

Sent: Friday, April 15, 2016

Subject: National Negotiations/Mediation Update

Sisters and Brothers,

This is an update on the Railroad National Negotiations.

Unfortunately I do not have much to report at this time. A mediation session was held last Tuesday, April 5. Most of the discussions were held with the lead mediator from the NMB and centered around Health and Welfare. No progress was made.

Health and Welfare seems to be the most difficult issue for the unions and the railroads. Accordingly, Rail Labor has scheduled a meeting for May 4th with just the three Rail Labor bargaining coalitions (these coalitions encompass all of the Rail Labor organizations currently in National Negotiations) to discuss different ideas on how to proceed with this issue. Due to this meeting, the NMB has cancelled our mediation sessions for May. Hopefully mediation will resume in June.

I'll continue to keep you updated. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Enjoy your weekends and work safe.

Fraternally,

Bill Bohne, Jr.

Director - IBEW Railroad Department

202-728-6016