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TO ALL LOCAL UNION BUSINESS MANAGERS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In a letter to you dated November 16, 2020, I issued a decision authorizing Business Managers to call regular and special membership meetings by videoconference, notwithstanding any contrary By-Law, rule of order, or other regulation of their Local Union. The purpose of this decision was to give those Business Managers who have been unable to hold in-person meetings due to the pandemic, the ability to address important business requiring action by the membership. In a subsequent letter dated April 7, 2021, I extended this decision through the end of June 2021.

Recently, a number of Business Managers have contacted my office to request that I extend my November 16, 2020 decision for another few months in order to accommodate continuing health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic in their areas. These communications underscore that, while we are clearly making progress in bringing the pandemic under control, the pace of progress has varied considerably across North America. Accordingly, I am exercising my authority as General President, including under Section 46(f) of the UA Constitution, to extend my decision of November 16, 2020 through the end of August 2021.

As explained in my April 7, 2021 letter, each of you is free to resume holding in-person membership meetings if public health conditions and restrictions in your area allow. The choice of whether and when to resume holding in-person membership meetings remains a choice to be made by each Business Manager, based on the facts and circumstances before you.

If you have any questions about this decision, please contact Administrative Assistant to the General President Brad Karbowski in the General Office.

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cc: General Officers
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