

Good Morning Brothers and Sisters

I attended the National convention to vote on resolutions for the National executive board to use during the next contract negotiations. A lot of these resolutions are to correct PSE's issues such as trying to make them FTR, and overtime issues conserving PSE's have them get Postal overtime rather than FSLA overtime. If anyone would like to know the outcome of all the resolutions the convention book is in the office and you can look through it.

On the local front we had received notices for excessing in 3 offices for the clerk craft one for Pawtucket, North Kingstown, and Providence in early August. At that time I contacted John Dirzius our Regional Coordinator to ask him about these 60 day letters he told me that there has been no Area meeting that is required by the contract and he would be setting up meetings in September. Two days ago I received notice that the Service was going to issue the 60 day letters to the effected clerks I spoke with John again there still has been no Area meeting. I was on three telecoms with the Postmasters of the effective offices and Deborah Wichert; I told them that issuing the 60 day letters was in violation of the contract because there has been no area meeting. So, once again the Service has backed door the Union. After the telecoms I called John Dirzius he told me that we are filing a grievance at the regional level and he was talking to the Area VP about the 60 day letters with no Area meeting. I will keep you informed as I get more information, but rest a sure the Officers of this Union will do everything in their power to make sure the contract is followed.

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President