



INTERNATIONAL UNION, UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AEROSPACE AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA-UAW

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August 23, 2022

**TO: All Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries,
Financial Secretaries, Bargaining Committee Chairs,
CAP Chairs and Area CAP Chairs – Region 4 UAW**

Greetings:

On Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 10:00 AM, we will convene our annual Fall Regional Conference at the UAW Pat Greathouse Educational Center, 1000 E. Center Street, Ottawa, Illinois.

As we are approaching Fall Conference, we have elections both internally within the UAW and mid-term elections for our local, state, and national representatives. For our governmental offices we need to elect representatives who have our interests and our families interests not only during their speeches and cadencies but when they are or have already been in office. Many have a proven track record giving us a basis to support or not to support them. Your voice does matter and everything we bargain for can be removed with a swipe of a pen which has been the case in the recent supreme and lower court decisions affecting each and everyone. While many blame current office holders the fact is many of these decisions are from appointments through the efforts of preceding office holders. Voters should use facts and not rhetoric to base their choices but certainly need to exercise their right to vote based on what they believe is best for their families.

The UAW rules have been established by the election officer and court appointed monitor which candidates were nominated under during the UAW Convention in July. You will be seeing literature and hearing from candidates in the coming months, again some will be speaking on promises, and some will have track records of leadership qualities that are necessary to lead this institution for years to come. You will have the opportunity to vote by mail under the election rules. While the referendum was passed under this same system, the vote total was not anywhere close to our normal participation levels. It is important you have your correct addresses and contact information on file at your locals and in LUIS so you will receive your ballot providing you the opportunity to make your voice heard.

This will be my final fall conference as Director prior to retirement, it has been an honor and privilege to serve the Region but overall, the UAW. I want to personally thank our Regional Staff for their support, hours, and years of dedication to our members active, and retired. Those of you who have attended many different conferences, throughout the years, understand this is a collective effort to serve the membership properly and effectively. I Look forward to seeing those of you who attend the conference and if I don't see you prior to retiring, I wish nothing but the best for you and your families.

We will again be selling Regional Conference meal tickets at **\$10.00 each** to help defray expenses. Tickets will be available from your International Representative.

*Checks should be made payable to: "**REGION 4 ACTIVITY FUND**"*

Even if a local is not in attendance at the Conference, purchasing of tickets is encouraged. Refreshments and lunch will be served at the conclusion of the conference. Failure to purchase a ticket for the conference will not prevent a member from attending. However, those who eat must pay for the meal if they have not purchased a ticket. If income from the event exceeds expenses, the surplus will be deposited in the Region 4 Activities Fund and be used, at the request of the Regional Director, for proper union purposes. Contributions or gifts to the UAW are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.

Reservations for rooms at the Pat Greathouse Center Hotel, if required, should be made by the Local Unions by calling the Regional Office at 847-459-3888.

NOTE: PGC check-in will be Friday, September 30th from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 PM. If a delegate is unable to check-in during the above-mentioned hours, please contact the Education Coordinator, Brad Schwanda at bschwanda@uaw.net, to make special arrangements for room key pick-up. Check-out will be Saturday, September 1st by noon or immediately after lunch.

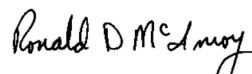
Once the Center has been filled Locals will be asked to call one of the following hotels to arrange their own accommodations: Fairfield Inn (815) 431-8955, Hampton Inn (815) 434-6040, Comfort Inn (*formerly Holiday Inn Express*) (815) 433-0029 and Super 8 (815) 434-2888; **or any other hotel in the area.**

On Friday evening, September 30th, we will host a dance for all delegates who come in the evening before the Conference. It will be held from 7:00 PM until 10:30 PM at the Center.

For your convenience, a copy of this call letter is available on the Region 4 website. We ask that you notify your chairpersons to visit <https://region4.uaw.org/> to obtain a copy of this call letter.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Conference.

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cc: Brad Dutcher, Asst. Director
All Region 4 Staff
All Region 4 Retired Staff