



LOCAL 562

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Boston Title II**

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Brothers & Sisters;

The week of August 4th I will be in Dallas, Texas with the stores (title 5) negotiating committee to meet with the company. The following week the M&E negotiating committee will reconvene and also meet with the company. Visit our local's website (www.twu562.org) and click on the contract negotiations update link (right column) and stay informed.

There have been many questions on the Variable Bridge to Retirement (VBR) since its announcement, especially as to when will it be made available to title groups 1, 2 and 5. Currently it's only available to the Airport Services. The Union was informed by the company that the window of opportunity will be made available sometime in the middle of August, 2008. The window will provide opportunity for any TWU represented employee that meets the VBR eligibility criteria to sign up. For those employees who do not meet the eligibility criteria for the VBR, they will be able to sign up for the Stand in Stead (SIS) program as outlined in the March 29th, 2004 agreement. Remember to read and understand what you are signing up for? The choice and decision is yours!!

Last week the Transport Workers Union and American Airlines have reached an impasse with TWU Local 542 Dispatch and Operations Specialists. They have been in negotiations since June, 2006. The application for mediation has been filed.

On Tuesday July 15th International Representatives Dennis Burchette and Don Videtich along with representatives from the company met with Arbiter Richard Kasher in Chicago (ORD) concerning clarification with respect to occupational accrual for former TWA LLC employees who are being recalled from layoff (DRC#32). Mr. Kasher was also informed that this is a time sensitive issue because of the recent announcement of layoffs to our work force. We are still waiting for a response. As soon as we are notified of the decision we will notify the membership.

**Fraternally,
John Iuliano
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