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BMWED and Union Pacific Sign TRT909 Agreement

BMWED Aids Obama Administration Efforts to Boost Economy

On August 10, 2010 the BMWED entered into an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad that allows the carrier to operate the TRT909 Concrete Production Crew over the MP Illinois Division while providing certain protections and opportunities for both the UP North and South BMWED employees.

The Track Renewal Train (TRT909) installs rail and concrete ties, all in one pass. It consists of about thirty rail cars, each of which is capable of carrying 210 concrete ties and can install about 5000 in a twelve hour day according to the manufacturer of the equipment.

The Agreement provides for the completion of the high speed rail project on the MP Illinois Division. Funding for the project is part of President Obama's stimulus plan, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (*Recovery Act*).

The *Recovery Act* was signed into law on February 17, 2009 in an effort to jump start the economy and create

or save millions of jobs, and, among other things, to aid in the rebuilding of the country's infrastructure - in this case, high speed rail.

The use of the TRT909 for this project is limited by the Agreement to a period beginning September 1, 2010 until December 31, 2010, or until this high speed rail project is completed, whichever is earlier. It is expected that up to 145 BMWED employees will be utilized to complete the project.

Southwest Region Vice President Roger Sanchez, who worked closely with the other officers involved in this Agreement, offered, "It's never easy to reach agreement that satisfies all the parties involved but, this agreement provides opportunities to our members that otherwise would be missed. All of the parties involved with this interim agreement worked hard to see that the interests of our members were protected while making sure we retain this work."

"In addition to the employees that normally perform this work, UP has agreed to train and utilize MP employ-



ees who will have an opportunity to gain qualification on equipment they otherwise would not have", offered Allied Federation General Chairman Dennis Albers. "The Agreement also restricts the use of non-contract

employees on this project and provides our members some job protection for the length of the project."

"No railroad contractor or outside party has the experience or expertise See TRT909 on Page 15

BMWED Delegates Honor Fallen Members

Permanent Place of Honor Established at National Worker's Memorial

The delegates to the 2010 BMWED Convention voted unanimously to establish a permanent place of honor at the National Workers' Memorial for members killed on the job in FRA reportable accidents commencing January 1, 2010. The National Workers' memorial, erected on the campus of the National Labor College in Silver Spring, MD was dedicated on April 28, 2010, and is the only national memorial of its kind in the nation.

BMWED delegates adopted amended Resolution #19, which directs the National Division to "... institute a system of honoring and recognizing those members of our Union who lost their lives in the line of duty in FRA reportable acci-

dents from January 1, 2010, forward." Prior to the 2010 convention, BMWED members killed in the line of duty have been recognized through a memorial plaque housed at National Division headquarters.

The National Worker's Memorial is made up of thousands of simple bricks and granite benches situated on the tranquil grounds of the National Labor

College. Resolution #19 authorizes the National Division to purchase a lasting tribute to BMWED members

killed in FRA reportable accidents in 2010 and beyond, in the form of a memorial brick engraved with the name, date, and Local Lodge number of the deceased. "It is with heavy hearts that we honor our fallen

Brothers and Sisters through the National Workers' Memorial," said

BMWED President Freddie Simpson. "We want to ensure that their contributions and sacrifice to our Brotherhood are properly acknowledged and that their families, co-workers, and loved ones are made aware of our deep appreciation and respect," said Simpson.

Each memorial engraved brick enshrined in the National Workers' Memorial will serve as a permanent and lasting tribute to our fallen Brothers and Sisters. An official certificate documenting the location and placement of each engraved brick will be sent to the family as a sign of respect for the fallen and their sacrifice. "Of course, we all long for the day when such tributes will be un-

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2010 Scholarship Announcement: Enrollment Is Now Open

BMWED Division Members and Their Dependents Encouraged to Apply

Pursuant to BMWED Resolution #41, reaffirming 2006's Resolution #43 by the delegates of the 2010 Convention, two annual scholarships in the amount of \$2,000.00 each will be awarded in November to BMWED members or eligible dependents, with preference given to applicants enrolled or scheduled to enroll in an accredited college or university in the pursuit of labor-related studies. The annual scholarship award is designed to encourage and recognize the achievements of BMWED members and their dependents, and to assist them in obtaining a college education.

President Simpson stated, "I am proud of our delegates and their continued willingness to help educate BMWED members and their families as a means to advance Labor's agenda and protect the rights of working people. The BMWED Scholarship program is intended to assist members and dependents in achieving their educational goals. This is an especially important benefit to BMWED families in light of the escalating cost of higher education. For many working families, the cost of a col-

lege education has become largely unaffordable. The BMWED scholarship is intended to help educate the future leaders of our nation and our unions, and will serve to strengthen the recognition of Organized Labor's continuing contributions to our society and the preservation of the middle class."

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicant must be: (1) a dependent of a BMWED member in good standing* who is a high school senior enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited college or university, or a full-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at an accredited college or university; or, (2) a BMWED member in good standing* enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited college or university.

Preference will be given to applicants pursuing the study of labor-related subjects or pursuing a degree in labor-related subjects.

*For the purpose of scholarship eligibility, a member's "Good Standing" is defined in Article XVII, Sec. 7 of the BMWED Bylaws.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

To apply for the BMWED scholarship, an applicant must meet all the eligibility requirements and submit via mail the following: (1) A completed application form (available on line at www.bmwe.org); (2) Most recent academic transcript (if applicable); (3) College entrance examination, i.e., ACT and/or SAT scores (if applicable); (4) A list of extra-curricular, community service and/or union activities; (5) A statement of 300 words or less written by the applicant outlining his or her employment history and career goals; and, (6) A statement of 300 words or less written by the applicant explaining how the BMWED has impacted his or her life.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Three (3) applications verified to meet all necessary criteria will be selected by random draw from the pool of applications received by the close of business on **October 29, 2010**. The selected applications will be copied and distributed to the BMWED Vice Presidents who will independently review and rank each application on a scale of 1 to 3, with 3 being the highest ranking and 1 being the lowest ranking. The two applicants garnering the highest aggregate rankings will receive notice of the scholarship award in November. Any tie in ranking score will be decided by the National Division President based upon his final review of the tied applications.

The BMWED Scholarship award check will be made out directly to the college or university where the award

recipients are enrolled or accepted for enrollment. Upon notification of the award, it will be necessary for the recipients to furnish the National Division President with information to facilitate the issuance of each award check payable to the accredited college or university where the applicants are accepted or enrolled.

Application materials must be submitted by mail and be received by BMWED at the address below no later than the close of business **October 29, 2010**. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. Please submit to:

BMWED Scholarship
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25 Louisiana Ave. NW, FL-7
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Application forms and a complete description of application procedures and eligibility requirements can be downloaded from the Brotherhood's website at www.bmwe.org. Any questions regarding the BMWED Scholarship or the application procedures may be forwarded via e-mail to BMWED's Director of Education at gkreie@bmwe.wash.org or by calling 202-508-6444.

(Note: Pursuant to Teamster policy, delivery of any package or mail by non-union carriers will not be accepted by the Teamster's shipping/receiving department. Therefore, to assure delivery please mail through the United States Postal Service [USPS] or United Parcel Service [UPS].)

