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Arbitrators' ruling results in wage increases for BMWED Amtrak MOW employees

A final and binding arbitration decision which, most notably, increases the wage rates of Amtrak MOW employees was reached March 25 and amounts to an average raise of 3.1 percent per year. The wage increases are retroactive to Jan. 1, 2010, and back pay will be paid to all BMWED members, active or retired, who earned money during the period in question.

A three-person panel of neutrals rendered the decision, which was negotiated by the Passenger Rail Labor Bargaining Coalition (a collaboration of the BMWED and the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen) and is not subject to appeal or membership ratification. The agreement goes into effect immediately, and Amtrak agrees that there will be no delay in calculating and distributing the back paychecks.

Under the decision, the average back pay from April 1, 2014 to Jan. 1, 2010, after health and welfare cost sharing deductions are rendered, will be \$11,496 for straight time calculation. All earned overtime during the back pay period will be paid as well. As an example, if 20 percent of your gross earnings were in overtime hours, the aver-



The Passenger Rail Labor Bargaining Coalition successfully argued for wage increases and other benefits for Amtrak employees. Pictured left to right: Pennsylvania Federation General Chairman Jed Dodd, Teamster Rail Conference Director John Murphy, BMWED President Freddie Simpson, BRS President Dan Pickett, and BRS General Chairman Dave Ingersoll.

age back pay calculation would be \$13,890.

The arbitration panel also found three administrative work rules previously agreed to by other crafts (direct deposit of paychecks, biweekly pay and defining the start of the work week with respect to payroll as Monday) to be a part of this newly negotiated agreement with Amtrak and the PRLBC.

Jed Dodd, BMWED General

Chairman (Pennsylvania Federation) and Chairman of the PRLBC, along with BRS General Chairman David Ingersoll, passed along many thanks to the members for their strength, discipline and solidarity through the difficult and frustrating Amtrak contract struggle. "Without your effort, and the resolve of all of our members who supported the Union and endured Amtrak's nonsense throughout this struggle

for a new contract, we would not have a new contract."

BMWED President Freddie Simpson offered, "Working with our brothers in the BRS within the PRLBC framework proved a success and illustrates what we can accomplish when we work together."

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Health Benefits for Occupationally Disabled Members Increased Effective May 1, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the BMWED Health and Welfare Plan for Occupationally Disabled Members is pleased to announce a benefit increase for all covered members and their dependents to become effective May 1, 2014. On and after that date, the lifetime maximum benefit per covered person will increase from \$130,000 to \$141,400.

This coverage is provided to

occupationally disabled members and their dependents, as well as surviving spouses and children of members who suffer a fatal on-the-job injury, who satisfy the eligibility requirements of the Plan and who are members of a participating federation, division or other group on whose behalf contributions are made to the Plan. Participating federations include: the Allied

Federation (limited to those groups who participate in the Plan), the Southern System Division and the Consolidated Rail System Federation (limited to the former members of the Nickel Plate Wheeling & Lake Erie Federation).

For information regarding the Plan or the benefit increase, you may contact the Plan office at 1-800-831-4914.

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William C. Snell Retires



On Feb. 1, 2014, Brother Willie Snell retired after a railroad career spanning more than four decades. He was involved with his BMWED Burlington System Division Local Lodge 798 for more than 30 years. Brother Snell served almost two terms as Vice President, until another individual stepped down from the Secretary-Treasurer position. He took over the reins as Secretary-Treasurer and held that office until he retired.

Brother Snell began working on the section in Peoria, Ill. on July 19,

1972 as a laborer. After that, he moved on to truck driver and then section foreman in Yates City for a year and a half. Then, he transferred to Galesburg, where he worked as a truck driver ever since.

Snell said serving as Secretary-Treasurer was the most rewarding part of working with the union. He felt proud to bring the lodge back on its feet and help it financially flourish.

According to Snell, some of his favorite memories include attending educational seminars held by his system office. "The Secretary-Treasurer seminars helped me out a great deal," Snell said. "The other seminars we had for local officer training were very informative and helped not just me, but everybody who was there."

Snell said his plans for retirement include keeping all the weeds out of his garden and playing with his grandkids. "Right now, I'm basically just relaxing and not doing a whole bunch of anything,"

Snell said. He looks forward to doing some traveling once his wife retires.

Snell said the list of people who supported him during his career is lengthy. "The list is too vast, because there have been so many of them who stood behind me. To actually name one in particular, I really couldn't say."

Spreading the word about union involvement is important to Snell. "I feel that our union brothers and sisters need to spend some time and actually go to the union meetings and see what they're all about," said Snell. "All union brothers and sisters need to start getting involved in their unions. It will make us a lot stronger."

