

## **NAATS HQ E-Mail Update Vol. 5 #60**

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No word from the Judge yet, we've been in constant contact with the attorneys.

The Senate is now taking up the Defense bill and they have set a continuing resolution on the transportation bill until the beginning of November. There is still a chance that the TTHUD bill may hit the floor before 9/30, but as each day passes, something new seems to come up to push it off.

I'm meeting with the NLRB again Wednesday morning on the first ULP we filed against LM, will let you know how I make out.

There have been a few questions from the information that was put out last week on some of the decisions the BOD made. First, the resolutions that were signed were done under advice of NAATS legal counsel to allow the organization to continue to operate and continue with issues like the EEOC case or until LM either recognizes us or is forced to recognize us. There are some major changes that need to be made to conform to the new public/private structure that will unfold if all else fails. The members need to decide how the organization needs to be set up when all is said and done if we end up in the private sector. In the meantime, the BOD will keep the 9 Director structure to be able to reach as many members as possible until all the sites are closed/consolidated. The constitution needs to be re-written with the new structure, a new set of elections need to be run, and the members have to vote on all of it. Do you want a delegate convention? Do you want one national officer and 4 regional ones? Should the President be one of the members from the HUB facilities? Do the Regional offices have to be out of the HUB facilities or can they be from the legacies? All these questions need to be debated and answered by the membership, in the meantime, the current structure will stay in place until the dust settles.

Even though there will be the same structure, all NAATS officials will give up their stipend and will work voluntarily for the membership. This includes Alaska, even though the dues money will still be coming in from Alaska. The Directors are committed to see that you are represented and supported until such time as the new structure can be voted on and put in place.

The dues withholding would start on November 1<sup>st</sup> and continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month thereafter until such time a payroll deduction can be negotiated. I know some people would like to send in checks or set up some other method, but currently we will have one person on the payroll of NAATS (Denise). The accounting nightmare of trying to make sure everyone got their checks in on the

1st and trying to track down those who didn't, we'd need to hire additional staff. We use Bank of America, and they have a very good reputation in doing these electronic transfers. Denise is going to have her hands full as things start to unfold with budgetary issues, election mailings, and just keeping the office running while I'm back in CT not that I'm that much help!

This will be the last week I'll be in DC, and I've got a lot to do to get the office and basement cleaned out. If you call and the phone goes to voice mail, it just means Denise and I are probably down in the basement, leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

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