

BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT - FEBRUARY, 2007

The big news in the Local right now is not good news. Just today Hexion announced the closure of its' facility. We have 15 members working at this plant and their last day of work will be May 18th, 2007. We will be meeting with the Company next Monday and Tuesday to start working out a closure agreement. If any of you know of any job openings in your plant, or anywhere else, please let us know in the office so we can pass the information on.

At Sonoco we have now exchanged agendas with the employer and our first day of bargaining is set for Tuesday February 27th.

At Jamp Pharma we have also given the Company our proposals for a first Agreement. We will meet to start the bargaining process on Thursday March 1st.

At Crown the Company has gone into Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection with their U.S. operations. To date we have not seen any affects to our plant.

Should also note that we managed to reach an agreement with Crown to bring Jeff Santick, who was terminated, back to work. If he is not back yet, he should be back very shortly.

At Norampac we have now served notice that we are proceeding to arbitration on the Darren Long termination grievance. Are still waiting to get dates confirmed.

We have our new Committee elected at Buckeye and will be deciding tonight on whether or not to take an issue in the Maintenance Department on to arbitration.

We also have a new Committee at Iron Mountain. I will be meeting with the Company this coming Friday to deal with an issue that has been outstanding for some time now. We are hoping to finally get it resolved. Should also note that we just had an employee suspended for one day.

We had a bargaining unit meeting with Montenay the other night. The members are not happy and are already preparing for the next set of bargaining with the Company, which does not take place until December, 2009. This is a worksite where we have not historically had a lot of problems, but it would appear that is changing. We also have completed our Committee elections at this location.

At Pliant we had a termination a few days ago. Have not yet heard from the Committee if the employee is going to grieve. We also have an outstanding arbitration and have a number of other issues going on. We are still dealing with the mess the Company created around some accommodation issues. We are dealing with these one at a time but it is a slow process.

At Sulzer we have a couple of outstanding issues and we are waiting for the HR Manager to respond to us. He had asked for an extension of time to get back to us, which we granted.

At Unisource we have had two Step 3 meetings since our last Union meeting. Both of these meetings actually went fairly well. We do have one issue however, that the Executive will need to decide on whether or not to take to arbitration.

At Western News the Company is now signing its' lease on a two month basis. They are however, fairly busy right now.

At Custom Paper the contracts have all been printed and delivered.

Please also note that for those plants that have not yet conducted their Committee elections, notices will be sent out this Friday.