

# UAW Elections 2022 Frequently Asked Questions

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## What is this election for?

In this election we are voting for: **the UAW President**, up to 3 **Vice Presidents**, the **Secretary-Treasurer**, and **the Regional Director of our Region, 9A**. These positions make up the UAW International Executive Board (IEB).

**IEB, or The International Executive Board** is the elected leadership of the UAW. They run the Constitutional Convention every four years and also work closely with locals in “The Big Three:” General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler (now Stellantis). Members of the IEB typically serve as the lead negotiators for the Big Three contracts.

**The Regional Director** works with all UAW Locals and Units within the region (described below) to support their organizing efforts and mobilize at sectoral and regional levels.

## Why is this election important?

UAW is holding **direct elections** for its leadership **for the first time in UAW history**. You are the first UAW members who can choose their own leadership and change the course our International Union takes. At stake in this election are:

1. How much power the rank-and-file members like you have in the overall Union;
2. Strike pay: how much workers get paid by UAW while on strike;
3. How much effort UAW puts towards coordinating collective actions across Regions, Locals, and Units;
4. How much money UAW spends on organizing new unions and organizing existing unions to take collective action; and
5. UAW political spending and endorsements.

## Where can I find more information about each candidate and the two slates of candidates?

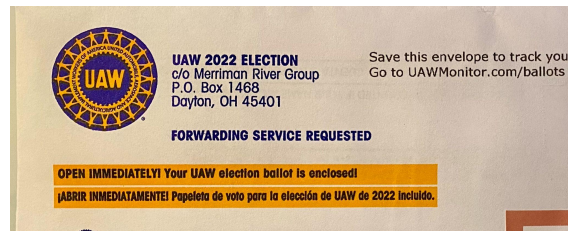
All of the official campaign literature is available on the [UAW Website](#). The two slates in this election are the [UAW Members United](#) and the [Curry Solidarity Team](#).

GEO hosted a forum with Beverley Brakeman and Brandon Mancilla, both of the candidates for Regional Director of Region 9A. [The full recording is available here](#).



## How do I vote?

You should have received a paper ballot in the mail this week. It will have the following logo and contains your ballot and a return envelope. We recommend keeping the envelope your ballot came in because it has a sequence number that allows you to track your vote. November 18 is the recommended deadline to mail in the ballot; they must be received at the designated postal facility in Ohio by November 28.



*Official UAW Election Ballot*

## What do I do if I haven't received a ballot?

If you still haven't gotten your ballot, please go to [uawmonitor.com/ballots](http://uawmonitor.com/ballots) or call 855-433-8683 to request one as soon as possible.

## What is GEO's relationship to the UAW?

As graduate employees at UMass Amherst, we are represented by a union. Our employment contract with the university is negotiated by the union (**collective bargaining**) to ensure that we have good working conditions and compensation (pay, benefits, protections).

**The UAW (The International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America)** is an international union, representing workers in the US, Canada, and Puerto Rico, across a broad range of fields. It started in 1935, amid the Great Depression, for auto workers in Detroit, but has grown in size and diversity of workers.

**GEO (Graduate Employee Organization)** is one "unit" (or, "shop") of workers within **UAW Local 2322**, along with several other units --workers in a number of other unrelated fields and employers.

## What does "region 9A" refer to?

**Local 2322** is one local, among several, within region 9A of the UAW. **Region 9A** covers the New England area (incl. parts of New York) and includes Puerto Rico.

