

M.E.B.A. Reopener Deal with Interlake

M.E.B.A. concluded re-opener negotiations with Interlake Steamship this week following a final bargaining session on Tuesday at M.E.B.A. Headquarters. The new deal covers wages and fringe benefits for the next four years (2017-2020) of our contract with Interlake that extends into 2025.

M.E.B.A.'s negotiating team was led by Atlantic Coast V.P. Jason Callahan and was supplemented

M.E.B.A. Contracts Rep. Mark Gallagher and Legal Director Nils Djusberg among others. Interlake was represented

by V.P. Thomas Wynne, Contract Rep. Terry O'Neil and Financial Officer William Thornton.



M.E.B.A. applauds Interlake Steamship's willingness to tackle the obstacles in front of our industry the next four years in partnership with M.E.B.A. for the betterment of its workforce, while also positioning the company for the challenges and the opportunities that will undoubtedly present themselves. M.E.B.A. members will see gains in real wages over the term and the company has recognized the fact that the Benefit Plans must be funded accordingly as the cornerstone to everything that M.E.B.A. provides to the employers and the membership from where they select their professional mariners. Salient points of the reopener agreement will be discussed at the forthcoming membership meetings in the Union halls including next Friday's informational meeting at our Cleveland hall.