

**CWA Local 4250 RMC  
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## Bahr Steps Down as AIL Chair

Communications Workers of America President Emeritus Morton Bahr stepped down as Chairman of the AIL/NILICO Labor Advisory Board after 20 years of service. He is replaced by Painters General President James A. Williams.



CWA President Emeritus Morton Bahr (left) discusses issues with AIL President & CEO Roger Smith as he chairs a meeting of the AIL/NILICO Labor Advisory Board. Bahr served for 20 years as chair of the Board and was recently succeeded by Painters Union General President James A. Williams. Bahr will remain on the Board as Chairman Emeritus.

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"Morty Bahr is one of the great and legendary leaders in the history of the American labor movement," said AIL President & CEO Roger Smith. "We are grateful to have had the benefit of his counsel over the years and pleased that he will remain on the Board. He was particularly helpful to me when I assumed leadership of the Company and I will always appreciate the advice he has offered me over the years."

A CWA member for more than 50 years, Bahr became international president in 1985 and is credited with guiding the union through some of its most difficult days during the deregulation of the telecommunications industry, the union's basic industry at the time.

Once known as a "telephone union," CWA now includes communications workers from all media industries, public sector workers, airline flight attendants and others. He also pioneered significant collective bargaining breakthroughs on family life, worker training and education, worker empowerment and health care reform.

He retired as CWA president in 2005 and became president of the Elderly Development and Housing Corporation which builds and manages subsidized housing for seniors. He has since become recognized as one of the nation's leading spokespersons on the housing needs of low-income seniors.

### **Sto Lat! Morty! - May You Live a Hundred Years.**

**Often sung at birthdays and name days in Poland much like the "Happy Birthday" song in the United States, "Sto Lat" is more versatile as it can be also heard at special events and occasions such as anniversaries, patriotic events and award ceremonies.**

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