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Local Union Leader Gary Perinar Promoted to International Position with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters

CHICAGO—Gary Perinar, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council, has been appointed Second General Vice President of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC), effective March 1. As Second General Vice President, Perinar will help set the agenda for the UBC, the umbrella organization that represents 500,000 skilled union workers throughout North America.

Perinar is a third-generation business representative of the union and a 46-year member of Carpenters Local 174 in Joliet. In addition to his leadership role in the UBC, Perinar is an active civic leader and holds positions on several state and local governing authorities.

“It is an incredible honor to be asked to join the UBC’s leadership team led by our visionary General President Douglas McCarron,” said Perinar. “The UBC is consistently at the forefront of transformational policies that redefine what it means to represent union members in the 21st Century. We’re incredibly proud of the unparalleled wages, benefits, training, and workplace protections we provide for our members, and I look forward to helping shape policies to continue to grow our market share across North America.”

Replacing Perinar at the Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council is Kevin McLaughlin, a 39-year member of the UBC who currently serves as a member of the Council’s executive board and is the President of Carpenters Local 10. As Executive Secretary-Treasurer, McLaughlin will oversee operations of a union that represents 53,000 carpenters in 324 counties across Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Eastern Iowa.

“I’m excited to begin this new chapter with the Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council and appreciate everything Second General Vice President Perinar has done to set up our union for continued success,” said McLaughlin. “Our union prides itself on our unrivaled training, safety and productivity so union contractors can remain competitive with the industry’s highest skilled workforces. We will never lose sight of that mission.”

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About the Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council

The Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council represents 53,000 working men and women in 324 counties across Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Eastern Iowa. The Mid-America Council provides the construction and maintenance industries with productive, competitive and certified professionals, encompassing a wide variety of crafts and skills.

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