



# AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION

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Dear Members,

We are aware that many of you are members of the Facebook group "Union Brothers and Sisters". Accordingly, we think that it is important that you are aware of the dangers of posting, not only internal Union documents, but also information about yourself and fellow Union members to that group.

Recently, we have objected to ATU 757 financial documents being posted on the Facebook group because we do not believe that the group is accessed solely by ATU 757 members in good standing. While members of ATU 757 have every right to meet privately and discuss Union business, confidential matters, such as the financial documents distributed at the Charter and Continuation Meetings, are only to be shared with members in good standing. This is why we have asked members not to post those documents on the "Union Brothers and Sisters" site.

Unfortunately, one of our members has insisted on posting the financial report from this month's Charter Meeting, despite a warning that doing so would be in violation of Section 21.7 of our International Constitution.

As a result of this member's actions, and despite his repeated assurances that the administrators of "Union Brothers and Sisters" had "done everything within their power to assure the members that are being approved on the site are ATU members," we have begun an investigation in to whether all of the members of the group were ATU 757 members in good standing. In short, they are not.

It is disappointing that our Union brother has decided to post the financial document in question on a site that he knows is accessed by individuals that are not members of ATU 757. However, ATU International has been informed of the member's actions and we will respond to them at a later date.

What is of utmost importance, however, is that members understand that "Union Brothers and Sisters" is not a members only secured site. So far, we have found at least 20 group members who are not Union members in good standing in our investigation.

What is most disturbing is that one of the members of this site is a private investigator employed by TriMet. This means that everything you post is being monitored by TriMet management, and likely shared with other agencies. We cannot emphasize enough how important it is that you not post anything on "Union Brothers and Sisters" that you do not want your employer to see. You could very well be putting your job in danger, as well as those of your Brothers and Sisters.

ATU 757 is not suggesting that members do not have a right or reason to have a Facebook group such as "Union Brothers and Sisters". We are only asserting that our internal documents are not to be posted on the site, and encouraging you to be extremely careful what you share on the Facebook group.

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