

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Subject: National Negotiations Update

Sisters and Brothers,

Our last bargaining/mediation session for the National Agreement was held yesterday, September 27th. A mediator from the National Mediation Board was present.

The parties again spent most of the day discussing various ways to move forward in the area of Health and Welfare, but again, unfortunately, we were unable to come to agreement. The Mediator then instructed us to prepare another comprehensive agreement proposal that will be presented and discussed at our next meetings, scheduled for October 25th and 26th.

Our apologies for this process taking so long. However, we are doing our utmost to ensure that this round of bargaining ends with the best result possible for our members. For your information, there are presently 3 coalitions of Rail Labor unions negotiating with the railroads.

Our coalition is the only one which has invoked mediation and is the furthest along in the process.

If you have any questions pertaining to the foregoing, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,
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