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**Union Update**  
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Recently Jason Barlow announced his acceptance of a new position with UAW Region 2B and has stepped down from his role as UAW Local 402's President. I would like to congratulate Jason on his new position and thank him for all of the hard work and long hours he dedicated to representing our active and retired membership. It has been a pleasure working in conjunction with Jason over the last 10 of my 13 years as Vice President. As I transition into my new role as President, I would like to thank both Jason and the membership for their support during my tenure as Vice President. It is my privilege to provide leadership for UAW Local 402 and I will continue to represent the membership with integrity and solidarity.

**Nominations and Elections:** I will be posting nominations and election dates/times in the next few days for the unexpired term of UAW Local 402 Vice President ending June, 2020.

**Constitutional Convention:** This past week in Detroit our UAW Local 402 elected delegates, Jason Barlow, Todd Rice and Charlie Rose attended the UAW Constitutional Convention. Attendees vote on proposed changes to the Constitution. One of the proposed changes which was voted on and passed was the new union dues language. Once the strike fund reaches 850 million, our union dues would drop from 2 ½ hours to 2 hours. The strike fund is currently at 729 million. The International UAW is projecting that the strike fund will be at or above 850 million by 2020. If the strike fund falls below 650 million, the International UAW would reinstate the half hour of union dues.

**CAP Fair Booth:** We will have our CAP booth at the Clark County Fair Friday, July 20 through Friday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in volunteering at the booth please contact the 402 Hall for available times to volunteer. Your admission and parking will be paid by the CAP Council.

**Shutdown:** The Union Hall will be closed for shutdown beginning Friday, June 29 and will reopen Monday, July 16, 2018. I hope everyone enjoys their time off. Have a safe and fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July shutdown.

In Solidarity,

Chris Blizard, President  
UAW Local 402