"Brother Willie was a strong supporter of the BMWED, a valued and dedicated member that will be missed in our organization," BSD General Chairwoman Staci Moody-Gilbert said. "We all wish him the happiest of retirements."

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Lawrence E. "Larry" Kowalski



Larry Kowalski, a member of Pennsylvania Federation Local Lodge 3023, passed away peacefully at his home in Leechburg, Pa. Sept. 21, 2013. He was 60.

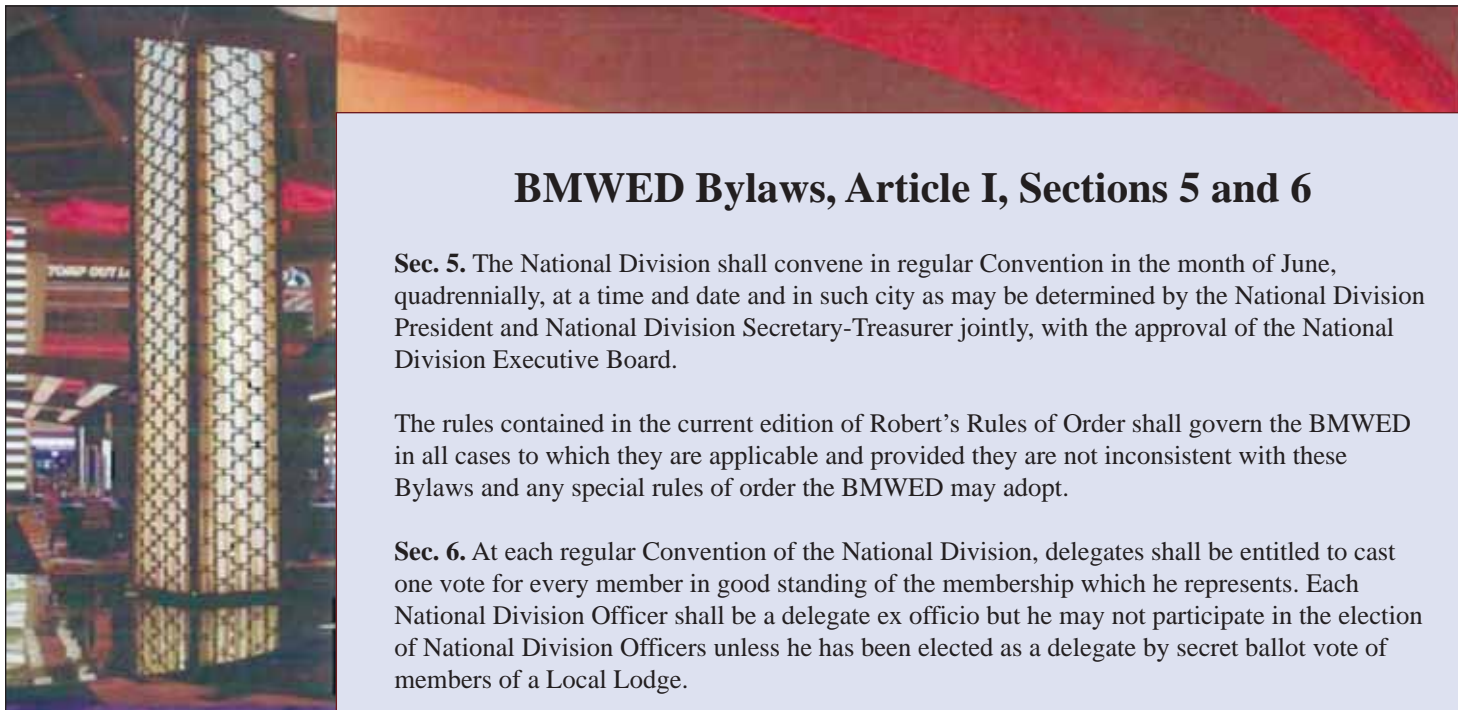
Brother Kowalski worked for Norfolk Southern Railroad in the maintenance of way department for 37 years, beginning his career on the former Penn Central Railroad (later Conrail). Over his career, he held the positions of track inspector, foreman, track patrolman, carpenter and truck driver.

Brother Kowalski was a long-time member of Lodge 3023, a devoted union man, and a friend to many across the Brotherhood.

Before beginning his railroad career, Brother Kowalski served in the United States Navy and saw action in the Vietnam War in such outposts as Danang, Dong Tau and Vung Tau.

