

Effective immediately the Communications Committee will be instituting a new method of distributing the ANCHOR, meeting agendas and other communications.

A problem with the distribution of communications has arisen because the Contract does not allow persons, other than Stewards, to perform union duties during regular working hours (see Section 4.04(d)), and because the time constraints often imposed do not allow sufficient time during individuals' coffee breaks and/or lunch hours to adequately distribute communications. In order to alleviate this problem, until such time as the contract provides Communications Committee members with similar rights as Stewards in this regards, the following will be the procedure:

--after printing of the communication Duplicating Services will deliver them to a central location and call the Communications Committee chairperson;

--the Communications Committee chairperson will then phone the Division Stewards and inform them that the communication is ready to be picked up; (As an Executive member the Communications Committee chairperson has the right to contact employees at work);

--it will then be the responsibility of the Division Steward to see that the further distribution is accomplished (presumably by either doing it herself or himself or calling the Shop Steward to do it);

I would hope that this new procedure would not only 'legalize' and speed up the process but would also spread the work load.

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