

The National Mediation Board (NMB or Board) extends an invitation to interested parties to attend an open meeting with the Board and its staff on December 7, 2009. The NMB published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on November 3, 2009 proposing to amend its Railway Labor Act rules to provide that, in representation disputes, a majority of valid ballots cast will determine the craft or class representative. In addition to the comment procedure outlined in the NPRM, the NMB is providing another opportunity for interested persons to provide their views to the Board on this important matter.

The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Margaret A. Browning Hearing Room (Room 11000) of the National Labor Relations Board at 1099 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20570. A second meeting may be scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2009 if necessary. Due to time and seating considerations, individuals desiring to attend the meeting, or to make a presentation before the Board, must notify the NMB staff, no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009. The NMB will notify individuals of their attendance and/or speaking time prior to the meeting. Any individual desiring to make an oral presentation to the Board at the meeting, must submit a brief outline of the oral presentation when making the request. In addition, full written statements must be received by the November 20, 2009 deadline. Once again, these oral and written meeting statements are another opportunity for interested parties to comment in addition to the procedures outlined in the NPRM. All potential attendees must include their full name and organizational affiliation (if any) with their request. All communications must be addressed to Mary Johnson, General Counsel, National Mediation Board, 1301 K Street, NW, Suite 250-East, Washington, DC 20005 or made electronically to [legal@nmb.gov](mailto:legal@nmb.gov). All communications must include Docket No. C-6964.

For more information about the proposed rule and this meeting, please visit the NMB's website at <http://www.nmb.gov/representation/proposed-rep-rulemaking.html>.