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#### LABOR: Council leader named

The Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights has announced new leadership.

Taking 37 of the 68 possible delegate votes, Mike Jackson has assumed office as executive secretary/treasurer of the union. He succeeds Douglas C. Buckler, who held the post for three years.

"No one knew what the outcome would be," said Jackson, a Monroe resident. A 20-year member of the union, he served as the council's director of political action for five years.

"These are tough times, not just in Michigan but particularly in Michigan," he said. "We are going to do all we can do to get jobs back into our state and get our members back to work. That is my first priority."

Jackson intends to restore autonomy among the locals, to foster partnerships with contractors, and to ensure the council remains dedicated to helping those in need in the community: "We will work to improve the standard of living for everyone around us."

The council represents more than 18,000 journeypersons and apprentice carpenters across Michigan.

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