## **Principal Executive Officer Shannon George's Report**

## May 2020

As many of you know, we cannot hold our Membership Meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the risk of spreading the virus, and as a result the May 2020 Membership Meeting has been cancelled. I want you to know that Teamsters Local 170 takes the health, safety and security of its members very seriously. Due to social distancing, the way we have been handling our day-to-day business has changed and even though our office has been closed to the public, we are open and are working to service our members. If you need assistance with a workplace issue or if you have any concerns, your Business Agents and I remain available 24/7 via a phone call, email or text message.

This horrible pandemic has had a negative impact on some of the industries that we represent resulting in members being laid off or furloughed. Your Business Agents and I remain in constant contact with your employers to make sure they are adhering to their obligations under the collective bargaining agreements and are not taking advantage of this pandemic. We are also demanding that they follow the health and safety guidelines of the CDC and are providing our members with the proper personal protective equipment.

You are all working hard to keep America running and we will continue to work hard to make sure you are as safe as possible while doing so. To help defeat this war, if you are not working, I encourage you to stay home and cherish this precious time with your family and follow the guidelines of the CDC. We are all in this together.

As a reminder, please visit us on Facebook or our website (<u>www.teamsterlocal170.com</u>), as we will continue to provide you with additional information as it becomes available

In closing, we will defeat this war if we continue working together. Now is the time to show solidarity in Local 170 and all unions.

In Solidarity,

Shannon R. George Secretary-Treasurer/Principal Executive Officer