Brother Kowalski's hobbies included reading, fishing, gardening and golf, and he was known by his friends to have a quick wit and appreciation for genuineness. His family was the joy of his life, and he is survived, amongst many others, by wife Diane Kowalski, son Daniel Kowalski, daughter Nadia Kathleen Mock, and a granddaughter, Aidan Mock, whom he enjoyed immensely.

"Brother Larry was a good man who will be missed greatly by his family and many friends," BMWED President Freddie Simpson said. "I extend our heartfelt sympathies to his wife and children for their loss. His service to our country and to our Brotherhood is both admirable and commendable. He will be missed."

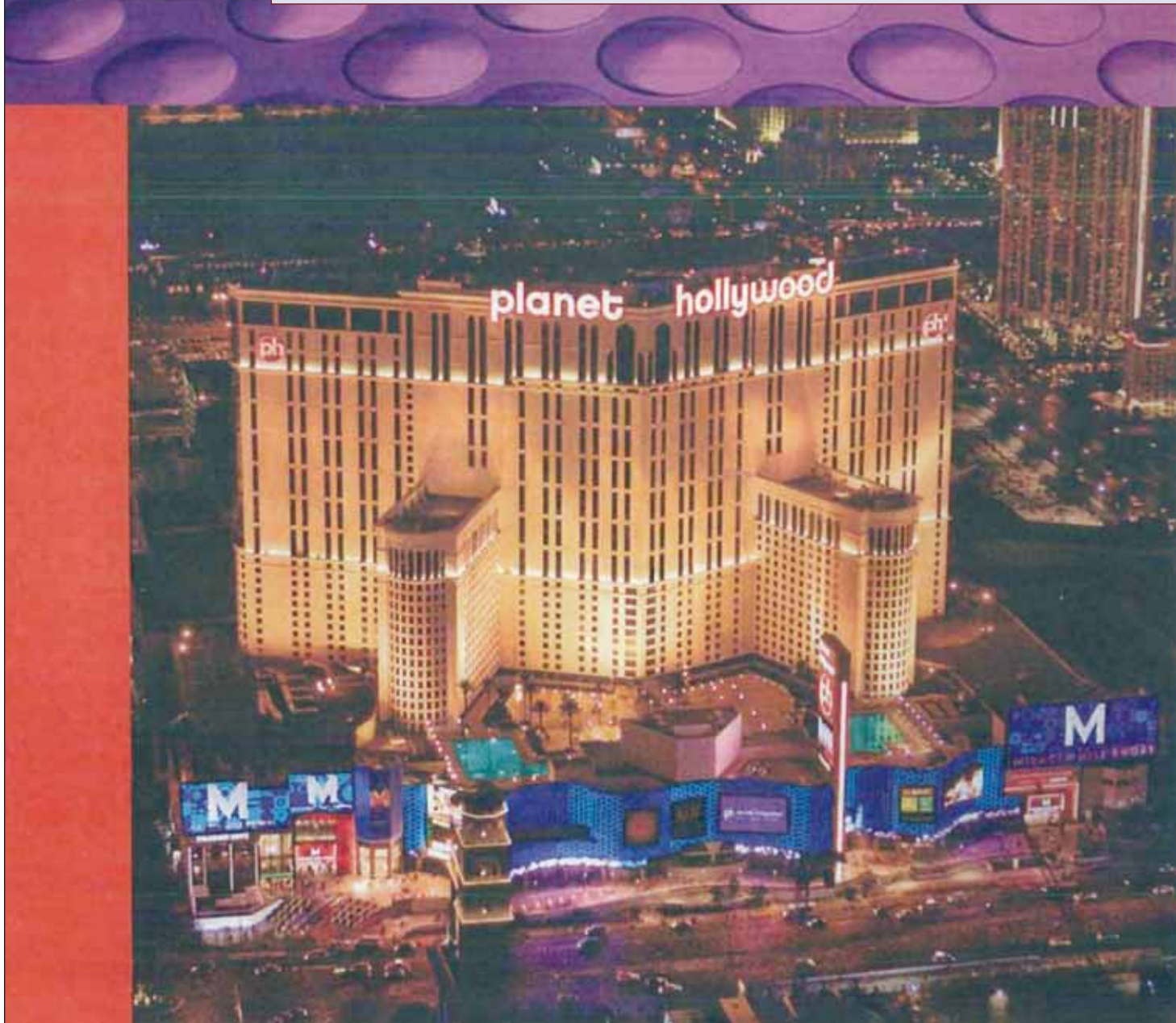


BMWED Bylaws, Article I, Sections 5 and 6

Sec. 5. The National Division shall convene in regular Convention in the month of June, quadrennially, at a time and date and in such city as may be determined by the National Division President and National Division Secretary-Treasurer jointly, with the approval of the National Division Executive Board.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the BMWED in all cases to which they are applicable and provided they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the BMWED may adopt.

