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**Final Results of the 2023 UAW
Local 751
triennial Election**

President:	Jason Hess	327
	Bob Kreidler	259
Vice-President:	Gerry Myers	392
	Justin Chew	184
Recording Sec:	Rich Opalka	(unopposed)
Financial Sec:	Jeff Moran	(unopposed)
1 st shift committeeman:	Brian Marts	(unopposed)
	Sam Hart	(unopposed)
2 nd shift committeeman:	Rob Walters	(unopposed)
	Jed Rohr	70
	John Sorrells	37
3 rd shift committeeman:	Blake Force	(unopposed)
Grievance Chairman:	Steve Collins	273
	Marty Hunter	276
Trustees:	Eric Force	399
	Ashley Collins	283
	Angela Crue	353
	James Turpin	310
Publicity Director:	Mya Waldrop	(unopposed)
Sergeant of Arms:	Stacey Byers	342
	Aaron Kennedy	224
Guide:	Kelley Woodard	(unopposed)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dates to Remember

June



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6- **Retiree Breakfast** 8:00am

11 – **Membership Meeting**

10am – all members welcome

13 – **Retiree meeting**

6pm Chicken & Noodles \$1 each call to sign-up

14 - **Steward meetings** – all members welcome to attend

(7:15am, 1:30pm, and 3:15pm)

14 – **Flag Day**

27- **Attorney Frank Bertuca** at the hall, please **call** for an appointment.

28 - **Steward meetings** – all members welcome to attend (7:15am, 1:30pm, and 3:15pm)

~REMINDER~

*STEWARDS MEETING ARE HELD EVERY 2ND AND 4TH WEDNSDAY OF THE MONTH. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A STEWARD TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS. ALL MEMEBERS ARE WELCOME. THIS IS A GOOD OPPURTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS. RAISE ANY COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS YOU MAY HAD OR HAVE ON HOW THINGS ARE HANDLED ON THE SHOP FLOOR. *

President's Report

The 2023 spring Ag/Imp conference was this past week from May 8th through May 11th in Denver. The conference started with Vice President Chuck Browning addressing the Ag/Imp council expressing his emotions on how he will miss Chairman Collins and stated Steve's experience knowledge and leadership would be gravely missed! Also, the Deere, Case/New Holland, and Cat bargaining committees really made great gains and the UAW is greater today than it was a decades ago. Chuck is already preparing for the Case/New Holland contract they signed a three-year agreement following a 10-month strike, that leaves little time to prepare. Thankfully the Caterpillar locals have some years to concentrate on educating our members, maintaining, and updating our Union Halls. The last day of the conference International had us participate in sexual harassment training. This training is a lot different than the classic training; it's geared toward dealing with gender identification. This generated a lot of conversation and after the day, I now feel it is much needed training.

I would like to welcome all new officers. With next contract negotiations 5 & 1/2 years away Education is a large part of my focus this 3-year term. Populating standing committees has been a real challenge but I have a great feeling this group of members has the resolve to meet this challenge.

Here are the standing committees listed in our by-laws.

- Constitution and By-Laws
- Union Label
- Education
- Conservation and Recreation
- Community Services
- Civil and Human Rights
- Citizenship and Legislative (CAP)
- Consumer Affairs
- Women's Committee
- Veterans Committee

Any member interested in any or all the standing committees please contact the Union Hall and be placed on a list. Once there is a sufficient number of members to fill such committees you will be contacted about meeting dates and meeting locations.

Our new officers will be in training in the week of June 25th through June 30th at Region 4 UAW Pat Greathouse Center so if you see any of them, please ask them to share what they have learned.

Jimmy Turpin- Trustee
Angela Crue – Trustee

Rich Opalka- Recording Secretary
Mya Waldrop – Publicity Director

Eric Force – Trustee

Retiree Meeting May 9, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Chairman Jerry Grandon.

Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America. Moment of silence for the deceased members and those missing in action. Invocation by Paul Espy. Jerry asked any new members and their guests to go first in line for the meal and set aside the regular order of business to let the group enjoy the meal. The meeting was called back to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call of officers with all present or excused.

The Acting Recording Secretary Dave Ashenfelter read the Minutes from the April meeting and they were accepted as read.

