

President Report June 2009

CWA National Conference “s

CWA Minority Caucus June 17, 2009 thru June 21, 2009

CWA 71st National Convention June 22nd thru June 23rd

CWA National Legislative Conference June 24th thru June 26, 2009

All these conferences were held in Washington D.C. and as you can see they all ran one behind the other.

We will be having an open house for Officers and committee's on June 10th in room 403 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. It's to meet the officers and learn about the different committee and get members sign up for committee's. There are several committees that we need chairs for as well as committee members. There will be different tables with the different committee being representative. We are asking all of you to pass the word in your work group to come down and join us. We may have to combine some of the committee because of the downsizing of our work force and some members are on the same committees.

AT&T “Legacy T” is still working with out a contract since April 4, 2009. They are still at the table but not making very much progress in any areas. The other bargaining units for AT&T contract expire in August 2009. Kind a looks like they may be out till those contracts expires. With AT&T being the largest company bargaining and with the profits they have made for the first quarter of this year in the billions, but still want to use the economy as a loop hole to cut benefits, wages and job security for our members. You can keep updated with the bargaining reports by going on line (www.cwa-comtech.org) then click on “CWA Communications and Technologies” , then click on “Bargaining” and this is where you can find all the bargaining and up to date latest information.

Avaya and CWA bargainers, under the direction of Chair Bill Bates, have reached a Tentative Agreement with Avaya. Avaya representatives came to the table speaking from one side of their mouths requesting unprecedented concessionary demands, and speaking from the other side wanting to bargain a fair contract. As Bargaining progressed, it became increasingly clear to the team that hard decisions would be necessary to bring home an agreement that would meet submitted demands from the membership and, at the same time, protect health care benefits for present and former CWA represented employees. Highlights of the Agreement can be found on line at (www.cwa-comtech.org) then click on “ CWA Communications and Technologies” , then click on “Bargaining” and this is where you can find the Tentative Agreement. Call the CWA local 7800 hot line at 206-441-9248 and the date and time will be updated on the hot line for the Contract Interpretation meeting.

MV Transportation notified Local 7800 of a proposal wage freeze in stead of a lay off. Management accepted the positive change we proposed and as a result agreed to put (2) options on the table. One the wage increase and loose 94 drivers to a layoff or second is wage freeze and improvement to the current bargaining agreement. This proposal and voting will take place on June 15, 2009 meetings will be 2-hours each starting, 8am,10am,12pm, 2pm, 4pm and last meeting 6pm at the job site.

We will not be part taking in the pride parade this year. Once we get things back on tract we will resume that activity. It appears that the company is trying to cut payroll by terminating to prevent offering packages to leave. We need to be very careful because the company is on the war pad.

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