

REGION 4



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

Greetings:

On **Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 10:00 AM**, we will convene our annual **Spring Regional Conference** at the UAW Pat Greathouse Educational Center, 1000 E. Center Street, Ottawa, Illinois.

By the time we get together this spring, the International Executive Board (IEB) elections will have concluded. Regardless of the outcome, it is far beyond time to strengthen and grow our Solidarity. It is far beyond time that we start acting like a union! Rather than looking inward and demonizing each other, we need to be looking outward at our true enemies. If we do not, they will continue dividing us along any line they can.

As your Director, I welcome new voices – radical voices. I stand with those who want to push for more. I appreciate those who demand that we fight for what some have come to believe our union can no longer accomplish. I welcome their passion, their ideas, their willingness to try. Similarly, those new and radical voices must also stop and listen to voices of reason, experience, and wisdom. We must show each other respect and be assured our union halls are safe spaces to share ideas and have healthy debate.

A quote from an unknown author reads, *"tact is the ability to make a point without making an enemy."* We need to develop tact with each other to develop Solidarity. That, Brothers and Sisters, is one key to moving forward and continuing to win better wages, benefits, and working conditions for our Members across the UAW.

The entire staff of Region 4 looks forward to seeing you soon.

We will be selling Regional Conference meal tickets at **\$15.00 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, April 28th from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 PM. If a delegate is unable to check-in during the above-mentioned hours, please contact your Education Coordinator, Brad Schwanda at bschwanda@uaw.net, to make special arrangements for room key pick-up. Check-out will be Saturday, April 29th 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 (815) 433-0029 and Super 8 (815) 434-2888; or any other hotel in the area. However, I suggest avoiding the Ottawa Holiday Inn - it was built by anti-union contractors.

On Friday, April 28th, at 6:00 pm we will have a Solidarity Mixer for all delegates who come in the evening before the Conference.

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/regional-call-letters> to obtain a copy of this call letter.

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cc: Lucas DeSpain, Asst. Director
All Region 4 Staff
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