



March 1, 2018

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

Greetings:

On **Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 10:00 AM**, we will convene our annual **Spring Regional Conference** at the UAW Pat Greathouse Educational Center in Ottawa, Illinois.

We are in the early stages of our 2018 season and are looking forward to the opportunity of serving our membership. February of 2017 a tornado ripped through our Pat Greathouse Center, and after meeting with the leadership of the Region, we received tons of support to start the process of rebuilding our hotel. The construction is going well and if construction stays on schedule we will be ready for our Spring Conference. On behalf of myself and Assistant Director Brad Dutcher we would like to thank our membership for all their donations and contributions, as well as their continued support.

Our staff will strive to provide the best representation while providing the necessary training to our local leadership allowing them to accomplish their responsibilities of serving our members.

We have all will have a busy year with the opportunity to elect our union leadership at the UAW Constitutional Convention in June. Then we have another midterm election cycle to elect federal, state, and local officials who control all of our lives by their decisions. We need to elect representatives who support working men and woman. The only way to ensure your voices are heard is when you exercise your right to vote. *“Time is short. I urge you to raise your voice. We must be heard. We must be heard now.”* —Walter Reuther

Looking forward to all our challenges and working with all of you, as a director and working with our staff we appreciate the opportunity to serve all of our active members and retirees.

We will again be selling Regional Conference 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 new 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, May 4th 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](mailto:bschwanda@uaw.net), to make special arrangements for room key pick-up. Check-out will be Saturday, May 5th by noon or immediately after lunch.

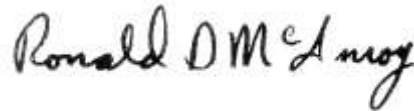
Once the Center has been filled Locals will be asked to call one of the following hotels to arrange their own accommodations: Fairfield Inn (815) 431-8955; Holiday Inn (815) 433-0029; Comfort Inn (815) 433-9600; Super 8 (815-434-2888), or any other hotel in the area.

On Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, approximately at around 4:00 p.m., after the President and Chairs meeting, there will be a commemoration and ribbon cutting ceremony of the new PGC Hotel with appetizers and beverages served afterwards. Later that night we will host a dance for all delegates who come in the evening before the Conference. The dance will be from 7:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. 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'm looking forward to seeing each of you at the Conference.

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cc: Brad Dutcher  
All Region 4 Staff  
All Region 4 Retired Staff