

# **BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT**

**AUGUST 7, 2019**

THE NUMBER OF PLANT CASES IN ARBITRATION STANDS AT 9

THE STEWARDS OF THE LOCAL WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 AT THE LOCAL UNION OFFICE. THIS MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 PM.

THE STEWARDS OF THE LOCAL WILL MEET ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 IN MALDEN AT 5:00 PM.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE LOCAL WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 AT THE LOCAL UNION OFFICE. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 1:00PM

## **AVAYA**

IBEW AND AVAYA HAVE AGREED TO EXTEND THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FROM 2009 UNTIL JUNE 19, 2021. THE MEMBERSHIP WILL HAVE TO VOTE ACCEPTANCE. ANY QUESTIONS CALL THE UNION HALL AT 617-929-6000.

## **SALES**

WORK IN THE SALES GROUP SEEMS TO BE STEADY AND CONSISTENT. PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING STAYS AS IS.

AS THE SUMMER PERIOD COMES TO A CLOSE THE UNION AND MANAGEMENT WILL BE MEETING SOON TO DISCUSS TOUR SELECTIONS FOR THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

SUMMER CAMP REIMBURSEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NEW ENGLAND WORK AND FAMILY COMMITTEE. FOR INFO PLEASE REFER TO THE COMMITTEE WEBSITE AT:

[WWW.NEWENGANLDWORKANDFAMILY.COM](http://WWW.NEWENGANLDWORKANDFAMILY.COM).

## **CABLE AND LINE**

BE AWARE THAT MANY OF THE 188A'S THAT COME OUT OF MACHINES AT THE GARAGES ARE FAILING INSPECTION TESTS. MAKE SURE THAT YOU TEST 188A'S UPON RECEIPT. IF YOU GET A DAMAGED 188A MAKE SURE TO CALL YOUR SAFETY COACH AND LET THEM KNOW. RETURN THE 188A TO YOUR FOREMAN FOR A NEW ONE.

MORE AND MORE POLES ARE BEING TREATED WITH EZ FUME. MAKE SURE YOU ARE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS. TEST POLES FOR ROT. DO NOT HANDLE EZ FUME, CALL YOUR FOREMAN. SAFETY SHOULD BE YOUR FIRST PRIORITY.

## **SST**

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR SHOP STEWARDS. THEY ARE YOUR BEST SOURCE FOR INFORMATION AND THE BACKBONE OF THIS LOCAL BUT THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO BE EFFECTIVE.

WE CONTINUE TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH BIDS NOT BEING POSTED AT SOME GARAGE LOCATIONS. ALL BIDS SHOULD BE POSTED IN ALL GARAGE LOCATIONS AS WELL AS POSTED ELECTRONICALLY ON THE EWEB. MANAGEMENT ONCE AGAIN HAS COMMITTED TO FIX THE PROBLEM HOWEVER WE WILL PROCESS A GRIEVANCE TO KEEP TRACK OF THE ISSUE. IF THIS IS A PROBLEM AT YOUR LOCATION PLEASE NOTIFY THE UNION OFFICE.

## **CO & COEI NOTES**

THE COMPANY HAS ADVISED US THAT THE PENNSYLVANIA ETHERNET TRANSPORT WORK THAT WAS SCHEDULED TO BE MOVED INTO THE DSAC GROUP AT 6 BOWDOIN SQUARE ON AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> HAS BEEN DELAYED. UPDATES WILL BE COMMUNICATED AS THE BECOME AVAILABLE.

VERIZON MANAGEMENT DECIDED TO GO FORWARD WITH A TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF 4 COEI TECHNICIANS INTO THE CO WORKFORCE. DESPITE THE UNION'S OBJECTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS TO BETTER UTILIZE THE EXISTING CO TECHNICIANS.

AS ALWAYS BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN A CANVASS, BE SURE THE UNION IS AWARE, AND THAT YOU KNOW THE PARAMETERS.

### **PLANT CLERICAL**

WE ARE STILL WORKING WITH VERIZON MANAGEMENT REGARDING THE NATIONAL DI CENTER IN BOWDOIN SQUARE. THE OVERTIME SHUT OFF WAS RELATED TO HAVING ENOUGH CLERKS TO WORK ON THE WEEKEND NOT A DIMINISHMENT OF WORK. THIS CENTER WILL BE A “WORK IN PROGRESS” OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS UNTIL WE GAUGE THE RIGHT HEADCOUNT WITH THE WORK.

### **SIEMENS MEDICAL**

WE WILL RESUME BARGAINING NEXT TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13, & 14, 2019 IN THE PROVIDENCE MARRIOTT FOR A FIRST CONTRACT WITH THE SIEMENS DX GROUP. WE WILL NOTIFY THE GROUP IN ANY PROGRESS.