



UPDATE FROM DIRECTOR GREEN



June was a busy and meaningful month across Region 2B. The UAW's 39th Constitutional Convention took place, many locals held elections and welcomed new officers, several contracts were ratified, and members of Local 2192 at Lorain County Job and Family Services continue their strike after more than 130 days on the line. We also held trainings at locals, including FMLA training at Local 933 in Indianapolis, Indiana, and recognized both Juneteenth and Pride Month.

Recognition and Reflection

Pride Month was federally recognized by President Bill Clinton in 1999 and is celebrated annually in June, the same month as the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City. The riots marked a turning point as the LGBTQ+ community fought back against government-sponsored persecution. We should always recognize that we are human first, and every person's right to love who they choose must be respected and protected.

Juneteenth, also known as Jubilee Day or Freedom Day, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Although President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in January 1863, it was not until June 19, 1865, that Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, to enforce it. That day brought freedom to enslaved Black Americans more than two years after the proclamation. We must remember our history and teach it honestly so future generations understand the injustices of the past and are better prepared to prevent them from happening again. While hate still exists, I choose to stand with love.



Education and Training

When I was elected as your Region 2B Director during our first direct election, I knew education needed to be a focal point. Building our union requires a strong foundation: our history, our struggles, and our victories all matter as we move forward. Mobilizing members, supporting and training leaders, and explaining the real issues to the public are all forms of education. This is how we build stronger contracts and organize new members, because our density is our destiny. I am excited for our Workplace Justice and Retiree Leadership Conference at Black Lake, Michigan, July 19 through 24, and FMLA training in Maumee, Ohio, on July 28 at our new Region 2B Headquarters. Officer training will also be held at the Regional Headquarters in August. We are currently working to schedule arbitration training, and, as always, local leaders who need training at their units should contact their servicing representative so we can get it scheduled. It is especially important that newly elected officers receive training so they can best serve our members.

Contract Updates

Congratulations to our members at the following locations for ratifying their local contracts this month:

- Hollywood Casinos in Columbus and Toledo, Locals 1588 and 12, respectively.
- Allison Transmission Off-Highway in Lafayette, Indiana, Local 2317.
- Biro Manufacturing in Marblehead, Ohio, Local 1120.
- Mayco, formerly DMS, in Toledo, Ohio, Local 12.
- HTNA in Lebanon, Ohio, Local 863.

We also reached a closing agreement at Navistar in Springfield, Ohio, with Locals 658 and 402. Closing agreements are never easy. While our members received a strong closing agreement, knowing that an employer is closing a shop or selling the operation is always frustrating. The good news is that defense company Roshel has purchased the facility and will begin production soon while retaining many of our members, with room for future growth.



One local that won't have room for growth is 2359. Our brothers and sisters at Conn Selmer, Local 2359 musical instrument maker in Eastlake, Ohio are closing their doors today. We've been fighting this fight for months. Corporate greed seems to have won. The owner, John Paulson, who worked as an economist for the current president, talked about how important it was to keep manufacturing jobs here in America. Meanwhile, he's moving an iconic American brass instrument maker and their work to China. The UAW has taken this fight to Washington DC and we have had conversations all the way up to the White House. Just yesterday we were informed from JD Vance's team that they were not in a position to support this American manufacturer, our UAW 2359 members, or the Eastlake, Ohio community. Thank you to Robert Hines, Local 2359 President, Rory Krause, Local 2359 Chairman, and all our members who never gave up their fight. The Daily Show put out a piece last week highlighting the corporate greed and lies with a comical twist. You can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/cuSwyhQcHP0?si=CJBV2Kv0m-EkO95f>

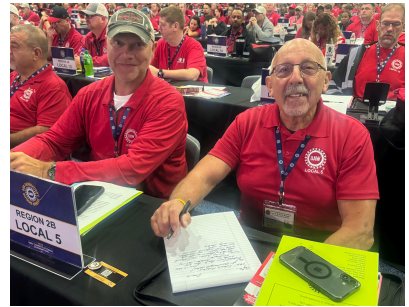
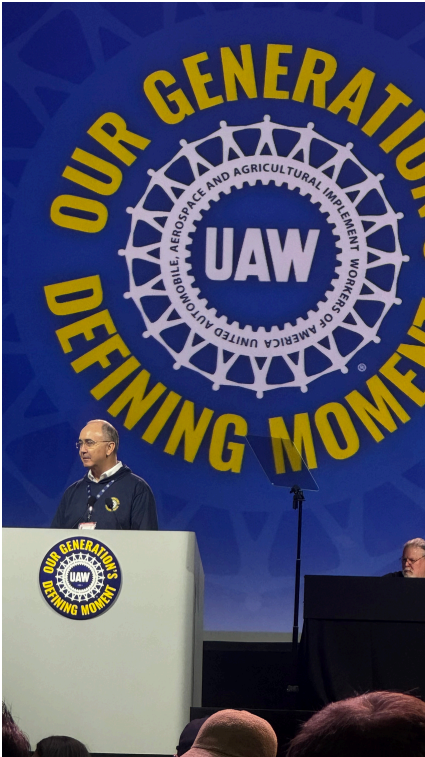


Strike and Bargaining Support

Winning strong contracts is not always easy. Members of Local 2192 at Lorain County Job and Family Services have been on strike for more than 130 days. These workers are among the lowest-paid JFS workers across Ohio’s 88 counties, and they have been holding the line not only for themselves, but also for future workers as they ask the Lorain County Commissioners for an additional one dollar per hour to reach parity. I have personally reached out, as have others, to urge the Lorain County Commissioners to return to the bargaining table. They have refused to bargain in good faith with our members, saying that they can't because of the law, which is false. They also have rejected an independent fact-finder’s report, and are failing to serve the people of Lorain County. This is now the longest strike in the public sector in Ohio’s history. I want to thank Gina Jones, Chairperson of that unit in Local 2192, and all of our members for standing up and fighting for what is right, just, and fair. The support from other locals has been priceless. Thank you!

