

Next Union Meeting

The next union meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. Boeing Machinists' Hall
9125 15th Place South
Seattle, WA 98108
South Building

South Lake Union Shuttle

There has been a concern regarding the transportation of biohazards on the SLU shuttle. The GLS policy on this is as follows: No hazardous materials will be permitted on any GLS passenger vehicle as per 49 CFR 177.870(b). This includes but is not limited to the UW Shuttles or contract services. The University owned vehicles are exempt from DOT regulations, however, our vehicles are not. UW drivers are specially trained in Haz-Mat spills and we are not. Signs stating this policy will be available to post in the vans.

Rich Waring Reinstated

On July 10, Rich was terminated for not calling in and allegedly abandoning his job. Through the grievance process, the union was able to convince management that he was wrongfully terminated. We were prepared to go to Arbitration, however, that was not needed. The company will reinstate him with backpay. We welcome him back!

New Bids

The new bids were originally posted for both September and October together. That has been modified because many GLS products change near the end of September (i.e. sightseeing tours end, Night Ride begins). Also, the bid minimum for full-time drivers will change from 40 hours to 30 hours in October (or Sept. 26 in this case). So, the next bid period will be from Sept. 1-25.

Due to popular demand, the company agreed to let the union officers conduct the bidding process, as we have done the last few times.

Summer Incentive Bonuses

There were a few drivers who satisfied the requirements for one or both of the summer peak-day plans and did not receive their check. Apparently, they did not sign up on the posting across from the dispatch window. It has been brought to the company's attention and they will receive the bonus. For August and September, if you are planning on working the required number of peak days, even if you are on a bid, please sign the posting on the bulletin board so there are no discrepancies on the next payout. Thank you.

Crowne Plaza Charter Zone on Seneca

As most of you know, the old charter zone on Seneca has been changed to a loading zone for all vehicles. That will still be the stop for the Airporter **IF** there are no vehicles parked in the zone. Do not double-park at this dangerous stop due to the freeway off-ramp and high potential for accidents. If the zone is blocked, you should continue to the Fairmont Olympic to drop off Crowne Plaza passengers. If you see people standing at the stop, try to motion them down to the Fairmont. It is not a great solution, however, it needs to be followed until the hotel can provide a safer location. The 6th Ave side is a larger charter bus zone, but it is not recommended for the Airporter. The left turn to Seneca from the right curb lane of 6th Avenue is definitely not legal or safe!

Possible Dues Increase

At our last union meeting, the topic of a dues increase was discussed. The dues rate has remained the same for over 8 years while wage rates have increased substantially. We will continue our discussions at the next union meeting in September. If you have strong feelings on this topic, please plan on attending.

Thought for the Day

Management is nothing more than motivating people. – Lee Iacocca