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES OF DECEASED RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

The John Edgar Thomson Foundation, established in 1882 and endowed by the will of Mr. Thomson, third President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, offers limited financial assistance to daughters of a deceased parent. The parent, regardless of gender, must have been in the employ of any railroad in the United States at the time of death, although the cause need not be work related. Also, the employee must have been considered actively employed by the railroad even though on disability or sick leave at the time of death. Whatever grant is awarded usually serves to benefit all members of the family. Eligibility is dependent upon the daughter and the surviving parent remaining unmarried and meeting certain other criteria.

The monthly allowance made

under the grant may cover the period from infancy to age 18; under certain circumstances to age 22, to assist grantees who are pursuing higher educational goals. The Foundation also offers special health care benefits.

The funding of the work of the Foundation is completely independent of any railroad. It neither solicits nor receives funds from the public. Further information and applications may be obtained by writing to:

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Around the Brotherhood

BMWED Member Monte Hazen Lends Aid to Accident Victims

Burlington Northern System Division member Monte D. Hazen had just completed his work week on Friday, May 23rd and was headed back home to Maywood, Nebraska when he became involved in trying to



Monte Hazen

aid the victims of a car wreck.

Monte had just got in his car and left work at Douglas, Wyoming when it began to rain. Just after he passed Glendo, Wyoming the driver behind him attempted to pass and began to hydroplane out of control. The car hit

a guardrail and flipped over into the median. It turned out that the passengers of the car was a lady and her two daughters.

One of the girls was propelled from the car and Monte went to her aid and confirmed that she was alright. He then went to the aid of the other daughter who was unresponsive and after checking her pulse and making sure that she was breathing, he comforted her until she became conscious. Monte retrieved dry clothes from his car to keep all three of the victims warm and lent what medical aid he could until the paramedics arrived.

Monte is a 32 year member of the BMWED Local Lodge 1214 and works as a burro crane operator on BNSF Gang RP04.

Local Lodge 688 Holds Quarterly Meeting

Allied Federation Local Lodge 688 held its quarterly meeting in Auburn, Nebraska on June 25, 2010.

Members of Lodge 688 held a raffle for a Ruger 10/22 and sold \$670.00 worth of raffle tickets.



Kneeling left to right, Jeff Hardenberger, President Shawn Clark, Robert Duran, Tom Clark. Standing left to right, Ron Streit, Richard Lovell, Secretary-Treasurer Steven J. Titus, Mark Hillyard, Vice President David Helmick, Scott Hollens, Kevin Davis, Mike White.

IBT Legislative Leaders Meet in Louisville, Kentucky

Legislative Directors from the IBT, BMWED and BLET all met in Louisville, Kentucky July 24 - 27, 2010. The purpose of the meeting was to have general discussions on

pending legislation and to coordinate and set strategy.

A large contingency of BMWED State Legislative Directors attended the meeting.



BMWED Legislative Department staff and Directors.

Local Lodge 624 Holds Quarterly Meeting

Allied Federation Local Lodge 624 held its quarterly meeting in Augusta, Georgia on August 13, 2010.

Vice Chairman Russell Farmer was on hand to update the members on current issues affecting the BMWED.



Lodge 624 members and wives.

AT&SFF Local Lodge 2414 Celebrates E. H. Graham Retirement

Local Lodge 2414 recently celebrated Brother Ernest H. Graham's retirement by hosting a party in his

honor. Brother Graham, who resides in La Junta, Colorado, retired in June after 32 years of service with BNSF.



Ernest Graham front row, center.

2010 DRIVE Award Recipients

BMWED members were honored during the Second Regular BMWED National Division Convention for their contributions to the Brotherhood's Democrat, Republican, Independent Voter Education (DRIVE). A number of the recipients who were in attendance are pictured here.



LEGAL AID PROGRAM LIST

Here is an updated list of the approved attorneys in the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division's Legal Aid Program who can be called on for advice and assistance when needed in case of on-the-job personal injury or death.

Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division members who are injured on the job, or the dependents of members killed as a result of such injuries, should ascertain their rights and protections under the Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA) before attempting any settlement with a railroad company.

Under the Legal Aid Program, in case of personal injury or death while employed on a railroad, a Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division member or his family has access to competent legal counsel in making claims under the FELA.

The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division-approved legal aid attorneys are well qualified to handle cases under the FELA.

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BMWED Welcomes Two New Members to National Division Staff



Angela Krajewski

The BMWED recently filled two vacant positions in the Brotherhood's Southfield, Michigan office.

Angela Krajewski joined the Southfield staff on July 1, 2010. She will be filling the position of Administrative Accountant.

Angela previously worked for Masonico LLC where she held the position of Assistant Controller for sixteen years. She holds an Associate Degree in accounting and is currently working on her Bachelor of Business Administration and Finance.

Angela and her husband Brian have three daughters; Ashley, Courtney and Alexis and two grandchildren.



Kim Bingham

Kim Bingham also joined the Southfield staff on July 1, 2010. She will be filling the position of Membership Services Clerk and will be a member of OPEIU Local 42.

Kim previously worked for Commerce Township as Assistant to the Finance Director for nearly seven years. Kim attended Oakland Community College in Oakland, MI.

Kim and her husband Richard have three children; Richard II, Samantha and Alexandra.

National Division Secretary-Treasurer Perry Geller welcomed both Angela and Kim on board and wished them a successful career with the BMWED.

Why Choose A BMWED-Designated FELA Attorney?

In this day of specialization, most lawyers, like most doctors and other professionals, tend to specialize. If you have tax problems, you go to a lawyer who knows the tax laws. If you have family matters to be handled, you go to a lawyer who knows the laws about wills, estates, probate, divorce, etc. That is why, if you're injured on the railroad, you need to go to a lawyer who knows the Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA).

FELA became law in 1908. Under FELA, an injured railroad employee or his/her family survivors have the right to recover damages in court (state or federal). They have the right to a jury trial which can award damages based upon the railroad's negligence that resulted in the employee's injury or death.

Choosing a Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division-designated FELA attorney is important because, as one court case stated, "injured workers or their families often fall prey ... to persuasive claims adjusters eager to gain a quick and cheap settlement for their railroad employers, or to a lawyer either not competent to try these lawsuits against the able railroad counsel or too willing to settle a case for a quick dollar."

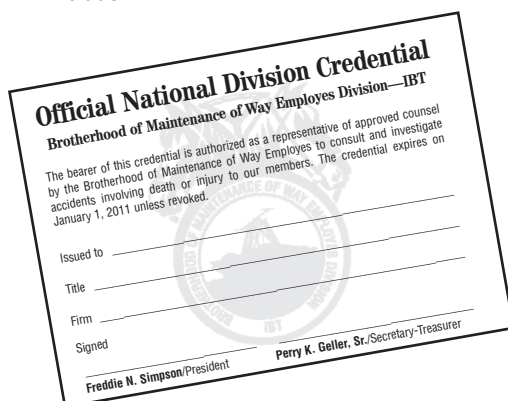
Since most people don't deal with lawyers except in a time of need, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division has a long-standing policy of evaluating FELA law firms. Using established guidelines, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division chooses the best to be on its approved or designated list which is printed twice yearly in the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division *Journal*.

Criteria used for evaluating FELA law firms include:

- Must have an established record of successful litigation experience.
- Must furnish National Division with a summary of cases handled (insofar as such disclosure is consistent with "attorney-client" privilege).
- Must charge a contingency fee of no more than 25 percent.
- Must give injured members free advice in connection with their injury and render free assistance to them in related matters.

