

UTU Local 161 Newsletter - October 20, 2006

Next Union Meeting - November 14, 2006

Boeing Machinists' Hall - 9125 15th Pl. S., Seattle 98108 - South Building

UTU Election Results

At our Oct. 10th meeting, we accepted nomination forms from those wishing to run for open offices. Others were nominated from the floor at that meeting. We had one person run for each of the openings. As result, it ended up that they would each fill the vacant positions. The new Officers begin their terms on Jan. 1.
Chairman - Paul Schneider, Vice Chairpersons - Lem Austin, Derek Brenden, Chuck Fox, Kiki Garrison, Larry Gregg, Jerry Healy, Dustin Larsh, Norm Wherrett.
Secretary- Wayne Ingersoll. Delegate - Brian Donald. Alt. Del. - Lem Austin
Congratulations to all and we welcome the new members to the UTU Local 161 Committee of Adjustment.

New Bowling League

No doubt you've seen the posters around the drivers' room. If you have not been at the shop for a while, there is a copy of the notice on our website: www.utulocal161.org. We are setting up teams and using a flex-league setup since we all have different schedules. See Rodney or Lem for information and sign-up. There will be prizes awarded later on. Enjoy the fun and camaraderie!

Sep. 30 UTU - BBQ

Our end of the cruise ship season BBQ was enjoyable despite the cloudy day. Thanks to those of you who stopped by to chat. Again, we greatly appreciate our Social Comm. Chairman, Rodney, for getting the supplies and serving up the burgers and dogs.

Company Bowling Party- Nov. 2nd

The company is hosting a bowling/end of the season party at Acme lanes, just east of South-Center Mall on Nov. 2nd. We all are invited to attend. Be sure to RSVP to Danielle Drake in the office.

Referral Bonuses

If anyone referred another person to apply for work at GLS and did not receive the referral bonus, please let one of your union reps know. Jeff Bonar, the latest Safety Director, was going to make sure those bonuses got paid. Unfortunately, he left GLS and moved to Nevada to be with his family. So let us know so we can follow up on this.

Incentive Bonus Payments

The bonuses for August and September are late. The company has not forgotten about them. With the schedule around the office, it was delayed in getting over to payroll at HAL. Hang in there!

October Union Meeting Topics of Discussion

Some confusion on vehicle swaps from day schedules to Nite Ride. Company working on improvements.
Airporter ticket sales commissions are inconsistent. Wayne has inquired to Accounting for a remedy.
Norm mentioned Minkler vs. StarLine lawsuit for unpaid gratuities.
Difficulties mentioned on Navy move with bus assignments. Drivers need to take the bus listed on their dispatch.
Incident with badges at Renton Boeing Shuttle. - Company not providing info to drivers regarding the process.
Need specific guidelines for many GLS products and services. Many drivers doing their own thing and negatively impacting customers and fellow drivers.
Speeding buses through lot at night - dangerous - Be sure to observe the speed limit. Thanks.

Negotiations Update

We continue to make some progress on a new CBA. We've signed off on a few more proposals and discussed many items of concern. The company's main concern is getting drivers to work the peak demand days. In the service industry, that means evenings and weekends. The union's main concern is a significant raise in pay to deal with inflation and the cost of living in the Puget Sound area. Once we have reached a fair agreement, it will be submitted to the union membership for a vote. We will schedule a Q & A day to provide info and answer questions that you may have. That date is TBA. Most likely, there will be an extension of the current contract during the voting process. More later!!

Thought for the Day

Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do.
Attitude determines how well you do it! (Coach Lou Holtz)