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TO: All Local Union Officers, Bargaining and/or Shop Committeepersons, District Committeepersons, Unit Chairpersons, Stewards, CAP Council Delegates and Retired Workers Chapter, Area and Miscellaneous Chairpersons of Region 1-D Local Union 413, 566, 1950, 2172, 2178, 2183, 2253, 2399, 5000, 6000

FROM: Donald Oetman, Director and Michael Bieber, Assistant Director

SUBJECT: Regional Leadership Meeting

The UAW has long known that the words of Walther Ruether, "what we gain at the Bargaining Table we can lose at the Ballot box" are true. Many of the gains we have made for our members over the years have been eroded or eliminated. 2008 will be a critical year for our active and retired members and we must begin now to protect our contracts and secure the gains we have won.

In order to accomplish this we are asking:

- Each Local Union to identify a Workplace Coordinator [that is not the President, Chair, or Unit Chair] who will work with the Region and Local Union to implement the Regional Agenda.
- Each Local Union President, Bargaining Chair, Unit Chair, and Workplace Coordinator must attend a two hour Leadership meeting to be held just prior to the Area Conference. The Region will provide two hours of lost time and mileage reimbursement for each above named individual to attend this meeting to be held:

Monday, April 7, 2008
4:00 PM
United Plumbers & Pipefitters Hall Local 506
2601 North 30th St.
Escanaba, Michigan

- Assist in the development and implementation of a Regional Agenda including our CAP program and CAP Council meetings, Worker -to-Worker Program, Local Union Training and Needs Assessments, Standing Committee Development and Local Area agendas.

Your attendance and participation is required for this Region to be successful. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your Regional Servicing Representative. Thank you.