



Bargaining Update 09/11/23

Dear Members,

Bargaining is still going. With much frustration, the State changed the Oregon Accounting Manual and Travel Policy at the last minute and we are having to go back to the drawing board for the remote work article. We have to make sure everyone gets compensated for their time. We know not everyone is impacted by the remote work article, but almost everyone travels for State business. This is where we stand now. We met with the State last Friday to discuss the updates and circular references, and illogical arguments in the travel policy, and changes to definitions. We left the meeting with unanswered questions that we hope DAS can answer. Once DAS responds, we can move forward with scheduling the next bargaining session.

All that said – the \$1500 economic wage increase payment will likely be postponed again until we ratify the contract. We hope we will see it with the mid-month or November 1 payroll date.

We hope to get this contract done as soon as we can. The bargaining team is fatigued and frustrated and ready to be done as much as you are. We are very close, with only a few articles left to finish.

Thank you for your patience and support.

In Unity,
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