LOCAL 548 MILLWRIGHT BARGAINING

SUMMARY OF 2016 NEGOTIATIONS

Bargaining Committee Members: John Raines (EST), Wayne Nordin (Director of Millwrights), Brian Raines (Representative 548), Dave Lasserre (Representative 548), Wade Peterson (548), Jeremiah Vervair (548), Burt Johnson (General Counsel), Robb Nelson (Deputy General Counsel)

The bargaining committee of Millwright and Machinery Erectors Local Union #548 has reached a tentative agreement with the millwright contractors for a new 3-year agreement. The committee brought the membership’s proposals to the contractors and worked together with them to address the needs of the members and the industry in a new agreement.

The committee was able to secure solid increases to the total package of wage and benefits as well as significant language changes. Recognizing the reality that millwrights frequently must travel to perform their work, the committee pushed hard for language that will ensure that traveling millwrights will have a decent place to stay and a good per diem for food and expenses while traveling. The language for a Safety and Welding raise was updated to reflect current class offerings, and a new requirement of Pro 10 training will be added in 2017.

Major Language Changes:

- Subsistence: On jobs over 91 miles from Shosten Training Center or home of record (whichever is closer), the Contractor will provide a hotel room at a nationally recognized hotel chain, if available.
- Subsistence: On jobs over 91 miles from Shosten Training Center or home of record (whichever is closer), the Contractor will provide at least $30.00 per day.
- Safety and Welding Raise: Classes and requirements updated to reflect current offerings. Pro 10 will become a requirement in May 2017.
- Continued commitment to fund the Fair Contracting Foundation, a labor-management organization that helps monitor compliance with state and national labor and employment laws.

Wage Increases:

   May 1, 2016: $2.00
   May 1, 2017: $1.95
   May 1, 2018: $1.95

The North Central States Regional Council would like to thank rank and file members Wade Peterson and Jeremiah Vervair for their time and effort and their immeasurable contributions to the bargaining committee.

It is the recommendation of the Bargaining Committee that the body ratify these changes.