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FROM THE DESK OF: **Chad Kaiser** PRESIDENT'S REPORT

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Committee appointments will be made for the following listed committees before the September Membership meeting. According to our By Laws, all voluntary committees are appointed by the President, with the approval of the Executive Board. Strong standing committees don't just happen; they're planned and worked on by members like you. Members that care about the future, status of our union, and members who care about what kind of future we want for all working families. One of the best ways to make a difference in all aspects of our union is through our standing committees. Committee members can serve on as many committees as they like. Retirees are eligible and encouraged to participate.

COMMITTEE OPENINGS:

1. Constitution & By Law
2. Education & Communications
3. Conservation/Recreation
4. Union Label
5. Civil/Human Rights
6. Citizenship & Legislative & C.A.P.
7. Community Services
8. Consumer Affairs
9. Women's Committee
10. Veterans Committee
11. Safety
12. Organizing



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

We hope all our members and their families enjoy their UNION WON 3-day Holiday,
Sat., May 23—Mon., May 25, 2026.

May we all pause to remember with gratitude and pride, all those who served and gave their lives for our country and our freedom.

***And let's not forget our freeloading SCABS:
Eric Baylers-D/151, Garret Beck-D/151, April Carner-D/151, Jessica Langel-D/151, Jozette Paul-D/158, Helen Brown-D/155, Sarah Patrum-D/158, Jessica Rigsby-D/158, Stephanie Schwager-D/158, Nancy Vanderah-D/158, Michael Vonk-D/158, Angela Whisler-D/158, Christopher Woosley-D/163, Brian Chmelar-D/315 , Tara Dirks-D/163, Tosha Faust-D/151, Jeremy Genz-D/151, Aaron Lange-D/514, Benjamin Rheeder-D/151, Brian Culbertson-D/155, Mitchell Fisher-D/182, Jeremy Hessen-D/161, Heather Koeller-D/158, Scott Schilling-D/863, Jason Runde-D/510, Gene Herrig-D/510, Jerry Radke-D/510

who will also be enjoying our **UNION WON** holiday***

STEWARD NEWS

From Vice President Jered Althoff

Steward Area Nomination Open

There is an area open for Steward nominations, due to a resignation:
Depts.:…05, 145, 354 & 355…….……1st Shift

**NOMINATIONS OPEN . . . . Thurs., 30 Apr., 2026
NOMINATIONS CLOSE . . . . .Wed., 6 May., 2026**

Any member in this area and on the shift accepting nomination may do so by hand delivering their acceptance to the Local 94 Union hall, or by certified or registered letter. When submitting your nomination please include your name, clock number, shift, and department that you are accepting nomination for. Hand delivered nominations must be delivered by 3:30 p.m. Wed., May 6, 2026. Mailed nominations should be mailed to Vice President, Local 94, UAW, 3450 Central Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52001 and must be postmarked by May 6, 2026.

We would like to give Josephine Morgan a big Thank you for their great job as Steward.

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Date: SAT., May 9, 2026
Time: 9:00 A.M.
Location: Walter Reuther Hall
3450 Central Ave.**



Steward Meeting- 8:15a.m. Upstairs of Union Hall

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
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Reading of the 2026 General Election Results**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR SAT., MAY 9:

Veteran's Committee . . . . . 7:45 a.m.
All other committees will meet. . . . . After Membership Mtg.

ELECTION TO BE HELD

at Walter Reuther Hall - Local 94, UAW - 3450 Central Avenue, Dubuque, Iowa

DATE:	**TIME:**
THURSDAY, MAY 7	**5:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**
FRIDAY, MAY 8	**5:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

= = = SAMPLE ELECTION BALLOT = = =

President (Vote for 1)
Jered Lee Althoff
David James Robinson

GUIDE (Vote for 1)
Hillary Hannan
Jim Rogers

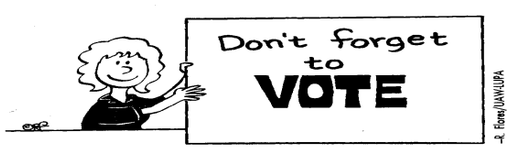
SHOP COMMITTEE (Vote for no more than 7)
Jeff Ploessl
Cary Kloft
John Pena
Kevin Wolf
Jim Kulper
Pat Casey
Adam Dupont
Nathan Demaria
John Ginter
Mindy Nachtman
Josh Handley
Chris Schemmel
Chuck Schmitz
Jake Foley
Thomas (TJ) Nelson
Alea Broshous

The names of the candidates will appear on the voting machines in the same order as they are listed. No write-in candidates allowed on ballots.

39th Constitutional Convention
(Vote for no more than 3)
Chad Engelke
John Pena
Dan Knockel
David James Robinson
Corey J. Fellenzer
Donnie D. Thul

AG-IMP COUNCIL (Vote for no more than 2)
Jeff Ploessl
John Pena
Pat Casey
Chad A. Kaiser
Jake Foley
Donnie D. Thul
Corey J. Fellenzer
Dan Knockel

DEERE COUNCIL (Vote for no more than 2)
Donnie D. Thul
Chad A. Kaiser
Dan Knockel
Corey J. Fellenzer
David James Robinson
Jake Foley
Pat Casey
John Pena
Jeff Ploessl



ATTENTION SKILLED TRADES

All members in good standing in the following classifications will be nominated at the May meeting to fill the delegate positions on the Skilled Trades Committee of Local 94:

One delegate for: R-36, R-37, T-1, T-5, T -10, & X-45.

Two delegates for: R-5, R-20, X-7, & X-13

Acceptance letters must be postmarked or dropped off by Monday, June 1, 2026.

See bulletin board for more details.

2nd & 3rd SHIFT COMMITTEE PERSON FOR THE MONTH OF MAY
2ND SHIFT- JAKE FOLEY
3RD SHIFT– JOHN PENA

LOCAL 94 GOLF OUTING

The annual Local 94 Golf Outing is JUNE 6, 2026. Sign up will start on Monday, April 13, 2026.

Deadline to sign-up is Wednesday May 27, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. NO PHONE INS ACCEPTED.

$53.00 per person or $212.00 per team.

Golf outing is open to all active and retired UAW members.

Ball drop is at 7:45 a.m.



SHOP Committee Report

By Chairman Jeff Ploessl 4-01-2026

Employees currently working. 1,278
*__746__ cipp *__73__ non-cipp
*__219__ of these are skilled trade or keyed classifications.
Scabs 28
Employees currently on WI. 76
Employees currently on LTD. 29
Number of employees in resource pool. 178
Employees on leave 6
(3-Military, 3 Educational)
Employees on NTA assignments 27
Employees on Special assignments 48
Employee currently on laid off 26
Apprentices: 4
New hires since 18 November 2021 259
New hires since last report. 0
Termination and quits since last report. 3
(3 quits, 0 term)
Terminations and quits since Nov. 18, 2021 198
(139 quits, 59 term)
Other news:

- C.I. projects completed (FY 2026): 1,110
- Disciplinary hearings since last report: 16 (10 Exhibit "O" , 6 Conduct)
- Upcoming Retirements: **2**
- **32** CIPP plans with a **140.31%** ytd (2026)plant average
- Future Hiring Plan: 0.
- Grievance Load: **6** grievances written in 2026; **2** for next Step 3 , **0** currently to Next Joint Appeal Board.