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July 23, 2026

To: All UAW Region 4 Local Presidents, Recording Secretaries, Financial Secretaries, and Journeyman Card Committee Members

Re: UAW Region 4 Skilled Trades Conference – September 23-26, 2026

Details of the above-mentioned event are as follows:

- Location: Pat Greathouse Education Center, 1000 E Center St, Ottawa, IL 61350
- Conference & PGC Hotel Registration: July 15th until September 9th
- Committee and Council Members Travel Day: Tuesday, September 22nd
- Journeyman Card Committee Meeting: September 23rd at 9:00 a.m.
- Bylaws & Resolutions Meeting: September 23rd at 11:00 a.m.
- John Deere & CAT Sub-Councils Meeting: September 23rd at 1:00 p.m.
- Delegate Travel Day: Wednesday, September 23rd
- Event Opens: Thursday, September 24th at 9:00 a.m.
- Event Adjourns: Saturday, September 26th
- Travel Day: September 26th
- The local union must bear all lost time and expenses.

Conference Registration

- Registration Link: <https://conference.uaw.org/region4/sit.php>
 - Username: 2026region4
 - Password: registerSIT
 - Enter your PGC lodging confirmation number (if applicable.)
- If you are staying at the PGC hotel, complete reservation step before the conference registration.

PGEC Hotel Reservations

- Rooms are available on a first come first serve basis for \$70 nightly.
- Each room has two beds. We encourage double occupancy whenever feasible.
- No pets are allowed.
- Reserve rooms by contacting Andrea at amwilliams@uaw.net or 608-713-7900. If you get the office voicemail, leave a message with the room request and email address for confirmation and/or follow-up. When making reservations, indicate if the delegate(s) has special room requirements. A confirmation number will be emailed to you after the reservation has been received.
- PGC Hotel check-in: September 22nd at 3 p.m., September 23rd at 3 p.m., & September 24th at 8:45 a.m.
- Check-out: September 26th by 9:00 a.m.

Registration Fee

Registration Fee: The fee is \$184.00 per delegate, which includes the cost of meals and materials. Please send the non-refundable fees by September 9, 2026, to **Andrea Williams, UAW Sub-Region 4 Office, 1795 Lafayette St, Janesville, WI 53546, Attn: SKT Conf.**

Make checks payable to "UAW Region 4 Activity Fund" Notate Skilled Trades Conference on the memo line.

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Delegate & Guest Meals

- The first meal will be breakfast on Thursday, and the last meal will be breakfast on Saturday.
- The guest meal fee is \$50.00 per day, per guest, for those delegates who choose to bring a guest to the conference.
- ONLY checks or money orders will be accepted for guest fee payments. We are unable to accept credit/debit cards.

Please ensure the PGC Hotel is full before seeking area lodging. When PGC Hotel rooms are sold out, reduced rates have been arranged at the following Ottawa hotels:

- Fairfield Inn – 815-431-8955
- Hampton Inn – 815-434-6040
- Quality Inn – 815-433-9600
- We STRONGLY encourage avoiding the Holiday Inn as it was built by non-union labor.

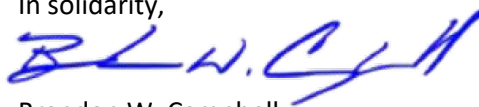
A copy of this call letter is available at <http://region4.uaw.org>. Questions should be referred to Bradley Schwanda, our UAW Region 4 Skilled Trades Coordinator, at (608) 713-7900 or bschwanda@uaw.net.

Each local should send their Skilled Trades Committee members as delegates in accordance with Article 4(A) (B) of the council bylaws. Locals may also choose to send the president and/or shop chairperson. Enclosed, you will find a Local Union Report Form to be completed and brought to the conference.