Because the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division recognizes the importance of competent and fair legal counsel for its members, it regularly monitors the activities of the law firms on its list and makes changes when needed.

If you do not have a copy of the approved list of attorneys when you need it, just call your system division or federation office and they will give you names and other necessary information. In addition, all approved attorneys are issued official Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division credentials each year. If an attorney contacts you, be sure to ask for his credential.





Freddie N. Simpson

P R E S I D E N T ' S P E R S P E C T I V E

Random drug and alcohol testing for maintenance of way employees will soon become a reality for BMWED members and contractors/subcontractors performing maintenance of way activities. A law mandating random drug and alcohol testing for those who perform maintenance of way activities was passed by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in October 2008 as part of the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (RSIA). Every member of BMWED needs to be aware of this coming regulation, and those who need assistance with drugs or alcohol need to seek appropriate treatment and

counseling to address any and all substance abuse issues. Failure to do so will put your job, and maybe even your life, in danger.

Thankfully, BMWED has negotiated excellent medical benefits for our members, including provisions for mental health and substance abuse care. Members with substance abuse questions or concerns who are covered by the national health and welfare plan should contact United Behavioral Health at 866-850-6212 for counseling and treatment options. With few exceptions, a positive test for drugs and alcohol will lead to termination of employment when federal drug and alcohol testing is implemented over the next several months.

Section 412 of the RSIA mandates the implementation of random testing for maintenance of way employees. The statute simply states, "Not later than 2 years following the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall complete a rulemaking proceeding to revise the regulations prescribed under section 20140 of title 49, United States Code, to cover all employees of railroad carriers and contractors or subcontractors to railroad carriers who perform maintenance-of-way activities."

The Secretary of Transportation has ceded responsibility for enactment of Section 412 to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). Due to the complexity of this issue and a number of other mandates of the RSIA, FRA may not have the existing regulations (49 CFR Part 219) revised by October 2010, but they do expect to have the revisions in place for random testing of maintenance of way employees as close to the October mandate as possible. As our craft faces this new reality, you can be assured that I will do everything in my power to ensure that the law is applied in a consistent manner and that contractor/subcontractors and all others performing maintenance of way activities are subject to the same application of the law as BMWED members.

Congress enacted Section 412 of the RSIA, in part, due to a January 2007 fatal accident where 2 BMWED-represented employees were killed and several others seriously injured. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigated that tragic accident and found that one of the fatally injured employ-

ees tested positive for marijuana, with use determined by the Board to have been on the day of the accident.

NTSB thereafter reviewed industry-wide post accident testing data for fatal accidents involving maintenance of way employees. Post accident testing data revealed that over a 10-year period ending January 2007, post accident testing of 26 maintenance of way fatalities resulted in 5 positive tests for drug or alcohol, resulting in a 19.23 percent post-fatality positive rate. NTSB concluded that random drug and alcohol testing provides a deterrent to use and recommended that persons performing maintenance of way work be subject to random testing under FRA regulations. Congress agreed with NTSB and mandated random drug and alcohol testing in the RSIA for "all employees of railroad carriers and contractors or subcontractors to railroad carriers who perform maintenance-of-way activities."

The FRA currently conducts random drug and alcohol testing on an estimated 125,000 railroad employees. The addition of BMWED-represented employees and contractors/subcontractors who perform maintenance of way activities is anticipated to add approximately 50,000 or more employees to the FRA testing regime. In addition to random and for-cause testing for alcohol, the FRA currently performs random and for-cause testing for the following street drugs: (a) Marijuana metabolites, (b) Cocaine metabolites, (c) Amphetamines, (d) Opiate metabolites, and (e) Phencyclidine (PCP). FRA also tests for certain prescription drugs that are known to be abused, including prescription drugs used without a valid prescription or used in excess of the prescribed dose. FRA is also considering expanding the testing panel for all "covered" rail employees to include additional prescription and designer drugs when it revises the rule in the coming months.

I encourage any member who needs assistance with drugs or alcohol to seek treatment. Random drug and alcohol provisions will become law in the next several months. Railroading and drugs and alcohol are a deadly combination, and impairment on the job can never be condoned. However, it is also important for

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Message from Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa

Union High-Speed Rail

With President Barack Obama in office we have seen some powerful initiatives coming from the White House. First, and foremost, is their focus on the development and building of high-speed rail. Earlier this year Obama announced that \$8 billion would be distributed for high-speed rail projects. This is the first administration to truly tackle this project and follow through with allocating funds. They recognize that in order for high-speed rail to become a reality it will take input and coordination with the skilled maintenance of way workers, engineers, trainmen and other unionized rail workers that

daily keep our rail system in top shape.

High-speed rail is a crucial investment in our future. I look forward to continuing our work with the Obama administration to preserve rail jobs and expand work opportunities for our rail members.

Workplace Safety

We continue to learn about the vulnerabilities of our rail system to vandalism or even terrorist attacks. Our rail conference published the "High Alert 2" report this year to document the results of the safety and security surveys completed by you and members in the Brotherhood of

Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen. We have shared the results with the Transportation Security Administration, seven Class 1 carriers, Amtrak, the Federal Railroad Administration and key members of Congress.

We will continue to keep tabs on the conditions you work in every day. This is the value of belonging to the Teamsters Rail Conference. Our combined strength legislatively and strategically will help keep the priorities of union members at the forefront of national projects.

Fraternally,
James P. Hoffa
Teamsters General President



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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT



Perry K. Geller, Sr.

In 2000, President Clinton's last year in office, the federal budget surplus amounted to \$236 billion, with the ten year budget surplus forecasted to be approximately \$5.6 trillion. Well, here we are ten years later, with a new projection from the Congressional Budget Office forecasting the federal government's budget deficit for fiscal year 2010 will total \$1.34 trillion.

What happened between 2000 and 2010 to change the bright economic picture? First, we have been fighting two unfunded wars for almost a decade at a tremendous human and financial cost to our

nation. Second, we had the Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 which resulted in one of the greatest redistributions of wealth to the top percentile of American taxpayers with annual average incomes of over \$1.1 million dollars.

The war in Iraq is now winding down, with U.S. combat troops scheduled to be withdrawn by the end of August 2010. Hopefully, we can make significant progress in Afghanistan as well and begin withdrawing combat troops from that conflict beginning in July 2011. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the troops who have served our country bravely and honorably in these conflicts. And I want to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to those who lost their lives in these conflicts and to their families. These men and women deserve our respect and admiration, as do their families and loved ones. I also believe very strongly that the United States has an obligation to spend whatever is necessary to provide top quality care for our returning soldiers and their families. It is the honorable and right thing to do for these brave men and women who selflessly served our country.

One way to help pay for the care of our returning heroes is to return the tax rate for top earners to the pre-Bush levels. The tax cuts enacted under former President Bush in 2001 and 2003 are set to expire at year's end. Republicans want to extend all the Bush tax cuts. President Obama wants to extend the tax breaks only for individuals making less than \$200,000.00 per year and families making less than \$250,000.00 per year. However, for the approximately three percent of Americans making more, President Obama and Treasury Secretary Geithner want to allow the Bush-era tax breaks to expire in order to help reduce the deficit, provide for America's needs, and keep taxes stable for working families.

The United States Senate will likely begin dealing with the expiring tax cuts in September. Under the Obama plan, the thirty-three (33%) and thirty-five (35%) percent tax brackets would

be restored to thirty-six (36%) and thirty-nine (39%) percent. Treasury Secretary Geithner stated in July, "We believe it is appropriate to let those tax cuts that go to the most fortunate two or three percent of Americans expire on their current schedule. That will help us begin the process of bringing down our long-term deficits."