The Financial Secretary, Dave Ashenfelter read the financial report from the month of April and it was accepted as read.

Reports of Officers

Old Business: None

New Business:

June 6 at 8:00 AM will be the next breakfast.

June 13 at 6:00 PM will be the next meeting. The dinner will be chicken and noodles please bring a side to share cost is \$1 a person, pay at the door. Please call Deann to sign up (217-428-7706).

Jim Taylor reported that after vote for Int. Rep, we now have all new people. Dave Ashenfelter reported on the Local's elections.

Motion by Jim Taylor, seconded by Bob Butler to take retiree nominations next month. Carried

Communications:

There were three deaths: Thomas Russell (4/24), Ken Thomas (4/26), Vaun 'Jim' Engle (5/6)

There were two anniversaries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Door Prizes:

\$10 Dave Ashenfelter

\$5 Carol Sealy

\$5 Bob Butler

\$5 Nancy Minx

David Ashenfelter

Acting Recording Secretary

Local 751 Retiree Chapter

Region 4, UAW

Grievance Committee Report

The company has tightened up on their attendance guidelines after allowing an abundance of people to miss work without any repercussions. Things had been pretty lax for some members for some time now, but those days are over. Be sure to ask your section manager for a copy of the attendance guidelines to make sure that you fully understand the process.

Any time that you are absent from work the company will be taking your PAA (Blue Card) hours. Remember if you are not able to call in 30 minutes prior to shift, you will need documentation for your absence to prevent discipline. If you do use PAA in the proper 30 minute in advanced time frame, then it should be coded as personal approved in Kronos. Make sure to question any other coding.

There have been several terminations due to canteen store theft. If you are using the canteen services, be sure that your payment goes through and keep your receipt. Pushing cancel after scanning your items triggers a red screen that is easily recognized on the camera. The vending company has been sending video footage to labor to identify people that have stolen from the stores and there are cameras at every store location. Stealing is an automatic termination.

Your Grievance Committee

Brian Marts

Sam Hart

Rob Walters

Jed Rohr

Blake Force

UAW PRESIDENT SHAWN FAIN'S MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP – MAY 6

UAW family,

This past month has been a very busy one for our union, and I'm excited to share what we've been working on. This week, I spoke directly to the membership about our progress, and our major fights ahead. [If you missed it, check it out here.](#)

The Electric Vehicle transition remains a core issue for our union. Right now, we have UAW members in Lordstown, Ohio, making batteries for a GM "joint venture" called Ultium, earning just \$16.50 an hour. EVs aren't just coming – they're here. And we support a clean auto industry. But we need to make sure the EV transition is a "just transition." That means it's not a race to the bottom. That means not allowing these companies to circumvent our contracts to pay low-road wages like they're doing at Ultium.

Outside of the Big Three, the UAW continues to fight and win:

- [We had a huge victory this week in the IPS sector, where over 400 workers at Yanfeng auto supplier outside Kansas City voted in a landslide to join UAW Local 710.](#) These workers faced low wages, racial discrimination, and no seniority rights but they fought back and won their union. I want to personally welcome these workers to the family and let them know that myself and everyone else in the UAW have your backs as you fight for a first contract.
- [Congratulations to Local 588 members at Metal-Matic who recently ratified their first contract.](#) After 65 days on the picket line Local 588 was able to negotiate an agreement that achieves equal pay for equal work, a bedrock principle of unionism. These members proved that when we stand in solidarity, we can win.
- Higher education workers continue to organize, fight, and win, with major campaigns and organizing activity from the University of Maine to the University of Southern California. From coast to coast, the UAW continues to lead the way in building power on higher education campuses.
- Your elected leadership on the International Executive Board are united and hard at work implementing the changes we believe are needed to transform our union back into a fighting organization. But it's going to take all of us to get back in the fight. Send this message along to a UAW member in your life and ask them to sign up for Member Updates at UAW.org, and follow UAW on social media. We're just getting started.

In solidarity,

UAW President Shawn

<https://uaw.org/uaw-president-shawn-fains-message-membership-may-6/>

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BADGE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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THANK YOU!

Thank you for the beautiful bible! It will be a cherished keepsake.

Love,
Jim Engle family.

Thank you to everyone for their support and votes from the 2023 Election.

Bob Kreitler

