

MEET THE 2026 CANDIDATES
FOR BMWED NATIONAL
DIVISION OFFICE

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and by office for consideration.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

BMWED NATIONAL DIVISION

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by prospective office and then alphabetically.

Tony Cardwell – President



Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Tony Cardwell, and I am asking for your support for my candidacy for President of the BMWED and the Membership First United Slate. I believe that the combined work of the National Division, Federations, and BMWED

Members has led to significant advancements for BMWED Members. In four years, we have seen the largest wage improvements, national agreements negotiated before they expired, the first sick leave agreements, and improved paid time off. Additionally, we organized several properties, improved relationship with the BLET and IBT, improved per diem allowance, and made several legislative improvements, among other advancements. There are many problems with the railroads, and we will need proven fighters to continue advancing our issues. This is why you should elect Tony Cardwell and the Membership First United Slate.

Dale Bogart – Secretary-Treasurer



My name is Dale Bogart, and I am seeking re-election to the office of the National Division Secretary-Treasurer as part of the Membership First United Slate. I began my railroad career in 1999 on the D&H Railway. Since 2002 I have held many roles in this Brotherhood at the Local, System, and currently, National Division.

Four years ago, this administration committed to restoring our collective strength to improve in delivering on-time agreements, restore fiscal responsibility and restore the full faith of the membership. That commitment has not wavered. As evidence, and specifically to the Brotherhood's finances, the current administration has delivered balanced budgets ending with a year end surplus in all 3 consecutive fiscal years (2023-2025) that this administration solely approved.

Such prudence has allowed for restorative reinvestment in the Education Program, improvements in the IT Department, resulting in improved efficiency in assisting Systems and Local Lodges in regulatory reporting and online balloting for the membership voting on agreements, among others. This has also provided the BMWED with the full ability to take on any challenge. Whether in the Carriers' Board Rooms, the Courtroom, Congressional Offices, or Statehouses across the country, no fight is too big, and it is a well-known fact in the rail industry that the BMWED should NOT be taken lightly!

Serving this Brotherhood is the greatest privilege and highest honor thanks to the membership. With your support, we will continue to fight and win for the toughest craft in Rail, BMWED Members. Happy 250th America!

Jeff Fry - Vice President (At Large)



My name is Jeffery Fry, and I am honored to announce my candidacy for reelection as BMWED National Division Vice President At Large on the Membership First United slate. It has been a humbling honor and privilege to serve our Brotherhood, and I stay committed to advancing the rights, protections, and qual-

ity of life of every BMWED member.

I began my railroad career in 1998 as a trackman and have since had the honor of serving our Union at nearly every level, including Local Lodge 2600 Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, Legislative Director, AT&SFF Assistant General Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, General Chairman, BMWED National Division Executive Board Member, and now Vice President At Large. Each role has strengthened my resolve to defend our Union and ensure every member's voice is heard.

Over the past four years, working together, we achieved meaningful progress. We ratified two national agreements, secured significant wage increases, improved benefits, and advanced policies that positively impact our members' daily lives. BMWED is stronger, more unified, and more influential across rail labor, helping spark long overdue national conversations on safety, fairness, and respect for railroad workers.

Serving as Vice President At Large has allowed me to work closely with national and system leadership and represent our members across the country. It continues to be one of the greatest honors of my career.

I respectfully ask for your support for my reelection and encourage you to support the Membership First United slate as we continue putting the membership first.

Fraternally yours, Jeffery Fry

Sean Gerie – Vice President (Northeast)



Hello Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself.

My name is Sean Gerie, and I am running for reelection as Vice President of the Northeastern Region as part of the Members First United Slate.

I started my career as a trackman in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and I have been a proud member of this Brotherhood my entire adult life.

The years that I have spent working as an advocate for working class people have been very rewarding and I am very appreciative to be shown the trust and confidence from the membership. Although those years have certainly come with their fair share of challenges and frustrations, the fight is worth it in the end because our members deserve nothing less.

I am asking for your support because our work is far from over, every day is a new hurdle.

My years of experience have helped me hone the skills necessary to face those challenges, and I can assure you that I am just as passionate about working to advance the interests of the working class as I have ever been.

When I ask for your support, I am pledging to you my continued commitment to working with the other officers and staff at every level of the Brotherhood to improve the lives of BMWED members everywhere.

I look forward to meeting you and talking with you in Chicago in June. Thank you and stay safe!

In Unity,
Sean Gerie

John Mozinski Jr. – Vice President (Northwest)



My name is John Mozinski Jr., and I humbly announce my candidacy for Northwest Region Vice President of the BMWED-IBT as part of the Membership First United Slate.

