

## NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

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## NOTICE

TO: All Carriers and Labor Organizations

FROM: Mary L. Johnson, General Counsel

RE: Removal of Internet Voting Hyperlink on Board's website

Effective October 1, 2007, the National Mediation Board (Board) began primarily conducting representation elections using both Telephone Electronic Voting (TEV) and Internet Voting. *Internet Voting Comment Period*, 34 NMB 200 (2007). Internet Voting was implemented after months of research and testing, and is both secure and encrypted. The Board believes that offering Internet voting in addition to phone voting improves voter access.

After further investigation, the Board has decided to remove the hyperlink to the voting website from its website at <a href="www.nmb.gov">www.nmb.gov</a>, and instead instruct voters to type in the Internet address to access the voting website at <a href="https://www.ballotpoint.com/Nmb/">https://www.ballotpoint.com/Nmb/</a>. The Board is taking this precautionary action to prevent any outside party from possibly tracking the IP address of persons who visit the voting website. As a further safeguard, the Board is requesting its participants not to post a hyperlink to the Board's voting website. Effective immediately, the Board may consider hyperlinks to the voting website as possible evidence of election interference.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.

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