Allowing the Bush tax cuts to expire for the top two tax brackets will have virtually no impact on working families, including BMWED members. The tax cuts that President Obama is proposing to extend for families earning less than \$250,000.00 also apply to individuals earning less than \$200,000.00 per year. Letting the tax cuts expire for the top three percent of U.S. earners is fiscally responsible and morally justified in the face of our current record deficits. Tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans have not stimulated the economy or created jobs for American workers. The money recovered through restoration of these cuts to the wealthiest Americans can be put to good use reducing the deficit, aiding struggling states, providing incentives for business investment, and providing much needed and deserved services to the men and women of our armed services returning from the war front. Of course, restoration of these cuts won't come close to fixing all of our problems, but it will be a good first step forward and will demonstrate to the world that the United States is committed to bring down our deficits and strengthening our economy.

The great tax cut experiment of the Bush era has been an unmitigated failure. Trickle-down economics does not work and has not created jobs. It is time to restore some balance in the wealth of our nation and bring our deficits under control. A good first step toward that goal is to support President Obama's plan to restore the top two marginal tax brackets to pre-Bush levels while extending the expiring tax cuts for the ninety-seven percent of all American families making less than \$250,000.00.

A Vice President Speaks

Does the Decline of Union Labor Equal the Decline of the Middle Class?

According to the latest information provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2009 the median weekly earnings for a union member, 25 years and older, was \$922.00 as compared to \$749.00 for non-union workers. And, as workers get older the difference is generally greater, meaning the benefit derived from being a union member increases as the worker ages. However, according to the most recent data, union membership declined from 20.1% in 1983 to 12.3% in 2009. If one believes that decent wages, benefits and steady employment is what has built this nation's middle class, one could argue that these two statistics alone illustrate a direct correlation to the decline of the middle class.

With the employment rate at a staggering 9.5% there is obviously more to the story and a variety of reasons why we find ourselves in such a mess. Many, if not most of the jobs that have maintained our economy no longer exist. Most have been shifted out of the country due to the competitive downward spiral corporations have created out of the lack of regulations and one-sided trade agreements. All of which were perpetrated on the middle class in favor of corporations.

It is important to note that during the period between 1984 and 1997, union members lost 80% of the jobs lost in the declining industries but only gained 5% of the new jobs in the fastest growing industries. Most recently, the higher job losses have been in the manufacturing and construction trades which happen to also maintain the higher density of union labor. The better paying positions that have perpetuated middle class America are going by the wayside.



Roger D. Sanchez

One doesn't have to look very far to see that the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer, creating the elimination of the middle class. In recent studies, Americans who report that they live from paycheck to paycheck has risen from 43% three years ago to 61% and 40 million Americans are on food stamps. Nearly a quarter of Americans say they have postponed retirement and almost half say they have less than \$10,000 saved for retirement. By contrast, 66% of growth income between 2001 and 2007 went to the top 1% of all Americans, 83% of all U.S. stock is in the hands of 1% of the population and on average, Wall Street bonuses went up 17% in 2009. Despite the financial crisis, the number of millionaires in the U. S. rose 16% in 2009 while nearly 21% of all U. S. children are living below the poverty line.

There is no single answer to the problem. But we have to start finding those answers and it needs to be

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Affiliated System Federation Celebrates Merger

When the Affiliated System Federation gathers for their Quadrennial Convention in October, they will be celebrating the success of nearly a decade as a merged system. The former Norfolk & Western System and the former Wabash Federation came together in March 2001 and merged their systems to form the current Affiliated System Federation.

N&W General Chairman Tom McCoy and Wabash General Chairman Dick Taylor had a vision of a stronger and better union for their members and acted on that vision. Prior to his retirement, Wabash General Chairman Dick Taylor and Vice Chairman Jack David brought their Board together with the N&W and with their leadership, and that of General Chairman McCoy, formed a successful merger.

The merger created a System that represents nearly 1600 members who work for CSX, Norfolk Southern and a number of short line railroads. The System spans thirteen States from

Norfolk, Virginia to Kansas City, Missouri and from Detroit, Michigan to Spartanburg, South Carolina.

ASF General Chairman Tom McCoy offered, "This March we will be celebrating ten years since we first merged. We felt it was the smart thing to do for our members back then and it has turned out we were right. I look forward to continuing to improve on those successes and working with our officers to provide the best service possible for our members."

Jack David, who was instrumental in providing a smooth transition during the merger from the Wabash side, continues to provide that same leadership as the First Vice Chairman for the current federation. Brother David said, "I've enjoyed working with the other officers and our Board in our efforts to bring representation to our members that they can be proud of while streamlining our operations and holding down costs."

Other officers serving the ASF membership are, Second Vice Chairman Rick Procise and Secretary

Treasurer A. L. Wardell. Brother Procise mans the ASF office in Victoria, Virginia.

"The Affiliated System merger and its success and longevity prove that mergers can work and benefit our

members," said National Division President Freddie Simpson. "I have absolutely no doubt that the leadership of that great System will continue to provide excellent service to our members."



Left to right, First Vice Chairman Jack David, General Chairman Tom McCoy and Second Vice Chairman Rick Procise.

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Proposed Rules Would Mandate Electronic Payments For RRB Beneficiaries Still Receiving Paper Checks

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Paper checks may be a thing of the past for U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) beneficiaries who still receive them, under a recent initiative announced by the Department of the Treasury.

One part of the Treasury initiative would eliminate the vast majority of paper checks for federal benefit payments over the next 3 years. New recipients of federal benefits would receive such payments by electronic means starting March 1, 2011. Individuals already on the benefit rolls as of that date could continue to receive paper checks until March 1, 2013.

The most common form of electronic payment for railroad retirement, social security and veterans benefits is through Direct Deposit, in which the amount is automatically transferred to an individual's bank account. The RRB currently pays approximately 90 percent of its benefits by Direct Deposit, which is greater than the government-wide average of about 85 percent.

However, a significant number of

beneficiaries who receive paper checks do not have bank accounts. As a result, the new initiative will use Treasury's Direct Express debit card to pay these individuals. The amount of the government benefits will be loaded onto the card, which can then be used like an ordinary debit card.

Currently, individuals applying for federal benefits can obtain a waiver from electronic payment by certifying that they do not have a bank account or that it would otherwise impose a hardship. Under the Treasury proposal, agencies would still be able to grant waivers, but in very limited cases. Examples include payment to individuals living in foreign countries, certain disaster or military situations, and non-recurring, one-time payments.

While it only costs 10.5 cents to issue an electronic payment, it costs the government \$1.03 to issue a paper check. By shifting the 136 million federal benefit checks issued in a year to electronic payment, the government will save about \$125 million

in processing costs and more than 2 million pounds of paper.

In addition to cost considerations, electronic payment has the added benefit of providing a faster, more secure means of payment. Electronic payments are credited to the recipient's account the day the payment is due, and there is no opportunity for the payment to be lost in the mail, stolen or forged. The debit cards, which currently carry a MasterCard logo, also allow the holder to avoid paying fees for check-cashing services. The primary benefit of these cards is that recipients will be able to use them to purchase goods and services at the point of sale or obtain cash through a nationwide network of automated teller machines.

