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**NATIONAL UPDATE 2010-05  
Technology Working Group (TWG)  
March 5, 2010**

Due to a resignation from the TWG, a vacant position was created late last year. A call for interested members was released and the Local's Executive was very pleased with the level of response for this valuable committee.

After much deliberation, Mr. Ed McCrea of Winnipeg FIC was chosen as his replacement. As the liaison for the TWG I look forward to working with Ed so as to achieve our common goal of being pro-active in working with the company. Our mandate is to ensure all FSS have an active role in the technological development and problem-solving of FSS equipment and procedures going into the future.

Two new positions were also developed so as to address several shortages. The first was an IFSS representative. The union and the company were both in agreement this position was needed so as to deal with the aspects of equipment/technologies inherently unique to Gander IFSS. Brother Terry Hollett was selected for that role.

The second position was necessitated with the decision to develop a FWGS replacement. The best candidate for that position is Brother Dale Maher. Dale brings with him years of computer experience and more importantly, experience in North Bay FIC working with the present MM3 weather graphics package. Dale is very focused on using his experience with this product and developing something more focused on FSS so as to bring us into the future with the best briefing package possible with today's technologies.

The Executive Board and I once again thank all the members who submitted their names for this committee.

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