Sec. 6. At each regular Convention of the National Division, delegates shall be entitled to cast one vote for every member in good standing of the membership which he represents. Each National Division Officer shall be a delegate ex officio but he may not participate in the election of National Division Officers unless he has been elected as a delegate by secret ballot vote of members of a Local Lodge.



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2014 Las Vegas

Third Regular Convention of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division Announced

The Third Regular Convention of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters will be held June 23 - 25, 2014, at the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. More information will be provided as the Convention dates approach.



Change in Hourly Rate of Pay Arbitration Award --- March 26, 2014 BMWED Classifications

Effective Date	Wage Increase	Trackman Rate	Avg. Machine Operator	Avg. B&B Mechanic	ET Lineman	Average Foreman	Average BMWED Rate
Jan. 1, 2010	Amendable	\$21.42	\$23.99	\$23.69	\$24.74	\$27.50	\$24.42
July 1, 2010	1.50%	\$21.74	\$24.35	\$24.05	\$25.11	\$27.91	\$24.79
Jan. 1, 2011	1.50%	\$22.07	\$24.72	\$24.41	\$25.49	\$28.33	\$25.16
July 1, 2011	1.50%	\$22.40	\$25.09	\$24.78	\$25.87	\$28.75	\$25.54
Jan. 1, 2012	1.00%	\$22.62	\$25.34	\$25.03	\$26.13	\$29.04	\$25.80
July 1, 2012	1.50%	\$22.96	\$25.72	\$25.41	\$26.52	\$29.48	\$26.19
Jan. 1, 2013	1.50%	\$23.30	\$26.11	\$25.79	\$26.92	\$29.92	\$26.58
July 1, 2013	1.50%	\$23.65	\$26.50	\$26.18	\$27.32	\$30.37	\$26.98
Jan. 1, 2014	1.00%	\$23.89	\$26.77	\$26.44	\$27.59	\$30.67	\$27.25
July 1, 2014	1.50%	\$24.25	\$27.17	\$26.84	\$28.00	\$31.13	\$27.66
Jan. 1, 2015	3.02%	\$24.98	\$27.99	\$27.65	\$28.85	\$32.07	\$28.50
Jan. 2, 2015	Amendable						
Increase Over 5 -Yr.Term:		16.6%	16.7%	16.7%	16.6%	16.6%	16.7%
Increase Per Year over 5-Yr. Term:		3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%
Net Back Pay To April 1, 2014 - No OT:		\$9,957	\$11,262	\$11,163	\$11,589	\$12,920	\$11,496
Value Over 5-Yr.Term Net of HI - No OT:		\$13,899	\$15,729	\$15,583	\$16,176	\$18,058	\$16,051
Net Back Pay To April 1, 2014 - with 20% OT:		\$12,044	\$13,610	\$13,491	\$14,003	\$15,600	\$13,890
Value Over 5-Yr.Term Net of HI - with 20% OT:		\$16,831	\$19,027	\$18,852	\$19,563	\$21,822	\$19,414

The Flexible Spending Account: *What can you use it for?*

As part of our series aimed at informing members about the Flexible Spending Account (FSA), this article's focus is on what the account can be used for. Many members have been asking that question, and some mistakenly think it can only be used for co-pays, deductibles and prescriptions. Fact is, your FSA can be used for a variety of things: services, supplies, medications, practically anything!

Hurt your back? Your Flexible

Spending Account funds can be used for acupuncture, physical therapy and acupressure. Need to stock up your first aid kit at home? You can use your FSA for bandages, wraps, crutches and other first aid supplies. Is anyone in your family looking to do Lasik and get that 20/20 vision? The Flexible Spending Account can be used for that, too. Did you break your reading glasses? You can use your FSA to replace them.

And the list doesn't end there.

Your FSA funds can be used for ambulance services, hearing aids, fertility treatments, mental care, hospital services, even smoking cessation. There are so many uses for the Flexible Spending Account, and the list grows every year. This variety allows you to plan for the annual expenses you and your family have, as well as those one-time expenses, like Lasik or braces.

So how do you know what you can spend your Flexible Spending Account funds on?

United Healthcare has a list on their website, but there is an ever-expanding list that is on the IRS website. <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p502.pdf>. These lists help you to plan for the year and allow you to maximize your spending power. This variety allows you to have more freedom to save money and use your benefits. Try it and see!