Treasury published proposed regulations to implement this initiative in the *Federal Register* on June 17, 2010, with comments accepted until August 16, 2010. Additional information on the initiative is also available on Treasury's web site, www.godirect.gov.

you to know that FRA tests for the presence of drugs in the urine. They do not test for impairment, they test for use. Therefore, drug use on and off the job is prohibited under the law and a positive test will likely result in discipline and dismissal, regardless of impairment. You should also know that substances sold on the internet to "beat" drug tests do not work, and labs routinely test for such adulterants. The use of an adulterant to mask the presence of drugs is considered a positive test under FRA regulations.

Drug and alcohol issues permeate all of society, and the railroad industry is no different. I encourage any member with substance abuse issues to seek appropriate counseling and treatment. Seeking treatment is nothing to be ashamed of, and we have negotiated quality substance abuse treatment benefits through United Behavioral Health for this purpose. BMWED has also negotiated "Rule G Bypass Agreements" on several railroads which provide employees, under certain limited circumstances, an option of voluntarily entering an Employee Assistance Program (EAP), sometimes in lieu of discipline and dismissal. However, not every railroad is party to such bypass agreements nor are they available in every case.

Questions regarding the availability and application of Rule G Bypass agreements, waivers, and similar policies on your railroad should be addressed to your General Chairman.

Every member has personal choices to make and options and consequences to consider with regard to drug and alcohol use. Please take the necessary steps to protect your job, your family, your co-workers, and your livelihood.

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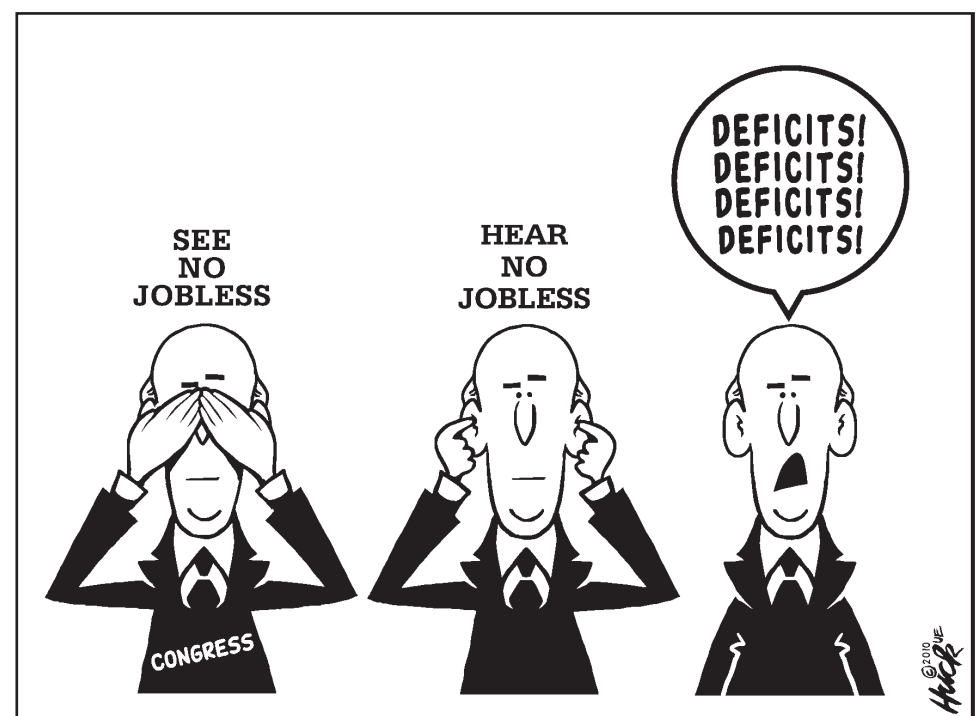
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ROLL OF HONOR

60 year

MERIT AWARDS

NAME	SYSTEM	LODGE NUMBER	MEMBER SINCE
G D Browell	BURL	0230	1944
William E Brown	BURL	1292	1944
Joe Cabral	USD-W	0227	1949
L E Corlee	SOU	0804	1944
Woodrow Gordon	SOU	0804	1948
I E Harper	BURL	1292	1936
Carl A Lewis	BURL	1214	1950
William H Logan	USD-W	1054	1949
Roman M Magana	BURL	0230	1949
Alexander Tarver	USD-W	1054	1949
Joseph R Wall	SOU	0804	1946

50 year

MERIT AWARDS

NAME	SYSTEM	LODGE NUMBER	MEMBER SINCE
Salvador O Almance	USD-W	0227	1957
Clifford S Amick	USD-W	0227	1952
Paul E Gannon	USD-W	0227	1960
Dale L Gelmstedt	USD-W	0085	1953
Luis P Gomez	USD-W	1054	1957
Ignacio N Jaquez	USD-W	0227	1952
Ivan M Larsen	BURL	1214	1953
Bernard Lawyer	BURL	0230	1953
Neale W Lillie	USD-W	0227	1958
Daryl L Lowry	USD-W	1054	1954
David E Mc Mahon	USD-W	0107	1959
Walter K Moseley	USD-W	1054	1960
Francisco Ortiz	USD-W	0107	1953
Gifford L Ream	USD-W	1054	1959
Richard A Reinking	USD-W	1054	1955
Ernie L Torske	BURL	1214	1960

40 year

MERIT AWARDS

NAME	SYSTEM	LODGE NUMBER	MEMBER SINCE
Larry R Blevins	USD-W	0227	1969
Antonio G Chavez	USD-W	0107	1969
Adam Chavez	USD-W	0085	1969
Raul Enriquez	USD-W	1054	1968
Gregory A Harless	AF-SE	0112	1970
Ronald L Hayes	BURL	1214	1970
John W Hughes	BURL	1214	1970
Clair C Kramer	BURL	1214	1980
Salvador M Marin	USD-W	0107	1970
John G Pierzina	USD-W	1054	1972
Elmer D Robinson Jr	BURL	1214	1968
George Shelton	AF-SE	0112	1970
Ollie Welch	SOU	0804	1962

30 year

MERIT AWARDS

NAME	SYSTEM	LODGE NUMBER	MEMBER SINCE
Doyal T Acton Jr	BURL	0230	1977
Kevin J Adams	USD-W	0227	1974
Ralph A Aguas	USD-W	1054	1977

