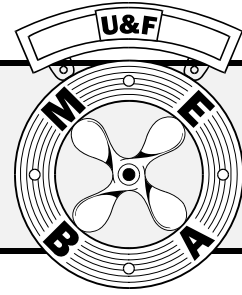


MEMORANDUM



To: All Members
From: M.E.B.A. Headquarters
Date: June 4, 2010
Subject: Ongoing Dialogue Concerning Article XX

M.E.B.A. is continuing talks with the AMO concerning Article XX charges filed with the AFL-CIO against the Union dating back to 2006.

M.E.B.A. contracted with Interlake Steamship Co. in the summer of 2003, a time when AMO was operating outside the AFL-CIO umbrella. The seven Lakers covered by that contract aren't at issue in the Article XX filings. What is being contested are two vessels that joined the Interlake fleet by accretion in 2006 and 2007 respectively, the integrated tug/barge **DOROTHY ANN/PATHFINDER** and the self-unloader **STEWART J. CORT**.

Both vessels had been operated by subsidiaries of Interlake Steamship Co. However, during subsequent corporate restructuring, the companies were dissolved and their assets were absorbed by Interlake Steamship Company.

M.E.B.A. met recently with AMO to discuss a resolution to this dispute. It is expected that the dialogue will continue in future meetings.