

FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

April 18, 2006

Bargaining Update

The parties met this morning for 48 minutes. The Company presented the Union with another “global” contract proposal. Unfortunately, the “global” proposal contained few material changes from earlier proposals, and is significantly below industry standards – a point not seriously contested by the Company. For example, the Company’s “global” proposal still lacks any provision for workforce training, and contains, among others, sub-industry pension, grievance & arbitration, and contracting out provisions. The Company asked ‘what it would take’ to reach agreement, and rejected the AEIF’s immediate response: industry standards.

The AEIF Executive Board met this afternoon in caucus to review and prepare a response to the Company’s proposal. We expect to return to the bargaining table this evening.

On The Picket Line

We have received a second report that radios are being used to “jam,” or worse – broadcast false work instructions – on business frequencies utilized by AK Steel. **THE AEIF DOES NOT ENCOURAGE, CONDONE, OR SUPPORT SUCH ACTIVITY.**

**We remind you that all radios capable of transmitting on business frequencies are banned from the picket line. Scanners are permissible only if they cannot transmit.**