



TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA · AFL-CIO

Michael T. O'Brien
International President

James C. Little
International Executive
Vice President

John J. Kerrigan
International
Secretary-Treasurer

Hubert Snead
Administrative Vice President

Michael Bakalo
Administrative Vice President

Sonny Hall
Int'l President Emeritus

Executive Council

VICE PRESIDENTS

John Bland
Dennis Burchette
Garry Drummond
Harry Lombardo
Thom McDaniel
Gary Maslanka
William Palletier
Barry Roberts
Marsha Spinowitz
Ainsley Stewart
Roger Tauss
James Whalen
Gary Yingst

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Richard Adams
Sandra Burleson
Brian Clarke
Joe Gordon
Duke Hingley
J.W. Johnson
John O'Farrell
Susan Resch
Gary Shults

Executive Board

Wesley Ajamo
Richard Boehm
Patricia Bowden
Jeff Brooks
Sim Campbell
Mike Chiofalo
Gordon Clark
Fred Fink
Alex Garcia
Alice Goodman
Jim Guido
Glenn Harmon
Eddie Hill
Richie Holley
Jerome Lafragola
Thomas Lenane
Charles Little
Thomas Lutton
Irwin Lum
Eddie McLeod
Cari Martin
Don May
Banyoel Morgan
Mark Nelson
Carlos Padilla
Joseph Pajewski
Orton Reynolds
Pat Rezier
Robert Romaine
Michael Tutrone
Richard Watson

1700 Broadway (2nd Floor) • New York, NY 10019-5905 • 212.259.4900 • Fax: 212.265.4537 • www.twu.org

March 7, 2006

To: All TWU Local Presidents
Re: Update on President Michael T. O'Brien

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

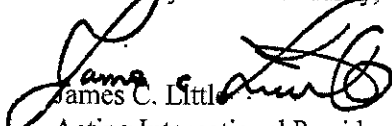
As you are aware, President Michael T. O'Brien has been out of the office since late December 2005 for health reasons. In late January 2006, President O'Brien asked me to take over as Acting President. Over the last month, President O'Brien has kept us up-to-date on his health condition with the hope of returning to work within a reasonable time frame.

Last Thursday, March 2, 2006, while I was attending the AFL-CIO Meetings in California, President O'Brien called to advise me that for personal reasons he will not be returning to work and he will retire at the end of March 2006. President O'Brien assured me that his health condition is not life threatening which caused a great relief. I notified our senior officers, but due to respect for our entire staff I did not want to put out any correspondence until I had the opportunity to call a special staff meeting and notify our staff in person. I met with our staff yesterday after our COPE/Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

Over the next few weeks I will be meeting with the top Officers, Directors and Department Heads to discuss some changes in assignments. It is my intention to have all changes in place by the end of the month. In order to complete a smooth transition, I trust we can count on your support as we move forward. You will be notified of any further changes once they are fully consummated and approved by the International Executive Council where required under the TWU International Constitution.

Lastly, I ask that everyone keep President O'Brien in your prayers. This letter may be shared with your officers, staff and members.

Fraternally and in solidarity,


James C. Little
Acting International President

JCL:mo
opeiu-153

c : International Administrative Committee
International Executive Council and Board
International Staff
Opeiu-153 Staff

