

UUP on schedule with the state

UUP President Phil Smith was contacted by the State's negotiator, Joe Bress, for the first time on the morning of July 20, 2011.

President Smith and UUP Chief Negotiator Jamie Dangler met with Mr. Bress that afternoon. At the July 20 meeting all parties agreed to start negotiations during the week of August 22.

UUP immediately followed up to secure meeting space for a series of negotiations sessions. August 25 was settled on as the start date.

Additional meeting dates through October were also mutually agreed to.