

President's Report

June 2009

Greg Golembiewski, President

Greetings Members of Local 730,

Steve and I have been very busy this past month. We attended the Council meeting in Detroit. Even though we did not agree with the modifications that were made to the contract, including the cuts for our retirees, everybody at the meeting knew we needed to ratify the contract in order to survive. Steve Raich from the International came to Local 730 for the roll out changes. Our membership ratified the agreement by 74%.

International Audit

During the month of May UAW Auditor, Steve Lauka, from Region 1D performed a six year financial audit. His exit report verified that all of the books are in very good order. All checks and bank statements have been reconciled and the auditor was impressed with the way we run our day to day operations. This is a tribute to our bookkeeper/secretary Sheila Haskill for a job well done. Steve did caution us to watch our expenditures, the first six months of 2009 we overspent by \$99,000. However, given the circumstances of our reduction in dues income and the expenses with the elimination of a secretary, we are still in line with the International's guidelines.

SAP II

June 8 & 9, the corporation and the UAW rolled out a new SAP program. Steve and I attended ten meetings throughout two days, the turn out was relatively low. GM has set a corporate limit of 16,000 employees to participate in this SAP. The corporation is top heavy in skilled trades. If you have any questions, please contact your benefit representative at 246-3450. You must be signed up by July 24, 2009 in order to accept one of the options that go into effect on August 1, 2009.

Transitional Self Help Center

The Transitional Self Help Center and the Peer to Peer program are still going strong and they are here to help you. We were told by Lloyd Conway from the State of Michigan that these two programs will be the benchmark for other facilities. Steve and I commend everyone involved for the success we have achieved. It's another example of the great people we have working here at GM, both hourly and salary.

Joint Funds

Joint funds were suspended June 1, 2009.

Election Results

I would like to congratulate our newly elected union officials. I ask the membership to support them going forward; we need everybody on board as we wind this down. I will assist them in anyway I can and I look forward to working with all of them.

FYI

- The Union Hall hours and days will be changing. Starting Monday, July 13th the union hall will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and will be closed on Fridays.
- No membership meetings in July.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to Steve Rop, Nancy Fopma, Mike Carlson, Doug Lail, and Bill Czeher for their years of dedicated and loyal service to our membership. Your commitment to the job is a footprint that all elected officials should follow. Your leadership and friendship will be greatly missed. I wish all of you the best of luck in your future endeavors; be it a healthy retirement or transferring to another plant.

In solidarity,
Greg Golembiewski