

## NAATS HQ E-Mail Update Vol. 5 #54 August 17, 2005

There will be a ULP filed with the NLRB tomorrow charging LM with refusing to bargain, it will be posted shortly. It is going out today overnight to both the NLRB and LM. Thanks to Ron Consalvo, Scott Malon, and Jean Zeiller from NAGE for their help.

Nothing new on the dates for when the appropriations bill will hit the Senate floor, I hope you are all getting in to see your Senators while they are back in their districts.

Scott has updated you on the National Grievances/Arbitrations, as more unfolds on those he'll advise.

I'd like to thank the ATM's that shared the end of year money in the form of bonuses to the bargaining unit members that have kept the system running. For those ATM's that didn't I think you can probably read my mind!

At the NAGE meeting I attended back in June, I had the pleasure of sitting in on a training session for union leaders and bear with me while I share an idea and a quote from that session. First one of the points made: *The members of the local union must be taught that membership is a privilege which has specific obligations. They are obliged to participate to make the union work.* Next the quote by Mike Quill former President of the Transport Workers Union 1934-1966: *"Membership in a union is a way of life. Dues payment is not enough. You must attend meetings, prepare yourself for leadership. You must invest part of yourself."*

Back in my update on 7/16 I asked you all to put your heads together and get any ideas to your Directors on how you'd like to see NAATS progress into the future. The cut off date was August 7<sup>th</sup> so the BOD could put together a plan by August 30<sup>th</sup>. Have you done that? If not why not?

The next thing I'm going to ask is how many are planning to be at the US Courthouse on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Constitution, Courtroom 9, 4<sup>th</sup> floor on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 PM? Let your Director know if you can make it, I look forward to seeing a good turn out.

I know there are members out there that go above and beyond to help the cause and to them thanks from the bottom of my heart. Then there are those who like to complain about current structure/policy but do nothing else to offer solutions. We need members engaged and willing to give some time and effort to make it all work. A handful cannot do the work for 1800, we've got a lot of work ahead of us.

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