

System Council U-4 Special Bulletin



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System Committee Recommends to Terminate Contract

July 26, 2009, the System Council U-4 Officers and Delegates held their regularly scheduled bi-annual meeting. As part of the regular order of business, the Council Delegates were to vote on a recommendation for the upcoming termination vote. After serious deliberation, the System Council Delegates put the System Committee recommendation to a vote.

The System Council U-4 Delegates unanimously voted to support the recommendation of the System (Negotiations) Committee to terminate the Contract.

After the overwhelming rejection vote of the Company's May 2009 Contract Proposal on June 29th your Negotiating Committee was informed by the Company that we would meet and negotiate a Contract. Unfortunately, as of today we have only met twice. June 30th a half day meeting was devoted solely to informing the Company of the areas of the proposal package you found unacceptable. The second meeting held on July 14th we reached a tentative agreement on the FR Clothing Proposal and signed the Letter of Intent on Overtime Boundaries for Power Systems. That same day we presented a Wage and Medical Proposal to which we were informed there would be a quick turn around. Unfortunately, that did not occur prior to the System Council meeting.

The Company has since indicated that they would return to the negotiating table on August 4th. We anticipate the Company will come prepared to discuss our Medical and Wage Proposal in depth.

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Your Union Negotiating Committee is committed to continue to work tirelessly in its effort to achieve a fair and equitable proposal package to bring back for the Membership's vote that would secure your family's well being.

Please continue to work safe and stay focused on your daily job activities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph A. Braccio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

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