Macario L Aguilar	USD-W	1054	1972
Scott M Andrew	USD-W	1054	1977
Michael R Anzo	USD-W	1054	1974
Gerardo A Arciga	USD-W	0227	1970
Daryl L Arfman Jr	BURL	1214	1980
James E Baker	USD-W	0227	1972
James L Barber	BURL	0230	1974
Donald M Barnett	USD-W	1054	1976
Bob G Bromley	BURL	0230	1977
Michael W Brown	USD-W	0227	1971
Alan L Burrows	AF-SW	1025	1980
William J Burt	USD-W	0085	1979
Alfred L Butterfield	BURL	0230	1977
William T Carpenter	BURL	0230	1977
Robert L Casady	BURL	0230	1977
Kevin R Cassidy	BURL	0230	1976
Jose L Castillo	USD-W	0227	1976
Jesus S Chavez	USD-W	0085	1971
Ernesto Chavez	USD-W	0107	1973
Jose M Corral	USD-W	0107	1974
Elias G Correa	USD-W	0107	1978
James R Couch	USD-W	0085	1972
Terry W Covey	AF-SW	1025	1975
Larry D Craig	BURL	0230	1979
Jeffrie L Daise	BURL	0230	1971
Roger D Davidson	SOU	0804	1978
D D Dean	SOU	0804	1979
James W Dodson	SOU	0804	1980
Tom G Duley	BURL	0230	1978
Rodney M Dyche	BURL	0230	1976
Westley E Eden	USD-W	0227	1977
Charles W Eden	USD-W	1054	1976
Jon H Elwood	USD-W	0227	1979
Stephen A Engle	BURL	0230	1977
William L Fisher	SOU	0804	1974
Luis Z Flores	USD-W	0107	1975
Salvador L Flores	USD-W	0227	1973
Robert A Floyd	USD-W	0107	1974
Alejandro P Gamino	USD-W	0227	1971
Leo A Garniss	BURL	1214	1980
Larry E Gilpin	BURL	0230	1978
W T Ginn	SOU	0804	1980
William P Grotte	USD-W	1054	1980
Rick W Hamilton	USD-W	1054	1976
Charles H Harelson	USD-W	1054	1975
Rick L Harris	USD-W	1054	1977
Martin Heldenbrand	BURL	0230	1979
Paul A Henshaw	USD-W	1054	1977
Indolfo H Herrera	USD-W	0085	1975
Rumaldo I Holguin	BURL	1292	1980
Andrew C Howe	USD-W	0227	1976
Steven R Hughes	BURL	0230	1974
Tim M Insko	BURL	0230	1976
Larry James	SOU	0804	1974
Paul R Jamison	USD-W	1054	1974
David R Johnson	SOU	0804	1977
Ricky L Kepner	BURL	0230	1980
John E Kosman	BURL	0230	1976
Clair C Kramer	BURL	1214	1980
Hector M Lara	USD-W	0107	1975
Donald R Larson	USD-W	0107	1972
Ed H Leeson	SOU	0804	1980
Russell H Lewis	BURL	1292	1976
L C Lilly	SOU	0804	1971
Ivan E Linde	USD-W	1054	1979
Mike T Lipp	BURL	1292	1980
M G Long	SOU	0804	1980
Rafael A Lozada	SOU	0804	1974
Jose Marin	USD-W	0107	1978
Ramon H Marin	USD-W	0107	1979
Ismael Martinez	USD-W	0227	1976
Douglas L Matheson	USD-W	0227	1979
Richard D Melchert	BURL	1214	1980
Gary B Meldrum	USD-W	0107	1978
James M Moore	BURL	0230	1976
Russell L Neverve	BURL	1214	1980
Steve G Newton	BURL	0230	1979
Leon Padilla	BURL	1292	1977
Hisidro Q Palafox	USD-W	0107	1975
Nicholas C Palone	AF-SW	1025	1980
Kenneth Person	SOU	0804	1978
Bob D Power	BURL	0230	1975
Curtis L Prussman	BURL	0230	1971
Joaquin O Ramirez	USD-W	0107	1977
Johnny Ramsey Jr	SOU	0804	1977
D W Richardson	SOU	0804	1978
William D Roat	USD-W	1054	1971
Frank R Roberts	BURL	0230	1978
Steven M Robison	USD-W	1054	1978
Rafael Robles	USD-W	0085	1979
Ramiro Robles	USD-W	0107	1979
Daniel R Rogers	USD-W	0107	1973
Calvin D Rogers	BURL	0230	1974
Pablo C Rojas	USD-W	0085	1979
M T Roten	SOU	0804	1977
Robin L Schultz	USD-W	0107	1979
William C Snell	BURL	0798	1973
Jerry L Stagemeyer	BURL	1214	1980
Earl L Stewart	BURL	0230	1976
Haywood Taylor	SOU	0804	1972
Mark S Terry	BURL	0230	1976
Francisco C Tinajero	USD-W	0085	1972
David A Tull	BURL	0230	1971
Manuel R Valtierra	USD-W	0107	1971
Howard W Walker	SOU	0804	1976
Linton Walker	SOU	0804	1977
Pat L Walton	BURL	1214	1980
Ed D Wambold	BURL	0230	1977
Homer Word	SOU	0804	1974

20 year

MERIT AWARDS

NAME	SYSTEM	LODGE NUMBER	MEMBER SINCE
David E Allen	SOU	0804	1986
J R Argo	SOU	0804	1986
Donnell Battle	SOU	0804	1990
Ray Begay	USD-W	0227	1981
Thomas Begay	USD-W	0227	1983
Taylor Belingachee	USD-W	0227	1981
L Bellamy	SOU	0804	1986
Eddie C Bourgeois Sr	USD-W	0227	1981
Norman T Calloway	USD-W	0227	1986
Jesus G Canchola	USD-W	0085	1981
Juan A Candelaria	BURL	1292	1990
Marcos M Cervantes	USD-W	0107	1981
William Clark Jr	USD-W	0227	1981
Charles L Copeland	SOU	0804	1981
Roger D Davidson	SOU	0804	1978
Samuel De Leon	USD-W	0107	1981
Marvin D Edwards	SOU	0804	1990
Benedito S Estrada	USD-W	0107	1986
Manuel S Fonseca	USD-W	0107	1985
James R Gaines	BURL	0788	1990
Stanley L Gehring Jr	USD-W	0107	1984
Michael J Giallanza	USD-W	0227	1986
C C Gilliland	SOU	0804	1985
Elbridge R Glasgow	AF-SW	1025	1990
Robert R Gonzales	USD-W	0227	1984
Manuel Gonzalez	USD-W	0107	1981
M S Grantham	SOU	0804	1985
Horacio Guzman	USD-W	0227	1987
Roger A Hale	BURL	0788	1990
Tommy Hall	SOU	0804	1983
T Q Harrelson	SOU	0804	1984
Mauro Holguin	USD-W	0227	1984
Bruce C Holtze	USD-W	0227	1986
J Hurlay Jr	SOU	0804	1989
Antoine Ivey	SOU	0804	1987
Henry P Jajuga	USD-W	0227	1981
Rubin Johnson	SOU	0804	1986
Lester E Ledbetter III	SOU	0804	1988
Mike A Long	SOU	0804	1986
Fidel B Lopez	USD-W	0107	1983
Nicolas E Lopez	USD-W	0107	1986
Keith W Mack	USD-W	0227	1981
Randall G Mahon	USD-W	0107	1984
Paul W Maloney	USD-W	0227	1980
John W Mc Cain	USD-W	0227	1984
Dewey M Paradise	SOU	0804	1985
K C Sanders	SOU	0804	1985
Dale L Sandlin	AF-SW	1025	1988
R W Sanford	SOU	0804	1981
Mark J Schappaugh	BURL	0788	1981
John A Siebrecht	BURL	1292	1981
Eric A Spielman	USD-W	0085	1986
Todd A Stotts	AF-SW	1025	1990
A W Taylor	SOU	0804	1982
Brady S Titus	AF-SW	1025	1990
Paul Tsosie	USD-W	0085	1981
Raymond E Tsosie	USD-W	0085	1986
Larry B Wachsmuth	USD-W	0085	1986
R W Wright	SOU	0804	1985
Jackie B Youngblood	SOU	0804	1990
Walter E Youngblood	SOU	0804	1984

