

Trial Court Bargaining Bulletin

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Mediator Holds Fact Finding, Calls Meeting With Union Committee

Last week, state mediator Gerry Casey asked both the union and AOTC management to refrain from offering their last best final proposals.

The mediator has asked for a meeting with the union committee on Monday, January 28. She has not yet scheduled dates for us and management together.

While the committee remains willing to talk in any setting on behalf of our members, we are concerned that management may be just running the clock again. We assume that this meeting will either lead to a prompt meeting with management or proceed to fact finding and a different fight with a change of venue. We will keep you posted.

Defend Our Health Insurance

You probably know by now that there is a credible threat to roll your share of your health insurance premium payments back up to 25%. Three years ago NAGE members led the fight to roll back Governor Romney's attack on our insurance. If the Patrick administration prevails, this change could cost each Trial Court member hundreds—or, with the family plan, thousands—of dollars.

We will take action statewide as this fight progresses. Right now a great first step is to contact your legislators and let them know this proposed insurance premium hike is unfair and unacceptable. Go to www.nage.org/state for the story on Governor Patrick's budget recommendations and scroll down to the "TAKE ACTION NOW!" link for the link to our online action center. There you can send a message to the governor and your lawmakers that the insurance hike is wrong!