, including the United States Postal Service and its constituent unions, the City of Chicago and the Fraternal Order of Police and the State of Illinois/AFSCME. He is also a contract mediator for the EEOC. Steve is affiliated with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, the American Arbitration Association and is on the roster of arbitrators, mediators and fact-finders for the Illinois State, Local and Educational Labor Relations Boards.

Thomas W. Mackenzie
Tom is a member of the Board of Directors and a senior shareholder of Lindner & Marsack, S.C., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has extensive experience in both labor and employment law. Tom has lectured in the area of personnel management and labor law in management, and has conducted “in-house” supervisory training for companies across the country. He is a member of the American Bar Association as well as its Labor Law Section. Tom also is a member of the Wisconsin Bar and its Labor Law Section where he has served two terms on its Board of Directors.

Gary A. Marsack
Gary is a member of the Board of Directors, President and a senior shareholder of the Law Firm of Lindner & Marsack. A substantial part of his legal work involves the representation of national clients in all phases of labor and employment law. He consults with clients on collective bargaining, general labor strategies, contract administration issues, plant closings, consolidations, work relocations and subcontracting issues and has represented clients in the litigation of complex labor issues in arbitration, before state and federal agencies and before state and federal courts.

Harry J. Secaras
Harry is a shareholder with Pappas Hubbard O'Connor Fildes Secaras, P.C. He has negotiated more than 50 collective bargaining agreements for employers and employer associations across the country. Harry has represented employers before the NLRB in more than 25 representation cases and in more than 50 unfair labor practice matters. He often represents employers in contract interpretation, discipline grievance and arbitration matters. Harry is a member of the American Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois.

Jonathan T. Swain
Jon is a member of the Board of Directors and senior member with the law firm of Lindner & Marsack, S.C., Milwaukee. Jon devotes his practice to both labor and employment law issues. He consults with clients on contract administration and collective bargaining strategies and serves as chief spokesperson at the bargaining table. Jon has taught courses at the college level on human resource management and labor law. He is a frequent speaker on recent trends in contract negotiations, ADA, discrimination in the workplace, maintaining a non-union status, and trends before the National Labor Relations Board and state and federal courts.

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For more information contact:

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General Information

Seminar Location

Programs will be held at the UWM School of Continuing Education, 161 W. Wisconsin Avenue. SCE is conveniently located in downtown Milwaukee. It occupies a 100,000 square foot modern adult education and conference facility on the 6th and 7th floors of the Plankinton Building.

There is easy access to the airport, hotels, restaurants, theaters and sporting events. SCE offers convenient parking and shopping opportunities.

Detailed information on local hotels, directions and maps will be provided with your registration confirmation.

For the latest information on getting to and from SCE, visit sce-directions.uwm.edu. The webpage includes access to printable color PDFs of current maps, information about parking, public transportation information and other details relevant to our location.

Cancellations and Transfers

Cancellation and transfer requests made five working days or more prior to the program will not incur a penalty. A $50 administrative fee is charged when notification is received within five working days of the program. Cancellations made after the program begins are subject to the full fee. Substitutions are always accepted.

To transfer, substitute or cancel a registration contact Donna Shepard at 414-227-3208, 888-947-9947 or dshepard@uwm.edu.

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