

Newspaper Article

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Local 135

DHL Members Endorse Tentative Agreement

A special called meeting was held Sunday, March 30, 2008 to review the Tentative Agreement between the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and DHL Express. This is the first time a National Contract has been negotiated since the National Master Freight Agreement over 40 years ago.

This new agreement consolidates 107 contracts across the nation and it is the richest ever negotiated for our DHL members, said Brad Slawson, Co-Chairman of the Negotiating Committee. Brother Slawson, Kevin Moore, President, Local 299, and Todd Thompson, assistant to General President Hoffa were in Indianapolis by request of Danny Barton, President, Local 135 to review the agreement and address questions from DHL Members.

DHL Members endorsed the Tentative Agreement by a voice vote of 149 yes to 1 no.

On behalf of President Danny Barton, Secretary Treasurer Brian Buhle, and the Local 135 Executive Board I would like to thank all of the members and the Union Stewards at DHL for their patients, and the confidence in us during these negotiations.

Ballots will be mailed on April 9, 2008 and will be counted on May1, 2008.