On Thursday afternoon there will be nominations and an election of the John Deere/CAT Sub-Council in accordance with Article 5 of the Region 4 Skilled Trades Leadership Council Bylaws. The election is for the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Recording/Financial Secretary positions. A copy of the UAW Region 4 Skilled Trades Leadership Council By-Laws is available for download at the following link:
https://region4.uaw.org/system/files/2025-04/region_4_skilled_trades_council_by-laws_2021_0.pdf.

On Friday afternoon we have a community project planned at a local no kill shelter called 'Pet Project'. Pet Project's mission is to operate a shelter and provide for the humane treatment of animals while attempting to secure permanent homes for them, either through adoption or through reuniting lost animals with their owners; and to encourage the humane treatment of animals through kindness and proper care (<https://www.petprojectinc.org>). We are asking delegates to bring a bag of IAMS dog or cat food to donate. As part of this project, we are going to help clean the area outside of their buildings and want delegates to bring work gloves, rakes, weed trimmers, etc. to help.

In solidarity,



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cc: Lucas DeSpain

ATTENTION FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

The LM2 for this conference is:

Representation	98%
Administrative	
Political	2%

DATE: _____

UAW REGIONAL REPORT

Local Union #: _____

President: _____

Shop Chairperson: _____

Int'l Regional Rep.: _____

Int'l Representative: _____



Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Union Hall Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Plant Name and Operation Description:

Current Skilled Trades Work Schedule:

Skilled Working: _____

Skilled on Layoff: _____

Outsourcing/Insourcing Concerns:

Apprenticeship Concerns/Barriers/Best Practice:

List Any Upcoming Negotiations:

Bargaining Goals/Discussions (Adding apprenticeship to contract, outside contracting issues, In-sourcing opportunities, training enhancements, safety gains):

New Technology Discussions/Concerns:

Safety Concerns Related to Skilled Trades (Training, Apprenticeship, New Technology, Etc.):

Miscellaneous Discussion/Concerns:

Submitted By:



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Re: UAW Region 4 John Deere & CAT Sub-Council Election Notice

This is to advise you that nominations and election of the Region 4 UAW John Deere & CAT Sub-Council for a three-year term ending in Fall 2029 will be held on:

Nomination Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 1:00 pm

Election Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 4:00 pm

Location: Pat Greathouse Education Center

1000 E Center Street

Ottawa, IL 61350

Positions to be elected are: Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Recording Secretary-Treasurer

REGION 4 SKILLED TRADES LEADERSHIP COUNCIL BYLAWS

5) OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

A. The Council shall elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Recording Secretary-Treasurer as follows:

a. The above officers shall be nominated and elected for a three (3) year term at the third (3rd) Calendar Year Meeting in 1996, 1999, 2002, etc.

1. That he/she would finish the term of that office, of the above officers, regardless of status (must be working in a UAW Plant) as per Par. 4A of the Region 4 Skilled Trades Leadership Council By Laws.

b. The voting delegate(s) of his/her local union shall be to a maximum of three (3) and in the event the delegate(s) are not in attendance as set forth in paragraph 4A then the representatives of 4B,a may cast a ballot in their absence.

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c. All candidates for officers and candidates for standing committees must have a UAW skilled trades journeyman card.

d. In the event a vacancy occurs during the regular term of office of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall automatically succeed to the office of Chairperson.

The office of Vice-Chairperson will then be filled by nomination and election at the next meeting. In the event a vacancy occurs during the regular term of office of Vice-Chairperson or Recording Secretary- Treasurer, the office will then be filled by nomination and election at the next meeting.

e. Ballots for the election of the officers shall be kept by the Recording Secretary-Treasurer for twelve (12) months.

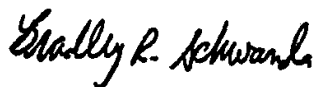
f. All standing committees shall have Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Recording Secretary. (STOPPED) fix formatting

A complete copy of the bylaws can be found on the UAW Region 4 website at the link below:

https://region4.uaw.org/system/files/2025-04/region_4_skilled_trades_council_by-laws_2021_0.pdf.

Should you have question please contact me at (608) 713-7900 or bschwanda@uaw.net.

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