



TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION LOCAL 555

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President's Update July 11, 2018

Brothers and Sisters.

As everyone is aware, our local has experienced some leadership, administrative, and financial issues in recent months. Our local was placed in receivership on September 8, 2017. Several steps essential to the members of TWU Local 555 regaining control of our own local have now been accomplished.

All board members have completed intense officer training vital to effective representation and leadership. The training covered topics such as tools to lead and plan, consensus building, legal and fiduciary responsibilities, and team building.

Effective December 1, 2017 a new stringent expenditure policy was put into place to eliminate any gray areas and to ensure every expense is a legitimate expense.

A trustee appointed by TWU International instituted new bylaws with input from other TWU International officers. The new bylaws are posted at TWU555.ORG under resources/documents. There are constructive changes such as Article Eleven Conduct of Meeting and adding a 2nd Vice President. One change that is **not** acceptable to members of TWU Local 555 is the appointment of station representatives by district representatives, rather than station representatives being elected by the membership. Over the next several months, membership meetings will take place and members attending the meetings will have the opportunity to vote to amend this bylaw and have station representatives elected by the membership once again. There will be a few other minor bylaw amendments your Local 555 Board would like for you to consider, and you will be able to place additional items on the meeting agenda that you would like considered. Station representatives will post the membership meeting times and locations on union bulletin boards and meeting information will also be posted at TWU555.ORG so you can plan to attend a meeting. After the membership meetings are complete, the results will be submitted to the governing body of TWU International reflecting the changes the members of TWU Local 555 want to our bylaws.

With this progress, productive board meetings, and uniting together once again, we can expect our local to be released from receivership in the very near future.

Fraternally,

Charles Cerf
President of TWU Local 555

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