

SOA Negotiations update
April 19, 2018

Local 71 is continuing negotiations for our next State of Alaska contract. We do not have an agreement for the members to vote on yet.

We have been working diligently with the State's negotiating team to get to the meat of the contract. We have tentatively agreed (TA'd) twenty one (21) out of the twenty nine (29) articles. The eight (8) articles left outstanding will be the toughest to agree to. These articles involve wages, leave, health care contributions, travel and moving, working rules, tool allowance, subsistence/geo-diff and the like.

There have been some "housekeeping" changes due to the way the new IRIS system reads information like going from 7.5 to 7:30 on your time-sheets and leave slips.

Two wins for our State members are the Emergency Leave Bank which our members will be able to opt into and reducing the amount of time required to make a leave request from 45 days to 30 days to make it easier for many of our members to take leave.

I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to email or call with ideas and comments. The dedicated "negotiations" email has been a great way to communicate those thoughts and concerns.

Until the negotiation team comes to a tentative agreement and a new contract is ratified by the membership, we continue to work under the current contract, the Grey Master Agreement.

At this point, NOTHING HAS CHANGED

We meet to continue negotiations on April 23rd.

Fraternally,



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