

Chairman's Report by Steve Rop, Chairman

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Paragraph 96 Moves

As of this writing, we still do not have the information on 96 Moves as to how many to what locations. I was told we would have this information the week of Feb. 17.

I am just as frustrated and impatient as the membership is, because our members that qualify for an option, need and want this information before the March 24 deadline on making a decision on the SAP.

Changes to National Agreement

On what little bit of information we have received is that in the area of economics, the agreement will pattern the Ford agreement.

As far as Appendix A, placement will be different than the Ford agreement. We are being told that as soon as the discussions on the VEBA are successfully resolved, Greg and I will be called to Detroit for a Council meeting. Then we will continue with the ratification process. We do have 'Closed Plant Status', but will not be entitled to the enhanced relocation.

Retirements

Currently, we have about 600 members signed up with benefits and 300 that have signed their A and B forms.

Also, we were told by management and the International that our members that are retiring April 1st will be paid their unused vacation balance. To everyone that is leaving, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you the best in your retirement and in your future endeavors.

Local Elections

There will be elections for Shop Committeepersons and Shop Chairperson in May. The nominations will be from 8:30 a.m. May 11 thru 3 p.m. May 18. The election will be on May 27 for 13 hours; 5 a.m. thru 6 p.m. If needed the runoff will be June 3 from 5 a.m. thru 6 p.m. The elected members will take office as of the June membership meeting.

Thank You

I would like to thank all of our members that are retiring that have held or currently hold an elected or appointed position in the local union for all of their years of dedicated and loyal service.

In solidarity,

UAW Local 730
Shop Chairperson
Steve Rop