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Pension Payments Made

On Wednesday the company made the pension transition supplement payment that was suspended in 2008.

The money should have been deposited in **members' 401k accounts and were expected to** average between \$4,000 and \$5,000 per member.

According to the contract, that payment was supposed to be made by Oct. 1 of this year. If the schedule holds, there will be two more full payments, one by October 2012 and the other by Oct. 2013, and a partial payment in 2013 as well.

This is in addition to a short-term 1.5 percent contribution match the company announced for the first six months of 2011.

Seven positions cut

The company has in effect eliminated seven positions through layoffs and attrition this past month, but company officials have told the Guild that it has no plans to eliminate any Guild covered jobs at this time.

The first jobs lost were three non union position layoffs in the single copy sales part of the circulation department. Three other positions were eliminated in pre-pub via attrition. Three Guild members in that department have filed notice of their intent to retire April 1. Instead of hiring people to replace them, the company is returning two pre-pub people who were

bumped in the 2008-09 layoffs and putting them back in the department, with their pay levels intact, as per the contract.

The last lost position was the elimination of one of the privately contracted security guards.

We asking members to keep an eye on this situation and if you are unable to get a security escort that you have used in the past please call the Guild office at 421-9466 and let us know.

Mail your votes in

Ballots for regional vice president to be mailed to members – Hill/Younger candidates

On or about Friday, March 25, the sector election and referendum committee of The Newspaper Guild will begin mailing ballots to all members eligible to vote in Providence, Pawtucket, Woonsocket and Worcester for the election of Region 1 vice president.

John Hill, a member of the Providence Newspaper Guild, has been nominated for the position.

Also nominated is Carl Younger who is a member of the Guild at the Boston Globe.

The winning candidate would join seven other regional vice presidents plus the president and secretary-treasurer as **TNG's top officers**. He would represent members from all of New England plus portions of New York and Pennsylvania.