



NABET-CWA ***Local 31***

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Dear Sisters and Brothers of NABET-CWA Local 31,

As I write this letter to you, we are starting the new year of 2021. It has already been momentous with the events of January 6, 2021, a historic inauguration and an ongoing pandemic. Our members at NABET-CWA Local 31 were impacted directly by these events and their professionalism and dedication allowed the American public and the world to be witness to these historic events. This is why there is a first amendment and a free press.

This past year has been extremely hard throughout many businesses and the broadcast and cable industry was no exception. As we look forward to moving past the pandemic our work in news and sports will return to pre Covid19 levels however, because of the use of Zoom, iPhones, Live-U's and other technologies, our workflows have been changed. Many of our members now work from home so we need to make sure we retain jurisdiction in these new areas and that our members are compensated appropriately. Also, we at NABET-CWA Local 31 have been working remotely. We are responsive to your concerns and can be contacted by phone if you leave a message at our office number, 301-459-4999 or contact us by email info@nabet31.org. We are also utilizing Zoom and SurveyMonkey to better serve our members. We have revamped our website and I urge each of you to visit the site for important updates.

After January 6, 2021, and the ongoing pandemic, the safety and welfare of our members is of paramount concern to us and we are communicating with your employers on a regular basis to ensure they are following proper protocols with regards to safety.

As for our individual units this is where we stand:

1. ABC - Network contract talks have begun at the level of the network negotiating committee, who are meeting to discuss rules and proposals. Our negotiator at NABET-CWA Local 31 is rank and file member Alex Staherski and Sector President Charlie Braico will be the Union's chief spokesperson.
2. NBC – Network operations has moved to 400 North Capitol Street after over seventy years at their Nebraska Avenue location.
3. WRC - Comcast Sports is moving to Nebraska Avenue sometime this year and will be sharing space with WRC. We welcome a new WRC Executive Board member, Nick Leimbach.
4. NPR - Reports they are in better financial shape than they had projected.
5. PBS - Status Quo

6. WJLA - We are scheduled for an arbitration on April 27, 2021 concerning dues payments.
7. WHUT - Status Quo
8. MCM/MCT - Working under the newly ratified contract of December 2020.
9. HRS – The contract has reopened, and the negotiating committee is meeting to discuss proposals. The committee members are Doug Koztoski, Todd Baham, Carl Mayers, Bob Williams, and our attorneys Keith Bolek and Rebecca Richardson.
10. SRS - Status Quo
11. Maslow - Lobbying efforts will resume with the House Committee on House Administration concerning pay parity. Also, we welcome a new Executive Board member, Tyrone Riggs.
12. WSVN - We welcome a new Executive Board member Don Hansen.
13. HCS – The contract is reopening and expires March 31, 2021.
14. WITF – We would like to have an Executive Board member from this unit.

This is a brief overview of where we stand in the first quarter of 2021. We urge you to contact us with any concerns.

In Solidarity

Bob Williams

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