

Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016

Subject: National Negotiations

Sisters and Brothers,

Our last National Negotiations/Mediation Session with the railroads took place on February 9th. The morning part of our meeting again centered around Health and Welfare issues, with very little progress being made in that area. During the afternoon session of our meeting, we reviewed with the railroads our common proposals for changes to certain rules such as vacations, personal days, bereavement leave, sick leave and trade/swap days. The railroads will be considering and costing out our proposals and they will be discussed again at our next meeting. They have also advised us that if we want rules changes, then there are some that they may want also and they will provide us with those at the next meeting.

As to the next sessions, they were scheduled to be held on March 7th and 8th. Unfortunately due to a pending strike on New Jersey Transit (NJT) Railroad on March 13th, and the NMBs involvement with those ongoing talks, the NMB has canceled National Negotiations/Mediation for March, and we will continue talks in April.

I will keep you posted as this situation progresses. If you have any questions pertaining to the above, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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