

# EAST CENTRAL AREA LABOR COUNCIL

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## Meetings

- Rum River Labor Coalition Meeting  
Pizza Hut – 345 Central Ave S, Milaca MN  
1st Monday of the month – 5:30 pm
- Central Minnesota Trades and Labor Assembly  
1903 - 4th Street No., St Cloud, MN  
3rd Tuesday of the month – 6:30 pm
- Brainerd Trades and Labor Assembly  
Eagles Club – 124 Front Street, Brainerd, MN  
3rd Wednesday of the month – 6 pm
- East Central Quarterly Meeting  
Rotating location – locals will receive letter with location for each meeting  
Quarterly meetings – 3rd Monday of 3rd month of the quarter
- Sherburne Area Labor Council  
Elk River Education Association –  
555 Railroad Dr., Elk River, MN  
3rd Wednesday of the month – 4:15 pm

## Counties

Aitkin, Benton, Cass, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd


## Delegates

Affiliated Local Unions' representation shall be based on per capita tax paid to the East Central Area Labor Council according to the following schedule:

50 members or less	1 delegates	51-100 members	2 delegates
101-200 members	3 delegates	201-400 members	4 delegates
401-700 members	5 delegates	701-1100 members	6 delegates

One additional delegate for each additional 500 members or major fraction thereof above 1100.

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# AREA LABOR COUNCIL FACTS

## What is the AFL-CIO?

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The AFL-CIO is the umbrella organization of 57 national and international labor unions that represent 12.2 million working people.

The AFL-CIO provides information to working people about issues that affect their daily lives, and encourages them to make their voice heard for a government that works for working families. We make sure members have the latest union facts and news on workers' rights.

## What is an Area Labor Council (ALC)?

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An ALC is the umbrella organization of local unions.

ALCs support political, organizing and issue-oriented campaigns by mobilizing—and growing—a network of committed union volunteers.

## Who belongs to ALCs

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ALCs are made up of local unions grouped by geographical regions. ALCs have a very diverse membership—from electricians, heavy equipment operators and retail employees to teachers, nurses and firefighters.

## Why do we need to affiliate with an ALC? Aren't we already affiliated with the AFL-CIO?

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All Education Minnesota members are affiliated with the AFL-CIO and MN AFL-CIO. ALCs provide the services to help locals organize politically and build relationships with their local community. ALCs provide direct services to locals that the AFL-CIO can't at a local level.

## How does affiliating with an ALC benefit our local?

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ALCs provide locals assistance in organizing politically, helping with labor relation issues and building relationships with other labor unions in your community.

## What does the ALC do that my local can't do for itself?

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ALCs have staff that can help locals organize political, legislative or labor-relation events.

ALCs can coordinate events with other unions and community groups to provide locals more support.

## I'm a busy local president. Do I have to be my local's representative?

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Though local president's involvement in their ALC is important, they do not have to be the local's representative. Locals should designate a member that can consistently attend ALC meetings and functions.

## What happens at an ALC meeting?

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ALC meetings discuss labor, political, legislative and community issues that affect affiliates. There are numerous committees that plan and carry out initiatives that have been approved by the ALC central body.

## How does my local become involved in an ALC?

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All locals have been affiliated with their ALC by Education Minnesota. Locals willing to participate need to contact their ALC to notify them who will be representing them at meetings.

## What if my local was already affiliated prior to the Education Minnesota affiliating all locals?

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Education Minnesota pays annual dues of \$3 per member per year. Locals that are already affiliated can choose to either pay \$3 less per year or continue to pay the amount they are paying depending on whether they are at full affiliation or not.

## Who will pay the affiliation fees?

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Education Minnesota pays \$3 per member per year (\$.25 per month). Depending on which ALC your local is affiliated with, the local may voluntarily pay additional fees to be fully affiliated. Though it is voluntary, Education Minnesota recommends that all locals fully affiliate.