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Mechanics Dispatch

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Update

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Member Concerns Regarding NMB Status Meeting

Many Local representatives are reporting that there is confusion about what transpired in Washington DC at the NMB.

Concerning our request for release; the Board informed us that they are reviewing the matter. This is normally what they do when anyone requests release and we expect a decision to be forthcoming.

Moving forward, the survey will be done electronically and we expect to have it posted next week. This is an important step in the process; in addition to the overwhelming 93% no vote, it provides an excellent tool to express the member's desires to the Board. As an example, the survey after the March 2011 T/A helped the rank and file negotiators to achieve their goals in November of that year. While speculation is always subjective; we do feel that if management is truly as focused as we are on reaching a mutually acceptable agreement, then we are of the opinion that can be reached in a reasonably short timeline.

To be clear; the IBT wants to return to the table ASAP in advance of a release, to finish a deal. The company has expressed a similar desire to the Board. Both parties expressed disappointment with the status meeting being set for May by the Board. At the end of the meeting, the Board agreed to scheduling the meeting "on or before" the May date. It is our belief that the status meeting will be held well in advance of May.

While the Board is moving slow in getting us dates the IBT stands ready to meet outside of mediation if the company wishes to conclude these negotiations quickly.

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