



NFFE Forest Service Council

2017 National Union Training Catalog

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Announcement on 2017 National Union Training Catalog

Union Officials:

As per Master Agreement Article 31 Labor-Management Training, on February 3, the Forest Service Council (FSC) Training Committee submitted the **2017 National Union Training Catalog** to management for consideration. We have received their response and a copy of it, along with the **approved** Catalog are attached. We will post the Catalog on the Forest Service Council website (<http://www.nffe-fsc.org/committees/training/>) and some form of it will also be posted on the HRM, Labor-Relations page (don't know when or exactly where).

The letter lists the courses they denied and the reason for their denials. As you can see, management has denied all of the IAMAW Leadership Programs, Womens Basic, all the communication-type courses, and a few others because they feel they don't meet the interests given in the Master Agreement Article 31 - Union Sponsored Training.

What this Means for Local Lodges:

Local Lodges need to review Article 31 so they understand the importance of the Training Catalog in relationship to the bank of training hours and requests for Union training. It's important to understand that members interested in taking any of the courses that were denied will not be able to use Union Official Time or **any** of the bank of training hours allotted to their bargaining unit. They will have to take this training on their **own time** or work out an alternate arrangement with their supervisor and local management official.

How to get Additional Courses Submitted for Approval:

Any Local Lodge that would like to have specific courses added to the Catalog should read the attached document and use the template provided to submit them to the FSC Training Committee. This can include Union-related training courses or conferences conducted by outside groups, but for which the Union will be paying registration fees (if applicable) and charging training hours to the bank of hours to send members; e.g., FLRA training, OWCP training, EEO skills trainings, etc. The FSC Training Committee will review the course information provided and if they feel it meets the requirements of Article 31, submit them to management for consideration. **Submissions need to come through the Local Lodge, not from individual members. If possible, please submit them together, not one at a time.**

The FSC Training Committee will be submitting a request to management to add the **2017 National Government Employee Conference** sponsored by NFFE and IAMAW to the Catalog. (See message from Melissa Baumann for details on the conference.)

Any questions regarding the National Training Catalog and course submissions should be sent to the FS-NFFE FSC Training mailbox (nffe_fsc_training@fs.fed.us) and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



Thank you,

/s/ *Debbie Kaufman*

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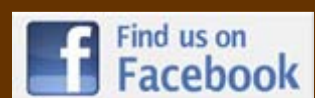
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