

# Working on Travel Card

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

There is still some confusion among members who wish to take and those who have taken travel cards to deposit with sister locals across the country. Some members mistakenly believe that it is permissible to take a travel card and deposit it in a sister local then return to their home local and commence working union or non-union. It is also noted that a few members have taken a leave of absence from contractors, who use this method to circumvent our hiring and layoff procedures and have also taken travel cards for deposit with other sister locals and indeed have returned to work while their cards were still on deposit.

**Local 488 is aware of these and other infractions of the UA Constitution and our Local 488 Bylaws & Working Rules and will take the appropriate measures to ensure the proper rules are being followed.**

Please note that the UA implemented a new system for travel cards and no longer uses physical travel cards. **The process is now entirely on-line** and is facilitated by Local Union offices.

## TRAVEL CARD PROCEDURE:

1. To take a travel card, the member must be in good standing with all legal and financial obligations paid through the current month.
2. After the travel card has been issued, member services marks the member as *Out-On-Travel Card* and removes them from the Out-of-Work Board.
3. The member taking a travel card must keep his dues up-to-date with UA Local 488 (\$35.00 per month out-of-work dues). The sister Local will check his status on-line to ensure Travel Card is deposited before the member may go to work. When the member requests his travel card to be reissued to his home Local, his travel card will not be released until such time as his travel card dues at the sister Local are brought up-to-date.
4. A member who has deposited his travel card in a sister Local and does not obtain employment (reasonable proof maybe required) and returns to UA Local 488 within ninety (90) days will be entitled to be returned to his original position on the Out-of-Work Board.
5. If receiving a job through a sister Local, and that job lasts less than 10 days, and the member returns home to Local 488, By-law 4:06(4) will be in effect (10-day rule). Welders who fail their weld tests at the sister Local may also use this Bylaw.
6. It is the member's responsibility to request that his travel card is returned to his home local and to confirm that he is placed back on the Out-of-Work Board.

Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to know and follow the rules regarding this process.