Members of Local 128, CareFlight nurses at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, have been fighting for more than a year to secure a fair first contract. Before organizing with the UAW, they pursued every available path, including meetings, questionnaires, committee engagement, and more, to address their health and safety issues, scheduling concerns, and other workplace needs. I will be at the bargaining table with them on July 9, and they will hold a rally that same day. Please come out and support our CareFlight nurses as they fight for the fair contract they deserve. They need our support and when we stand together, we win!

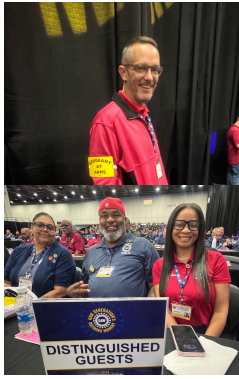
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Constitutional Convention Updates

Our delegates stood together to make decisions for our great union during the 39th Constitutional Convention in Detroit. While I know many delegates have reported back to their locals on the actions taken at the convention, I want to highlight a few important updates here. First, delegates voted to expand the definition of a retiree. Retiree status is no longer defined solely by receipt of a company-funded pension. UAW members may also attain retiree status by completing 10 years of service and reaching age 55 at a UAW- represented facility, or by completing 30 years as a dues-paying members across multiple bargaining units. The 2030 effective date allows sufficient time to identify and verify all members who qualify under these new criteria. This action is long overdue and will help our retiree chapters grow.

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Organizing funding from the Strike and Defense Fund has also increased to up to \$100 million between conventions. As I said earlier, our density is our destiny. Here in Region 2B, I have added four organizers over the last three and a half years where there were none before. We have added 12 new units in Region 2B, with more to come. In fact, there was a march on the boss Monday at Tremco in Cleveland, Ohio to get union recognition for workers there.

Our delegates also voted to expand Article 44 of our Constitution. Local union standing committees will now include LUCA and Health and Safety. Region 2B will be adding councils for both newly established local union standing committees. Similar to the work that followed the 38th Constitutional Convention, when Organizing Committees were established, Region 2B created an advisory council for Organizing Committees and held trainings across the region to help locals develop plans for active committees. We will do the same for LUCA and Health and Safety Committees. This work continues our commitment to moving forward by building a foundation through education and training.

Our delegates also made nominations for the International UAW Executive Board. The accepted nominations are as follows:

- **President:** Shawn Fain, Tricia Geiger, Greg Mooney, Will Lehman, Rich Boyer, and Brian Keller.
- **Secretary-Treasurer:** Brandon Campbell, Margaret Mock, and Roc Ciers.
- **Vice President:** Ryan Hiestand, Mike Booth, Laura Dickerson, Kevin Gotinsky, Kisha Richardson, Eric Fleming, Robert Wright, Matt Slade, Rachel Dickinson, Tony Totty, and Mike Turner.
- **Trustee:** Stacie Loveless was elected.
- **Region 2B Director:** David Green and Wayne Blanchard.

Voting will be done by mail with ballots going out August 21st. Please verify and update your information using the member survey link <http://uaw.us/qr/membershipsurve>. Our members have both the right and responsibility to participate in electing our International Executive Board.

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Retiree Updates

This past month, like most months, I was able to attend multiple retiree meetings. I had the honor of swearing in newly elected retiree board members at Locals 863, 2262, and 913. Our retirees are our backbone. They left us a union to fight for, built an organization that has withstood many challenges, and continue to stand ready to help us fight for our future. I have heard from retiree chapters from closed locals that lack the resources they need, and I have listened to their concerns. I am proud to announce a second International Area Council in New Castle, Indiana. The region started one in Indianapolis, Indiana less than a couple years ago and it has been a success. After the 2019 Big Three agreement, our retirees lost the support of a closed-local traveling benefits representative. Tom Elias worked in Region 2B and traveled to multiple retiree locations, supporting retirees and helping them with benefits concerns. Since that position was eliminated, we have worked diligently to ensure retiree benefits concerns and other issues are addressed in a timely manner. The International Area Council allows multiple locals to come together to learn, support one another, grow together, while also receiving in-person benefits support. Our retirees have earned and deserve these resources. Again, retirees are the backbone of our organization. They have an incredible amount of knowledge and deserve the utmost respect.

Thank you to every member, leader, retiree, and staff member who continues to show up, stand together, and move Region 2B forward. Our strength comes from solidarity, education, and action, and I am proud to keep building that future with all of you.

In solidarity,

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