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NABET-CWA/NBCU NEGOTIATIONS NEW YORK CITY



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NABET-CWA and NBCU have concluded this round of bargaining in New York City, however the parties are still not close to reaching an agreement to replace the contract that expired on March 31, 2009.

During meetings held between April 29th and May 5th, the Union submitted over a dozen counterproposals aimed at improving working conditions for staff and daily hire members, including proposals on key issues such as jurisdiction, wages, and seniority.

While NBCU representatives submitted a handful of counterproposals during this round, none seriously addressed the concerns that your bargaining committee has raised concerning job security, future work opportunities, and economic conditions. Also, instead of attempting to move these talks forward, during this round NBCU introduced a new proposal to limit NABET-CWA members' legal rights concerning discrimination claims against the Company.

The parties were originally scheduled to continue talks through the end of this week, but due to a death in the family of one of the Union's negotiators, talks adjourned yesterday.

No date has been set for the resumption of negotiations, but the Union and the Company have agreed to keep the lines of communication open.

In the meantime, the Union's bargaining committee will be communicating with the membership in more detail shortly, so please ignore all rumors. Bulletins and other official information concerning these negotiations will continue to be distributed by the Sector and Locals as necessary. Also, please carefully monitor all mobilization notices distributed by your Local.

NABET-CWA Network Negotiating Committee