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**Dear Fellow Members:**

This issue of the *Journal* presents transcripts of speeches made by your union leaders at and proceedings from the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades 30th General Convention, held August 24-28, 2009. Nearly 1,000 delegates gathered at the convention to debate and vote on resolutions to our constitution, as well as listen to the thoughts and ideas of some of today's smartest union and political leaders. This is also the venue where your General Executive Board (general president, executive general vice president, general secretary-treasurer, general vice presidents) was elected.

Please take the time to read through this special edition and learn more about the business that took place that week. It's my hope that, after reading this, some of you will be inspired to be delegates at our next general convention.

I'd also like you take the time to watch the informative video presentations made at the convention. You can see them online at [www.IUPAT.org/convention2009](http://www.IUPAT.org/convention2009).

See you at a union meeting soon.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*James A. Williams*  
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