I currently serve as the General Chairman of the BURNOR System Federa-

tion, where we fight every day to protect our agreements, defend our members' rights, ensure our voices are heard, and negotiate strong contracts for BURNOR members.

I am a proud 20-year BMWED member of Lodge 249 in Fargo, North Dakota, and a fifth-generation railroader, fourth-generation union member. I understand the faith, traditions, and values that built our union and continue to guide us today.

It has been an honor to be asked to join the Membership First United Slate. Over the past four years, this slate has worked tirelessly to advance the wants, needs, and concerns of our members. I am proud to stand with this team as we continue to strengthen our union, negotiate strong contracts, improve working conditions, protect our craft for future generations, and advance the interests of BMWED members every day.

I respectfully ask for your support and your vote for the Membership First United Slate. Thank you for taking the time to read this. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at 701-741-4316 or john.mozinski@gmail.com.

Galen Owen – Vice President (West)



Brothers & Sisters, my name is Galen Owen, I humbly announce my candidacy for West Region Vice President of the BMWED as part of the Membership First United Slate. A 26-year BMWED member of Lodge 1097 in Trenton, MO where I have served as both President and Local Chairman.

I am a proud member of the Unified System Division where I served this great membership for 12 years as a System Officer. I have served the membership of the BMWED for the last 4 years as the West Region Vice President and I seek to continue in that capacity. Over the last four years I and the rest of the National Division Officers have worked tirelessly to advance the wants, needs and desires of the BMWED Membership. While we have enjoyed many successful missions, the battles with the nation's railroads never seem to stop.

I believe we have restored BMWED to a union where strength, solidarity and perseverance will continue to lead to real change that matters to the membership. Over the last four years I have watched BMWED grow both internally and externally. Together we are making a difference.

The Membership First United Slate will continue to involve the membership and keep BMWED at the forefront of rail labor. We will work to assure rail labor gets the treatment, respect, and recognition they deserve. I ask for your support and that you join me and the Membership First United Slate in Leading the Way for BMWED and all rail labor.

Reese Saulter III – Vice President (South)



Hey Family! My name is Reese Napolen Saulter III. I am honored, humbled, and so excited to be announcing my candidacy for re-election to the position of BMWED Vice President South Region.

During my first term as BMWED VP South Region, I've worked closely with National and System officers to achieve major gains for Brotherhood members. From rallies that led to achieving paid sick leave and work rule changes to successful organizing campaigns that led to first-time agreements on newly organized properties.

I'm proud of the work I did on working to get a national agreement ratified for most railroaders before the contract expired. I helped bring suicide prevent to the forefront of this Brotherhood and actively used the training from our Accident Investigation Team during an NTSB investigation on one of our darker times during my first term. I'm not a politician, I'm a railroader that values my brothers and sisters on the ballast line and looks for ways to improve their quality of life in an environment that is always searching for a way to roll back the gains we have made over the years. I'm asking for your support to keep fighting and advocating for all members of this great union. The last four years I have worked to represent everyone with integrity and dedication and to improve your life on the railroad. I ask for your support and trust again at the 2026 Convention. It's an honor to run on the BMWED Membership First United Slate!

George Loveland – Executive Board (At-Large)



Brothers and Sisters, my name is George Loveland and I have been a BMWED Member for 32 years. I am currently the General Chairman of the Burlington System Division and National Division Executive Board Member At-Large.

Since being elected to Executive Board Member At-Large in 2022, myself along with the other Executive Board Members and National Division Officers have truly put us back to within our means. We are no longer spending money we do not have and revisited and adjusted spending to better serve the Membership as a whole.

When I ran for this position in 2022 that was my goal and that has been accomplished. I believe we have changed the current financial structure in our great Union and that is why I am running for re-election to the position of Executive Board Member At-Large as a proud part of the Membership First United Slate.

I will continue to advocate for the Membership and ensure that National Division is spending our money appropriately. We need to make sure our National Division is working within its budget, that our Executive Board approves, and that it is not wasting our hard-earned dues money! That is why I am proud to be part of the Membership First United Slate!

Please join me in advancing this great Union and voting for a better future and continued fiscal responsibility.

Thank you for your continued support.

Brian Rumler – Executive Board (At-Large)



My name is Brian Rumler. I have been in the Railroad industry since 1997. I also have a long family history of working in the railroad industry.

I began to get involved within the union very early in my Railroad career. I was elected to my local lodge Secretary-Treasurer position receiving my 20-year merit pin this past year.

I was elected as a Vice Chairman to the Unified System Division in 2010 and was elected as General Chairman of the Unified System Division in July 2022.

