

## BULLETIN

## NABET-CWA/NBCU NEGOTIATIONS New York City



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The NABET-CWA Network Negotiating Committee wanted to update you on recent developments concerning the NBCU contract talks. While a handful of meetings have taken place recently, the parties have still not yet reached agreement on a successor Master Agreement.

Specifically NABET-CWA and NBC Universal negotiators met in full committee in New York City on May 18 & 19, 2010 in an attempt to further narrow the issues between both sides.

Throughout these two days of meetings, the parties discussed a full range of concepts and solutions, with a sharply focused effort to resolve all outstanding open issues. These meetings were conducted in full committee sessions at the bargaining table and in smaller "off-the-record" subcommittee discussions. The parties attempted to bridge existing gaps on major issues of seniority/layoff, Content Producers/Digital Journalists, wages and overall term of agreement. The union made significant counterproposals on these issues with good-faith intentions to secure a long-term deal which addressed Company-stated concerns while protecting the interests of the membership.

On Monday, May 24, 2010 subcommittees representing both parties met once again. The response from NBC was unsatisfactory and fell far short of where the Union needed to be, in order to get a satisfactory deal.

Union negotiators stand ready to return to the bargaining process at any time, so long as the Company is prepared to engage in serious and meaningful efforts to negotiate and arrive at a fair contract.

In the meantime, members are reminded to ignore all rumors and contact your Local Union Office with any questions or concerns.

NABET-CWA Network Negotiating Committee