

Good morning Brothers and Sisters,

National is still trying to see if they can negotiate a new agreement with the Postal Service. The last report from National was on January 10, 2011 which President Guffey stated in part Although the union is “increasingly frustrated” at the slow pace of contract negotiations, bargaining is continuing, APWU President Cliff Guffey has announced. He went on to state; We are seeking an agreement that will benefit postal workers and the Postal Service,” the union president said. “One of our top priorities is to restore work that has been contracted out or assigned to supervisory personnel. This would restore a sense of stability to APWU members who have endured severe hardships due to the long-distance reassignments caused by excessing,”

Local we have had several meeting with Management on the issues we face locally. I have meet with Step 2 designee on several issues skip bid cycles, jobs not being posted in the required 28 days, reversions of bid jobs, and overtime issues. We have made lump sum settlements the membership received money for violations of the Contract, we are discussions on the possible settlement of the skipped bid cycles it too early to tell if we can settle the grievance here or not. The Officers and Stewards of this Local work hard to make sure the National Agreement and the Local Agreement are followed. One must remember that our agreements work both ways and are not always in our favor.

In Solidarity,
Raymond Kearns
Vice President