

## EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

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My Report For January will be a bit brief. The holidays are over so working on getting the year closed out.

As reported last month the Local agreed to Defer a board charge until the grievance process is completed. We have met at the 1<sup>st</sup> step and have already appealed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> step but as of yet no meeting date has been set. I imagine it will be done by months end.

We had another grievance that the company had terminated someone and then offered a last chance agreement to come back to work. The member did not agree with the terms nor did he think it was fair so this grievance will be going to arbitration. We had an arbitration in October as well and are expecting the results soon. Hopefully we will win and the employee will return to work.

MV Transportation is bidding to continue to provide transportation services at the Microsoft campus as well as providing commuting services for their employee's. MV Management asked the Local for a letter of support in their bid. We provided a pretty generic letter supporting MV's bid. Mind you we were somewhat hesitant to do this but at the same time are also concerned iv MV does not get the bid then who would the Local be dealing with in the future? At least here we have history with management and are able to have conversation and negotiate through issues. Not all of them of course but sometimes I think both sides are simply just going to see things from a different view point.

MV Transportations contract expires this year as well so we will begin prepping for that. Of course we will be looking for volunteers to serve on the Bargaining, Strike Prep, and Mobilization Committees. We will also be sending bargaining questioners out to the members of the bargaining unit. We meet with MV the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month so if a member of the bargaining unit try to attend those meetings for questions you may have or to hear the information as it pertains to you and your fellow members.

You may remember I previously reported the Local is shopping around to possibly move the Local in June of 2010. Quite simply the cost and space is excessive for our needs and our budget. The first step of the official process was to give notice to our current landlord that we were going to vacate the premises. Our lease requires 6 months notice. We have delivered that notification.

As I mentioned at the top of this the report would be brief. To be honest December was a difficult month for me on a personal basis so was a bit distracted. My father was pretty ill and hospitalized for about 7 weeks or so. But I also lost a friend due to cancer. The only reason I mention it here is she was a former employee of Qwest and a very strong dedicated member of this local. She was also somewhat responsible for me becoming employed at Qwest which of course has led me to where I am today. I might add doing a job I enjoy helping other folks and trying to be the best advocate I can for the members of Local 7800. Her name is Irene Rel. She was in several different departments in Qwest and left the business as an SDC. She has 2 sons so lets keep them all in our thoughts during this time.

Healthcare is still a hot topic now that Christmas is done Congress will be debating and possibly voting before the end of the month. Please call your Congressmen and Senator's. Urge them to pass healthcare reform without taxing healthcare plans. Call **888 580-0792**.

