

IBEW 46 Official Membership Negotiations Update #1

April 20, 2021

To the Inside Wire Members of LU 46:

The Inside Wire contract negotiations have begun, and your Bargaining Team will be working on bargaining every week until further notice. Our goal is to reach an agreement prior to the expiration date on May 31, 2021. A negotiations update video will go out to the membership periodically to keep you in the know of how things are progressing.

In addition to the negotiations video produced every week, there will also be a written update coming out soon from your Negotiations Small Committee. The first video is on the LU 46 website and mobile app. Please watch this video!

As of April 20, there have been five bargaining sessions. We are focused on language changes first, before the transition to economics.

Many of you have asked who are the members on the Small Committee! We must always be careful when posting the names of the Committee members for the following reasons:

- We must confirm there will be NO retaliation or negative actions taken by any employers for formal Union activity.
- Some people may NOT feel comfortable with having their names public.
- Members have the option to give consent prior to publication.

To re-cap, there are six (6) rank-and-file members serving on your Small Committee. Five of the six were comfortable with sharing their names. After discussion with the Team, the names of those willing to share are as follows:

- Tori Westman – Wire Apprentice
- Jordan Portch - Wire Apprentice
- Adrienne Minter – Journey Wire
- Na'Quelle Davis - Wire Apprentice
- Wayne Horton – Journey Wire
- One additional Journey Wire

As I committed to the Membership, we have MORE rank-and-file members on the Team, than Staff. We have a strong cross-section of the membership from Apprentices to Journey-level Wire! All of them are fully committed and working hard to represent the entire membership at the table!

Please keep in mind that the time WILL COME for the Local to ramp-up possible actions. When the official CALL is presented, we need YOU to answer! Stay tuned for more details...

Updates will be posted on the LU 46 website, mobile app, and sent via e-mail to the membership.

Everyone is to continue working as usual until given official direction to do otherwise. It's very important that we staff our projects and cover our jurisdiction.

Please stay tuned for official updates from the Business Office. If you have any questions, please contact the Hall directly.

Thank you for your time. Please take care, and stay safe!

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