March 22, 2010

TO: All General Vice Presidents, AAs, GLRs, SRs, Organizers, BRs, DBRs, Railroad GCs, Airline GCs, District and Local Lodge Presidents, Local Lodge Recording Secretaries, Communicators, and Educators, WWW Directors and EAP Coordinators Denis Yelle, Bryan Hutchinson

This letter will serve to announce the 2010 Employee Assistance Professional - One Program (EAP-1), at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center in Hollywood, Maryland scheduled for July 18, 2010 to July 23, 2010. This class is for members interested in EAP studies.

For your information, the IAM is in discussions with the National Labor College regarding the development of a degree program for Machinists who desire a career in this field. We are very excited about the possibility of implementing such a valuable and long overdue educational curriculum that will be fully recognized at the college level, your workplace, the employee assistance community and throughout the IAM. We are inviting you to participate.

Enclosed you will find detailed information and instructions on how your lodge may make reservations. Please read and follow the instructions carefully, keeping in mind that they are to be used in conjunction with the policy letter covering William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center tuition, transportation subsidy and curriculum.

Participants should be prepared to travel and arrive on Saturday, July 17, 2010 if travel is by commercial airlines. All participants must be at the Winpisinger Center <u>no later than noon</u> on Sunday, July 18, 2010.

I urge your lodge to take prompt action in notifying Charlie Micallef, Director of Retirees, Community & Membership Services Department by returning the enclosed "Official Lodge Reservation Form", no later than May 5, 2010.

In solidarity,

R. Thomas Buffenbarger International President

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Enclosures: Policy letter, instruction sheet, registration form

cc: Executive Council
Director Micallef
Director Wagoner