

Sunday April 13 Agenda

7:30 am	Registration Opens	
9:00 - 10:30	Interest Meetings (see page 22)	
10:45 - 12:30	Workshops E (see page 23)	
12:30 - 1:00	Lunch	
12:30 - 1:00	Music	Grand Ballroom Anne Feeney, American Federation of Musicians. Feeney has been comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable since 1967.
1:00 - 2:00	Main session (S,M)	Grand Ballroom <i>“Troublemaking for the Long Haul”</i> Cathy Austin, President, Canadian Auto Workers Local 88 Richard Berg, President, Teamsters Local 743 Chair: Yanira Merino, Laborers’ International Union
3:00 - 5:00	Global Unionism: The Prospects for International Grassroots Solidarity (S,M,P) (see page 24)	Desoto B

Bring the Conference Home with You: Organize a Local Troublemakers School!

Labor Notes supporters organize, make trouble, and fight the boss all year round, but Labor Notes conferences happen only once every couple of years. So how do you get the great training and networking opportunities that Labor Notes offers in between conferences? You can start by helping to organize a Troublemakers School in your city.

Troublemakers Schools are local, cross-union mini-conferences that Labor Notes holds in cities around the country. Using lessons from our 2005 book, *A Troublemaker's Handbook 2*, these one- or two-day events give labor activists nuts-and-bolts workshops and a chance to meet other activists from their area.

Our 2007 Troublemakers School in San Jose, California brought together over 100 union and worker center activists for a day of workshops and meetings, including: Organizing and Involving Young Workers, Assertive Grievance Handling, Contract Campaigns, and Building a Stewards Network.



Attendees of the San Jose Troublemakers School at Collective Bargaining 101 workshop. Credit: Communications Workers of America Local 9423.

Troublemakers Schools aim to spur on members’ organizing and mobilizing. Eric Larsen, President of AFSCME Local 101 in San Jose, made sure his members got something out of the day: “Through Labor Notes I’d heard a lot about ‘member action teams’ that another AFSCME local used. Thanks to the Troublemakers School, some of the stewards in my local were able to learn more about how to build them. Now they’re all pumped up and want to get cracking!”

If you're interested in helping organize a Troublemakers School in your area, call Mark Brenner at 718-284-4144 or email him at mark@labornotes.org.