



MECHANICS DISPATCH

News and Updates

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Negotiation Update

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Your new Negotiating Committee of rank-and-file members met at Local 986 in Las Vegas on August 9 and 10. Two members had other obligations and were excused. One of these was due to the birth of a child and we extend our congratulations to Blake, his wife, and their growing family! It should be noted that many sacrifices will be made by this group of rank-and-file negotiators on behalf of the membership during bargaining, and they deserve thanks for making this commitment to enhance your quality of life.

After brief introductions, the full committee began to work on proposed language changes to the agreement as suggested through the surveys and proposals. The committee combed through Article 5 & 6, LOA 19, portions of LOA 34, and the Recall LOA dated February 11, 2021. During this time all the language was reviewed, and where needed corrections were suggested. The intent was to provide clarity regarding the subjects of Vacancies and RIF/Recall.



The next meeting will be in Washington DC for the purpose of formal training on Railway Labor Act (RLA) and Negotiation training on September 13. During the week of September 26, the committee will get back to work on creating a list of improvements to the language of the agreement. At this session each member of the committee will make an introductory video to be shared with the membership. This will only be the beginning of communicating in this fashion.

The following rank and file committee members were in attendance:

Mitch Hunt – Local 455 Denver point

Scott Stoddart – Local 986 all line stations

John Laurin – Local 856 San Francisco point

Joseph Prisco – Local 986 San Francisco point

Michael Pecoraro – Local 781 Chicago point

David Mahood – Local 210 New York point

Paul Becerra – Local 769 Orlando point

Excused:

Dexter Thomas – Local 19 Houston point – previous obligations

Blake Silverstein – Local 210 all GSE/Facilities – birth of a child

Look for updates after the next meeting in September.

In solidarity,

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International Brotherhood of Teamsters