10 year

MERIT AWARDS

NAME	SYSTEM	LODGE NUMBER	MEMBER SINCE
David E Allen	SOU	0804	1986
Adam E Allen	USD-W	1054	1997
William M Allen	USD-W	1054	1997
Don A Bahe	USD-W	0107	1991
Nathan S Barron	BURL	0230	1994
Ernesto B Beltran	USD-W	0085	1999
Manuel P Beltran	USD-W	0085	1998
Christopher R Brooks	USD-W	1054	1997
Daniel L Casarez	USD-W	1054	1995
Michael R Cater	USD-W	1054	1998
Robert A Cihla	USD-W	0227	1996
Raymond L Clary	USD-W	0922	1998
Sidney E Clary	USD-W	0227	1998
Stephen D Collier	USD-W	0227	1998
Wesley R Culver	USD-W	0227	1992
Ronald J Delorme	BURL	1214	1994
Epifanio Diaz	USD-W	0107	1998
Bradley E Douglas	USD-W	0227	1998
Jon A Dunlap	BURL	0230	1997
John A East	USD-W	0227	1998
Thomas L Elliott	BURL	0230	1992
Roger L Essary	USD-W	0227	1998
Rolland E Guyton	USD-W	1054	1995
Ronald D Harback	BURL	1292	1994
Don J Haynes	BURL	1292	1997
Joel R Hernandez	USD-W	1246	1995
Rodolfo H Herrera	USD-W	0085	1999
Guy D Holleman	USD-W	0227	1995
Konrad B Hunter	USD-W	0227	1993
Bryan L Hurst	BURL	0230	1997
Ron L Inglis	BURL	0230	1998
Lamor L Joe	USD-W	0227	1998
Kevin N Jones	USD-W	0227	1997
Raleigh D Jones	USD-W	0227	1998
Michael W Jones	BURL	0230	1995
George F Kent II	USD-W	0227	1995
Walter G Kilgore	BURL	0230	1992
James L King	USD-W	0216	2000
Alex Lopez	USD-W	0107	1999
Baltazar E Lopez	USD-W	0085	1993
Peter J Montanez	BURL	1292	1993
Jaime A Morales	BURL	1292	1992
Chad M Mulberry	USD-W	1054	1998
Christopher D Oliver	BURL	0230	1994
Vincent P Pacheco	BURL	1292	1997
Alfonzo Price	SOU	0804	2000
Kenneth D Ring	USD-W	1002	1996
Harmonson E Robinson	BURL	1292	1997
Jonathan R Saunders	BURL	0230	1993
Michael S Seed	USD-W	0085	1998
David L Shouse	BURL	0230	1992
Mike B Snyder	BURL	1292	1994
Enrique Soriano	USD-W	0085	1986
Salvador Soriano	USD-W	0085	1998
Hiram R Soto	USD-W	0107	1998
Steven W Storeim	BURL	1292	1994
Armando Villanueva	USD-W	0085	1998
Larry B Wachsmuth	BURL	0230	1994
Douglas S Wallace	BURL	1292	1994
D R Welsh	BURL	1292	1994
Andrew T White	BURL	1292	1994
Jeremy A Woods	USD-W	0085	1998

DEATH BENEFITS

Report of Claims Paid during May-June, 2010

NAME	LODGE NUMBER	SYSTEM	NAME	LODGE NUMBER	SYSTEM
ROBERT R. BEASLEY	1507	AF/LIFE	EDWARD OEFTGER	2643	MIDW/SOO
RICHARD BLENCOWE	3084	PENN/LIFE	PAUL P. PORTER	0935	PENN/LIFE
STANLEY T. CLEMENTS	1049	AF/LIFE	GEORGE W. PRIOR	1599	ASF/NS
ROBERT L. CRANFORD	0523	SOU/LIFE	WILBERT E. RITZ	1664	CRSF/LIFE
CURTIS E. ELLIOT	0601	AF/LIFE	JOHN R. SNIDER	0568	ASF/LIFE
CLEO M. ETHRIDGE	1381	USD/LIFE	CLINTON D. SNYDER	1629	CRSF/LIFE
JOHN R. FAUST	1923	CRSF/LIFE	ROBERT P. SWANEY		

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High Speed Rail

The FRA announced on August 17, 2010 that an additional 77 applications from 25 states have been received in response to the most recent round of High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail grant funding. In a demonstration of support for the Administration's high-speed initiative, the application requests total more than \$8.5 billion for the \$2.345 billion FY2010 appropriation.

Grant selections will be announced in the fall of 2010 and are intended to help states further develop corridor plans, including \$245 million reserved for individual projects that are ready to begin construction.

These appropriations, while desperately needed, represent only a fraction of the costs needed for a comprehensive HSR system to exist in this country. A national coalition has been formed to request Congress to fully fund HSR at \$4 billion per year in order to prevent current HSR projects such as the ones in Florida and California from stalling out. In addition to the designated HSR corridors, several proposals have been put forward for a public-private partnership line from Las Vegas to Southern California, possibly tying in to the proposed HSR line there. These massive projects will stimulate thousands of jobs in their construction as well as eventually providing safe, quick, and clean mass transportation.

Railroad Bridge Safety Programs

The FRA announced the final rule in July requiring track owners to implement bridge management programs that require, at a minimum, annual inspections of the 100,000 railroad bridges in the United States, the determination of the safe capacity load of the bridges, and special inspections when warranted by weather or other conditions.

The Rule also requires an inventory of all railroad bridges, an audit of the bridge management programs, the retention of design documents, repairs, modifications and the inspections of each bridge. The FRA is required to perform inspections and is authorized to levy fines up to \$100,000.

This rule was required by the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 and is available at <http://www.fra.dot.gov/downloads/safety/bridgefinalesafetyrule2010.pdf>

Wisconsin Law Regulates Railroad Pesticides

The Governor of Wisconsin signed into law a bill introduced by the BMWED that requires railroads operating in Wisconsin to inform their employees of the use of pesticides. Information required includes a list of the pesticides to be used, including ingredient statements and the known long-term and short-term effects on humans. Railroads must also protect the

health of their employees from the adverse affects by furnishing equipment. Additionally, the railroads are required to make public the name, training and contact information for each commercial applicator hired to apply pesticides.

Most importantly, the law prohibits a railroad from requiring an employee to work within 24 hours in an area to which pesticide has been applied.

Illinois Enacts Track Equipment Grade Crossing legislation

After its passage in the Illinois General Assembly earlier this spring, the Governor signed legislation into law in July that enhances safety at railroad grade crossings for Maintenance of Way workers.

The newly enacted law will require motorized vehicle traffic to yield to railroad track equipment at railroad grade crossings as is the current practice with train traffic. The new law will provide a uniform standard for grade crossings.

Through the hard work of State Legislative Director Tim Petty and Assistant Director Johnny Oeth III, the legislation passed without a single negative vote. Identical legislation was enacted earlier this year in Indiana and was also enacted last year in Montana.

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to compete one on one with our members," said Unified System Division General Chairman Wayne Morrow. "The funds provided by the *Recovery Act* for this project and any others should go to those best suited to perform the work while extending work opportunity - that's exactly what this Agreement does."

Western Region Vice President David Tanner offered, "This Agreement offers protections and opportunities to both the UP North and South employees. The idea here is to take advantage of work opportunities for our members while making certain their rights under the current agreements are not adversely affected."

