

NEB Teleconference Minutes June 3, 2008

The teleconference was called to order by President Patrick Forrey and the following individuals were in attendance: Paul Rinaldi, Executive Vice President; Howard Blankenship, Central Regional Vice President; Bryan Zilonis, Great Lakes Regional Vice President; Mike Robicheau, New England Regional Vice President; Scott Farrow, Northwest Mountain Regional Vice President; Darrell Meachum, Southwest Regional Vice President; Hamid Ghaffari, Western Pacific Regional Vice President. Also present was Adell Humphreys.

Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Ghaffari: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 20-22 Meeting

Blankenship: Seconded

Vote: Passed unanimously

Local Trusteeship: Mr. Rinaldi and Victor Santore met with the leadership of NATCA ZME yesterday and terminated the trusteeship of the local. The local now has a new treasurer and has created a finance committee to oversee the union's finances.

Rehired Annuitants: Mr. Ghaffari questioned if there was any update on the Agency's treatment of rehired annuitants. He noted that the Agency is currently giving these individuals the ability to "pick and choose" the days and schedules they wish to work, and questions whether this is happening only in one facility or nationwide. Mr. Forrey will follow up, but has received no update as of yet.

Arbitration Scheduling: Mr. Ghaffari reported that he is still unable to get arbitrations scheduled in his region. He is working with NATCA's Labor Relations Department, but they have had no success either.

Basic Watch Schedules/Leave Negotiations: Mr. Ghaffari recommends that NATCA consider developing some type of disclaimer language (similar to that developed for grievances) that would enable the union to negotiate watch schedules and leave without acknowledging the imposed work rules. Mr. Forrey agreed that this idea has merit, and will discuss it with NATCA Director of Labor Relations Marc Shapiro.