February 22, 2020

Sisters and Brothers of Local 513,

The Association and AA negotiators worked this past week on finalizing language on the Agreement in Principle for all workgroups. There are a few articles left to complete and implementation language is yet to be written. The process is taking more time than anticipated because of complexity of the verbiage and the fact that certain aspects of this JCBA has completely new language from the other two agreements. It is vital that we get this right. We must get the language of the agreement to match the intent negotiated at the table. Otherwise, mistakes may be made that can harm our members in the long run. Again, once the language has been completed, a copy of the TA will be emailed to each member and a hard copy mailed to your address on file with AA. Local 513 will conduct a roll out meeting to discuss the TA and answer related questions. Date and time to be determined based on language completion.

Please be mindful of the effects stress and other factors have on our minds, bodies and spirits. Much has transpired over the past months and the effects can take a hidden toll on us. Remember that the local offers employee assistance to all our members and their families. EAP offers help not only for drug and alcohol related issues, but counseling for gambling, depression and many other health issues which can affect our well-being. Please contact TWU EAP Coordinator Mark Scroggins at 817-800-2623 or any of the other EAP representatives of the local for assistance. The list of reps is posted on TWU bulletin boards and on the local website.

The board will be conducting the February Area Walk on Monday the 24th at 0930 in Cargo. We look forward to seeing you at the membership meetings this week at the union hall.

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Greg Cosey, President