This project required the agreement and input of six different federations. Besides Allied Federation General Chairmen Dennis Albers and Unified System Division General Chairman Wayne Morrow, Illinois Central Gulf Federation General Chairman Hayward Granier, Chicago & Eastern Illinois System Division General Chairman Dean Riley, Mountain & Plains Federation General Chairman Charlie Morgan and Southwestern Federation General Chairman Larry Foster were also involved and signatory to the Agreement.

The work will encompass only the project referenced in the Agreement and any additional work of this nature will again be subject to negotiations.

To view the Interim TRT909 Agreement with attachments visit www.usdbmwed.org or www.alliedfed.org.

Vice President

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soon. One place to start would be to pass laws that lay a fairer groundwork for union organizing. The Employee Free Choice Act would be a great place to start. Also eliminating other laws and practices that allow companies an unfair advantage over employees who want to form a union. For example, the NMB's recent decision to change voting election rules in the rail and airline industry that allows a majority vote to determine union representation. Imagine that, needing to change a vote so that the majority's wishes might prevail. Also, another good start would be to begin correcting the bad trade laws that were enacted over the past three decades in the name of the "global economy". If we have learned anything from the past few decades it has been that trying to compete with China, who pays its workers on average 86 cents an hour, or other countries like Cambodia where garment workers are lucky to make 22 cents an hour, is an exercise in futility. Those countries, with the aid of global corporations, continue to exploit the foreign work force, many of them children, while shrinking the U.S. middle class

and forcing Americans into lower paying service oriented jobs or into the ranks of the unemployed. Clearly, globalization has not raised the standard of living in those countries but in contrast has decreased that of the United States. Shipping automobile plants and other industries to Mexico and further south has not slowed the influx of their citizenry into the U. S. where they are now finding there is no employment for them as well.

Clearly, swelling the ranks of the labor movement and restoring good American jobs that provide made in America products and services is the best way to improve the lives of our citizens and rebuild the American middle class.

Rebuilding the labor movement in America will play a big role in rebuilding the middle class and the U. S. economy.

I hope we all are pondering these issues as we go to the polls in November. We need leadership that recognizes the importance of the labor movement in America and the role they can play in restoring America's middle class while putting people back to work.

Roger D. Sanchez
Vice President, Southwest Region

Memorial

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essary and everyone makes it home safely," said Director of Safety Rick Inclima.

"Unfortunately that day has not yet come. So, we will continue to fight for the living, even as we honor our dead," said Inclima.

There are already more than a dozen bricks enshrined in the memorial honoring BMWED members killed on the job. All of these bricks were previously purchased by 'passing the hat' at a Local Lodge meeting or by members of BMWED and other rail unions attending classes at the National Labor College. Each Wednesday afternoon, the National Labor College ceases on-campus activities and holds a moment of silence for one minute in honor of the fallen. "It's a beautiful memorial and a very fitting tribute," said Inclima. "This monument of brick and mortar is truly hallowed ground, I am absolutely proud of the BMWED and our convention delegates for honoring our

fallen members through this National Workers' Memorial."

BMWED was one of the first unions to lend its support to building the National Worker's Memorial. In July 2008, the National Division Executive Board authorized the purchase of a granite bench to honor all BMWED members killed in on-the-job accidents since our founding in 1887. The inscription on the granite bench reads: *Dedicated to the memory and honor of BMWED members who lost their lives in the line of duty building and maintaining our nation's railroads.*

The National Workers' Memorial is located on the campus of the National Labor College, 10000 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD. 20903. Members or Local Lodges wishing to honor a fallen member not otherwise covered by Resolution #19, can do so by purchasing an engraved memorial brick for a contribution of \$125.00. A form for this purpose can be downloaded at the National Labor College website at www.NLC.edu.

NOTICE

Article XV, Section 8 -Transfer Refunds

Sec. 8. Refunds of monthly dues, fees and assessments for those who transfer outside the jurisdiction of BMWED will only be allowed for the months following the month the applicable General Chairman involved receives a written request and/or a valid revoca-

tion of the Dues Deduction Agreement wage assignment authorization. A notice pertaining to the Brotherhood's dues refund Bylaws provision will be published semi-annually in the Secretary-Treasurer Report of the Journal or its successor publication.



BMWED Legislative Issues – 111th Congress

National Mediation Board Unionizing Rules

The National Mediation Board (NMB) voted 2-1 to correct the existing rules for union organizing to make it fair for workers to organize (Docket C-6964). The rule came into effect June 30th changing the language regarding union elections to require a simple majority vote of those who participated in the election in order to ratify the union. The previous rule counted those who did not vote as a “no” in the election, a practice that is contrary to democratic procedure in which only those who vote are counted. Under the previous set of rules over 200 elections that were set aside by the board for not receiving the necessary super-majority required to secure representation would have been declared successes. The new rules are currently under attack from several business associations such as the Air Transport Association and the U.S Chamber of Commerce which have filed lawsuits in order to prevent the new rules from coming into effect. In response the IBT, many other labor organizations, and the congressional Democrats have declared their support for the new rules and worked to make sure they come into effect on time and in full force.

NTSB Reauthorization Act of 2010

The Senate has recently passed

the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Reauthorization Act of 2010 (S. 2768). The new bill would expand the NTSB’s power to investigate accidents, regulate industry safety, and levy fines for violators and appropriate \$196 million for FY 2011-12. The expanded power of the agency will allow the agency to keep families safe in the sky, on the sea, on the rails, and on the road says Sen. Rockefeller (D-W Va.), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. The House is currently considering a similar proposal (H.R. 4714) which would also expand the NTSB’s authority but would extend its authorization and funding until FY 2014. The bill is currently under consideration in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee where Chairman Oberstar (D-MN) claimed that the NTSB needed the additional manpower in order to effectively manage its responsibilities.

Fiscal Year 2011 Budgets

The Senate Appropriations Committee held hearings on the FY 2011 budget for AMTRAK and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). The Committee’s proposals include \$2.9 billion for the FRA with



Director of Government Affairs
Leon Fenhaus

\$1.637 billion for AMTRAK. The FRA budget proposal included funds to help with the introduction of Positive Train Control (PTC) in an attempt to meet the deadline for installation. Also included was a proposed user fee for railroads in order to offset some of the FRA’s budget requirements to the tune of \$50 million in fees.

The AMTRAK budget included \$1 billion for capital costs, \$563 million for operating costs, and \$28 million for ADA requirements. AMTRAK President Joseph Boardman also proposed a 30 year plan to replace AMTRAK’s aging fleet and increase ACELA service on the northeast corridor. New equipment is desperately needed as AMTRAK’s fleet contin-

ues to age while working double the miles of any other rail-line in the country. The plan would be spread over such a long period in order to stimulate domestic production of railroad equipment. The budget would also allow for the replacement of several aging infrastructure components such as bridges and tunnels to increase the efficiency of the system.

The House passed the FY2011 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill by a 251-167 vote the last week of July prior to beginning the traditional August recess. This final bill allocates \$1.77 billion for Amtrak, \$201.9 million more than FY2010’s appropriation and \$151.5 million more than the Administration requested.

The bill also provides \$1.4 billion for the expansion and improvement of intercity passenger service and the development of the national high-speed rail system. The amount is \$400 million more than the Administration’s request, but more than \$1 billion less than the FY2010 appropriation.

The bill included \$75 million in grants for implementing positive train control, \$25 million more than FY2010 and \$75 million more than the Administration’s request. In total, funding made available to the FRA/Amtrak in FY 2011 is \$3.5 billion.

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