



Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations - NWS Negotiators Walk Out

(November 25, 2015) Three days into negotiations for ground rules for the new Collective Bargaining Agreement, NWS negotiators canceled further bargaining sessions with union negotiators. The parties met on November 17-19 for ground rules negotiations with the dates Dec. 1 – 3 reserved for another bargaining session. Despite the complexity of the issues, the teams were making steady progress with verbal agreements on 12 of the 23 ground rules provisions. Instead of fulfilling the agreed upon terms for the second meeting to complete ground rules negotiations, NWS negotiators canceled the second week of meetings and stated that unless the union accepted their proposal the NWS negotiators would declare impasse.

“Sure, there’s tension involved and the meetings get stressful,” said NWSEO President Dan Sobien. “The NWSEO is eager and ready to meet this challenge. We are surprised and dismayed that instead of completing this body of work, NWS negotiators are throwing in the towel.”

NWSEO General Counsel Richard Hirn filed an unfair labor practice charge against NWS for refusing to bargain. It is NWSEO’s contention that NWS was not bargaining in good faith but intended to push the negotiations to impasse as soon as possible.

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