

39th UAW Constitutional Convention

June 22, 2026



“Our Generations Defining Moment” Delegate Report

Held at Huntington Place in Detroit, the 39th Constitutional Convention brought together nearly 2,000 elected delegates to debate constitutional amendments, set priorities for the next four years, and nominate candidates for the International Executive Board (IEB).

Day 1 – Monday, June 15

The convention officially opened with delegates adopting the rules and procedures that would govern the convention’s work.

Guest Speakers

- Liz Shuler, President of the AFL-CIO
- Mary Sheffield, Mayor of Detroit
- Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony, NAACP Board of Directors

All three speakers focused on solidarity, organizing, civil rights, and the importance of unions in shaping economic and social justice.

Key Actions

- Convention rules adopted.
- Delegates began consideration of constitutional amendments and resolutions.
- Leadership outlined priorities for the next four years, including organizing, retirement security, and strengthening union democracy.

Day 2 – Tuesday, June 16

Day two featured extensive debate on constitutional amendments and resolutions submitted by local unions and regions.

Major Topics Discussed

- Retirement security for future retirees.
- Expanding retiree participation.
- Strengthening bargaining power through strike support.
- Internal union governance and democracy reforms.

Guest Speakers

The convention hosted labor and community leaders such as Atle Hoie, Secretary General at IndustriAll Global Union (Switzerland) as well April Verrett, President SEIU who both reinforced the union’s organizing mission and commitment to worker power, although the primary focus of the day was constitutional debate and resolutions.

Day 3 – Wednesday, June 17

Day three was dominated by nominations for International Executive Board positions and continued constitutional business.

Guest Speaker

- Derrick Johnson, President-CEO NAACP
- Debbie Dingle, Congresswoman Michigan

Major Actions

- Delegates nominated candidates for International Officer elections.
- Constitutional amendments and resolutions continued to be debated and voted upon.
- Delegates approved an amendment expanding the definition of retirees under the UAW Constitution.
- Stacie Loveless was elected International Trustee to fill a 12-year term.

International Executive Board Nominations

Nominations were conducted in accordance with the UAW Monitor's election procedures, setting the stage for the 2026 direct election of International Officers.

Day 4 – Thursday, June 18

The final day focused on completing convention business, voting on remaining amendments and resolutions, and preparing the union for the upcoming International Officer election cycle. Delegates finalized decisions that will guide UAW policy and governance through the next constitutional convention period.

Guest Speaker

- Jocelyn Benson, Candidate for governor of Michigan
- Abdul El- Sayed, Candidate for Senator of Michigan

Convention Themes

- Strengthening union democracy
- Retirement security
- Organizing new members
- Building strike readiness
- Civil rights and social justice
- Preparing for the 2026 International Officer elections

The 39th UAW Constitutional Convention brought together nearly 2,000 delegates and special guests from across the union to debate constitutional changes, set priorities for the next four years, and nominate candidates for International Office. Delegates focused on retirement security, strike preparedness, union democracy, and organizing while also nominating candidates for the International Executive Board. The convention concluded with actions intended to strengthen UAW's ability to represent and organize working people over the next four years. For a list of all nominations and candidates and more information on the 39th Constitutional Convention visit uaw933rr.com

Respectively Submitted by your 39th Constitutional Convention Delegates.

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~In Solidarity