

Local 332
President Woody
Hendrickson



National CAD
Representative Michael
Hora discussing the CAD
Department Restructure

Congressman
Bob Filner (D-CA)
delivered a powerful
message at the
SAMLU



Retired Central Region
Director Charles
Reynolds with a final
SAMLU goodbye



National President John Hegarty
addressing Local presidents and
attendees at the SAMLU

Mail Handlers Gather for Meeting of the Local Unions

San Diego, CA

Officers and representatives from nearly every NPMHU Local Union gathered in San Diego, California in early March to participate in the semi-annual meeting of the Local Unions. Also in attendance at this event were members of the National Executive Board, all NPMHU National Office department heads, and personnel from the National and Regional Contract Administration Department.

National President John Hegarty delivered his report to the assembly, which focused primarily on issues related to the ongoing discussions with the Postal Service over the terms of the 2011 National Agreement, including strategies and possible timeframes related to dispute resolution procedures

following the declaration of bargaining impasse by the USPS. To further the discussion at this meeting, Brother Hegarty also provided a lengthy and detailed review of the integral relationship between and among various important factors affecting collective bargaining and postal operations, including: the USPS financial outlook; mail volume and postal revenue trends; proposed changes to postal service standards; proposed closing and consolidation of post offices and mail processing facilities across the country; proposed reduction from six to five day delivery; various legislative issues and the large number of legislative proposals and disputes currently pending in Congress; and issues related to any Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) that might be

offered by the Postal Service to certain USPS employees.

Following discussion of the issues presented by President Hegarty, National Secretary-Treasurer Gardner provided a detailed presentation and entertained questions and comments on a variety of topics, including: the NPMHU financial statements for the year and quarter ending December 31, 2011; an updated presentation and analysis related to Mail Handler complement, membership trends, and revenue allocation among our Union's affiliated organizations; a review of assistance provided through the NPMHU Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship Program; and a review of details and logistics related to the upcoming NPMHU 2012 National Convention.

The attendees then heard remarks from Terry O'Sullivan, General President of the NPMHU's parent union, the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), who provided a brief report on the state of LIUNA. He then delivered an inspirational message motivating all Mail Handlers to remain engaged in the 2012 Presidential and Congressional elections, and for all NPMHU representatives and members to do everything in their power to ensure maximum voter turnout in support of all union and worker-friendly candidates.

U.S. Congressman Bob Filner (D-CA) also addressed the assembly, and provided his strong message of support for the struggles in which working class Americans currently find themselves. In



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President and Local 306
President Jefferson Peppers
III, Recently Retired Central
Region Secretary Margaret
Boyd, National President
John Hegarty

Local 300 Vice
President Robert Blum



Local 325 President
Earnest Wallace
and Local 310
President Andy
Badilishamwalimu
zoning in on the
discussion at the
SAMLU



(l-r) Local
317 President
Ronnie Sanders
and Local 330
President Robert
Griffith focusing
on the meeting.



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Regional
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SAMLU
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