

## **J.S. Woodsworth Would Be Proud**

**Town hall meetings are the best example of democracy in action.**

**The right to speak freely in a public forum is recognized worldwide as a litmus test for any country's, or any organization's, commitment to individual liberty and freedom of expression.**

**At the IAM, a member's freedom of speech is highly prized. Its exercise is essential for a vibrant and vigorous union. And another chance to exercise that right is right around the corner.**

**A third round of Blue Ribbon Commission meetings, where IAM members can speak freely and publicly on matters of importance, begins in late March.**

**Forty meetings will be held in locations across North America. All members are encouraged to attend a meeting in their area and express their hopes and aspirations for this great union.**

**This is YOUR chance to SPEAK OUT on any topic YOU feel deserves attention.**

**In 1995 and 1998, thousands of IAM members did so. They provided suggestions, advice, encouragement and constructive criticism. They and their union benefited from this valuable free wheeling exchange.**

**Next week, the dates, times and locations of the Blue Ribbon Commission meetings will be posted on [www.goiam.org](http://www.goiam.org). Please make plans to attend a meeting near you and share your thoughts on what your union can do for you and what you can do for your union.**

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**Have you heard?**

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