

Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters



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Dear PNWRCC Tradeshow Member,

I owe you an apology. This Tradeshow Contract round was a failure in communication to our membership, and I take full responsibility for that. Your bargaining team worked hard to negotiate a strong contract and as a result, reached a tentative agreement with the Tradeshow Employers a couple of weeks ago that the Bargaining Committee supported and recommended, for a “Yes” vote from you.

In the hours preceding the roll out of the voting process the employer group provided us with “their interpretation” of the Tentative Agreement. This was NOT reflective of our agreement.

Unfortunately, our communication went downhill from there. On the technology side, two robocalls, a text message, and a website cover letter were posted and sent encouraging a “Yes” vote. Those messages were put in the queue prior to receiving the employers’ alternate version of bargaining. Some of those errors fall on technology glitches, some fall on human errors. In the end, any shortcoming in this Council rests on my shoulders and I own that.

The Bargaining Committee is asking the membership for their "NO" vote on this agreement. We will be pulling results for the vote on Monday and scheduling bargaining meetings with the employers. You are currently working under an extension through the month of July. We are headed back to the table and aim to have an acceptable tentative agreement to offer to you for ratification prior to the expiration of the extended agreement.

You have my personal commitment to a smooth process and the attention and care that this tradeshow membership deserves.

In Service and Solidarity,

Evelyn Shapiro
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