

Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters



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BMWED SYSTEM FEDERATIONS ANNOUNCE MERGER

Lyman, WY – The Executive Boards of the Unified System Division and the Pacific Federation, both divisions of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, announced a merger today between the two federations that will take affect April 1, 2010. The newly created federation will retain the name, Unified System Division.

The Unified System Division will now represent more than 5000 members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and will continue to maintain an office in Lyman, WY.

Wayne Morrow will continue to head the Unified System Division as General Chairman and offered, "This is a testament to the commitment to our membership of all those involved in making this merger happen. The action taken today increases our strength and unity, the two main ingredients needed for an effective and viable union."

Former Pacific Federation General Chairman Louis Below was instrumental in helping construct a smooth merger process and will remain with the newly merged division as a Vice Chairman. Former Pacific Federation Vice Chairman Ricardo Canchola will also be retained as a Vice Chairman with the Unified System Division.

The Unified System Division represents members employed at Union Pacific Railroad, a number of short line railroads and at the Cheyenne, Wyoming Nortrak Plant.

"I would like to extend my congratulations to the officers and members of both the Unified System Division and the former Pacific Federation," said BMWED National Division President Freddie Simpson. "The leadership on both sides of this merger have illustrated that once again their focus and concern is limited to what's best for the BMWED membership."

The Unified System Division represents workers who provide parts, build, construct, inspect and maintain railroad tracks, bridges, buildings and equipment.

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