

Brothers and Sisters

I want to thank all of the members who chose to seek election this year. Service to the membership is very rewarding and an honor and it was nice to see so much interest in our local. I would like to congratulate all of the winners of the offices & positions. I offer each my assistance if needed & I anticipate each of them giving 110%. I also want to thank the current officers for all of their hard work and dedication to their offices and to the local. We have had some tough issues to deal with and I feel that each decision was made with the local's best interest at heart. As for working with former President Bianchi, what an education that was. Upon his forced retirement last September it was my honor and pleasure to fulfill the last 8 months of the term as President. It has been an incredible experience. We will all miss Bob's strength and dedication to the labor movement.

Now I would like to speak about negotiations in 2006. Newly elected President Al Skinner and I (as policy member) are both ready to take the memberships concerns to the bargaining table in St Louis. With our members behind us I am sure that we can bring you back another agreement that we can all (active and retired) be proud of. Solidarity will be the key to all of our success. So please attend the rallies & marches as we enter some of the toughest negotiations that we have ever faced. Remember that we are only as strong as our weakest link. **United We Bargain, Divided We Beg.**

Thanks for voting this April and have a safe and enjoyable summer with your families.

In Solidarity:

Dennis Green