I am honored to be on the running on the Membership First United Slate for the position of Executive Board Member At-Large. I have been the Chairman of the National Division Executive Board for the past 4 years. In this period, we have conducted several calls among the Executive Board Officers with concerns in various funding ballots during my tenure as Chairman. I am proud that we were able to find common ground and work through our differences to both meet the expectations of the membership while weighing in on expenditures. I feel that it is imperative that dues dollars are spent for the betterment of the membership and will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that takes place.

I would appreciate your support in the June 2026 election for this position.

Thomas Blackwell – Executive Board (West)



My name is Thomas Blackwell, and I am honored to announce my candidacy for re-election as West Region Executive Board Member as part of the Membership First United slate. It has been a privilege to serve the BMWED membership, and I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue representing you for another four years.

I began my career with BNSF in March 2005 as a Trackman and Truck Driver. Shortly thereafter, I was promoted to Track Welder, where I worked in both mobile and headquartered roles. In June 2013, I was elected to serve as a full-time System Officer.

Throughout my career, I have remained actively involved in our Organization. I have held multiple roles within Lodge 2411 and currently serve as Secretary-Treasurer. From 2011 to 2013, I served on the AT&SFF Executive Board, where I gained valuable insight into the inner workings of our union and the responsibility of ensuring System dues are used in the best interest of our members. In June 2013, I was elected Assistant General Chairman, a position I continue to hold today.

In 2022, I was elected West Region Executive Board Member, where I have worked to represent the membership with fairness, accountability, and dedication.

I believe this position requires integrity, strength, and vision. I remain committed to standing up for our membership and ensuring we stay united and focused on what matters most—our members.

Patrick Quigley – Executive Board (South)



My name is Patrick Quigley and I am seeking your support to continue serving as your Southern Region Executive Board member. I began my career with CSX Railroad in 2007. In 2014, I became Vice Chairman in the Allied Federation, a role I continue to hold today.

In 2022, I was elected to the Executive Board for the Southern Region. I have approached this position with a clear focus on the organization's financial integrity, ensuring accountability, and exercising sound judgment in all board decisions. My priority has been to safeguard the resources of the Brotherhood and ensure they are managed responsibly for the benefit of the membership.

I am seeking your support to continue this work. I bring experience, consistency, and a commitment to making careful, informed decisions that strengthen our organization and protect its long-term stability.

Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

Anthony Sessa – Executive Board (Northeast)



My name is Anthony Sessa and I am running for Executive Board-Northeast.

I began my railroad career in 1998 as a Trackman on Amtrak's New York Division. I was elected to my first BMWED position a year and a half later and eventually served Lodge 3082 as

Local Chairman, Vice- President, and President.

During my time as a Lodge Officer, I moved initiatives that grew our Lodge's general fund 10 times the original amount.

In 2016, I left Amtrak to be a part of the BMWED Commutation Action Team (CAT).

I took over as General Chairperson for the Pennsylvania Federation in 2018, where I was able to reduce spending and maximize our working capital. Together with our federation's executive board we made prudent decisions and investments that have nearly tripled our value.

I was recently elected the General Chairman of the newly formed United Passenger Rail Federation, where I will bring the same vibrancy and fiscal responsibility for the benefit of our members. In the past six months, I have been part of two record-breaking claim settlements while securing one of the largest raises for our Amtrak members in BMWED history. These victories didn't come without a fight and as a National Division executive board member, I'll continue to fight for the members and give our audits and budgets their deserved scrutiny. For me it's all about the members and their rights and protections. Casual attention to how our dues are spent is not an option. Thank you and in Solidarity.

Joe Letizia – Executive Board (Northwest)



My name is Joe Letizia and I am running for reelection to the position of Northwest Region Executive Board member and would very much appreciate your support.

I started on the railroad with the Wisconsin Central in 1998. I worked various positions on mobile gangs

and have been in a union position of some sort since 2005. I am grateful and proud to represent the BMWED members.

Over the course of the last four years, the current Executive Board followed through with commitments that we made to convention delegates and members across the country, that we would work hard to provide resources to the membership through training, legislative action and activation of members to projects that require their expertise.

Together with the current National Division Officers the Executive Board has made the changes required to allow our resources to flow back to membership through meaningful education, preparation and action.

Many battles lie ahead that will demand our resources to push back against those who would try to pay cheaper wages, further degrade our insurance and stifle our existing work protections. This Brotherhood must continue to ensure that the professional work that our members do each day is still performed by our craft many years from now.

I am proud of the work that the Executive Board has done alongside the National Division Officers thus far, and I once again ask for your support in my candidacy for Northwest Region Executive Board member.

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