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To: Bargaining Unit
Subject: Update

Here's an update on various matters:

1. The FLRA is investigating the unfair labor practice charge we filed as a result of the proposed RIF. They'd like to interview employees who weren't allowed to pull new cases and/or were told they couldn't work compensatory time. Please contact me immediately if you fall into either of these categories. When it comes to compensatory time, I would like to hear from you if you either asked to work compensatory time and were told you couldn't or didn't request to work compensatory time due to the prohibition against doing so as stated in the July 30th notice.
2. As most of you know, 30-Day Notices of Reduction In Force were sent out today. It is our understanding that 125 of these notices went out since four notices of recession were sent out last week and six other attorneys amongst the 135 have left or will be leaving.
3. Attached is a grievance we filed yesterday.
4. On Friday, September 6, we will have a rally concerning the RIF at 12:30 in front of Crystal Park Two. I strongly encourage all of you to attend.
5. On Thursday, September 5 from 12-2, we will meet in the conference room on the 5th floor of the NTB near the lunch room and make signs for the rally. Stop by anytime if you get a chance. Whether or not you do, feel free to e-mail Mitch Front beforehand with any clip art or other suggestions you may have for signs.
6. On Wednesday, September 4, a Town Hall Meeting will be held for PTO employees at the Crystal City Hilton in the Admiralty Ball Room. The subject of the meeting is the PTO's Strategic Plan. Meetings will be held at 11, 1 and 2:30, with each meeting being scheduled for 50 minutes. Director Rogan will be speaking at each session; all three unions will have a brief chance to speak. I encourage you to attend one of these meetings. I presume the office will send something out early next week.
7. We have a team working on preparing PAP proposals, which are due September 12. Please e-mail your comments to Julie Watson. Under the contract, we have the right to negotiate any proposed PAP. See page 94 of our contract. However, in collective bargaining, our rights are generally limited to negotiating the impact and implementation of their proposals.
8. Attached is the latest poll being run by news@NameProtect.com.

http://www.nameprotect.com/cgi-bin/news/poll.cgi?id=8286514215&poll_id=1421&choice=4&Submit=Vote
9. Finally, we are closing in on 70% membership in our unit. As a reminder, we have a membership drive going on now that pays you \$25.00 if you sign up before September 20.

Have a good and safe holiday weekend.