Still have questions about the Flexible Spending Account? Direct them to Katie Fruzynski at Katie@bmwe.org and she'll get you an answer.

BMWED member Thomas Tarantella seeks U.S. Congressional seat in Pennsylvania

When you watch Brother Tom Tarantella speak about politics, when you ask about his plans if he were sent to Washington, it becomes easy to see how a 54-year-old political novice, a former Army paratrooper turned railroader from Ronovo, Pa., decided to mount a campaign for Congress. It's the passion. Brother Tarantella has a lot of it.

"Some people might ask, why is this guy doing this?" Brother Tarantella asks rhetorically. "Well, I'll tell you why. It's for the people. The people like you and me. I'm serious. I really believe it."

He is serious. You can tell as soon as you meet him that the guy has spunk. He has charisma. And, most of all, he has big ambitions. Brother Tarantella, a machine operator for Norfolk Southern Railroad and a member of the Pennsylvania Federation Local Lodge 3030, wants to unseat incumbent Republican Congressman Glenn Thompson in Pennsylvania's 5th Congressional District. He concedes it won't be easy. That the deck is stacked against working-class people like him. That all the underdog clichés apply. It's just that this underdog is feisty.

"Thompson, he's taking out full-page ads in the paper, he's going on bus tours, because he's running scared," Brother Tarantella said. "I'm a threat. I can win this thing. I know I can."

The BMWED wants Brother Tarantella to win, too. He has our full endorsement in the race, both in the May 20 Democratic primary, where he faces a challenger in Brookville, Pa. lawyer Kerith Strano Taylor, and, if he progresses, in the November general election versus Thompson. When it comes to the working-class, labor-friendly issues with which BMWED railroaders are most concerned, we feel Brother Tarantella would be a strong advocate on Capitol Hill.

"Incumbent U.S. Rep. Glen Thompson has a history of voting against unionized labor issues at every turn as well as middle class workers' rights in general. He's been detrimental to his district and our country and needs to be replaced. Our very own BMWED Brother Tom Tarantella is the perfect candidate for the job. He has our Brotherhood's full support," BMWED Director of Government Affairs Charlie Hogue said.

When it comes to so-called "right-to-work," union-busting legislation, Brother Tarantella sees right through it. "Whatever secret, slick name they want to give it to fool the people, just know that I'm against it," he said. "I believe in supporting unions and the workers' right to bargain and organize for a united, stronger voice. It may not be what corporate America and it may not be what the 'one percenters' want to hear, but it's the right thing for the people."

Brother Tarantella, who was born and raised in the small town of Ronovo, has unfortunately witnessed what can happen to a community when its industry is shipped overseas. If elected, he is determined to slow, if not halt, the outsourcing of jobs.

"I am adamantly opposed to a giving a corporation a tax deduction for exporting jobs out of this country," he said. "Why should we reward companies who move operations to China? All because they're greedy. It's lunacy."

When Brother Tarantella speaks on these issues, he impulsively stands for added impact. He gets animated and excited, but it's an affable passion that's fun and draws your attention. It is something his BMWED representative, Vice Chairperson Charlie Hansler has noticed, too.

"You have to give Tommy credit for going for it; for standing up and taking on the responsibility. Not many people would do what he's doing," Brother Hansler said. "I think it's great. He has a belief in his country and he wants to help it succeed."

The most noteworthy aspect of Brother Tarantella's career, and the distinction that his opponents cannot match, is his 22-year distinguished service in the U.S. Army as a member of the Rapid Deployment Force. As a paratrooper, Brother Tarantella was awarded several Campaign Ribbons, a Bronze Star, five Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, 13 Army Achievement Medals and saw deployments across the globe. He was honorably discharged in 2002.

"I will fight for better pay for our military and their families," Brother Tarantella said. "I will fight for our wounded warriors, mentally ill, and the well-being of our military families and



Brother Tom Tarantella is running for U.S. Congress in the 5th Congressional District in Pa. He has the BMWED's endorsement.

veterans. I will work to give our veterans the health care, benefits, education, and the job opportunities they deserve."

BMWED President Freddie Simpson also offered support. "If I could vote in the Pennsylvania 5th District, I would proudly pull the lever for Brother Tom Tarantella," he said. "Brother Tom is a strong union man who understands what needs to get done in Washington in order for the middle class to succeed. All BMWED railroaders would benefit from his representation. Those members voting in his district should cast their ballot for Brother Tarantella in the May 20 primary and again in November, both for the good of our union and the well-being of this great country."

BMWED Brother Thomas Tarantella, candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Congress in Pennsylvania's 5th District
Find out more about Brother Tarantella at his website: www.thomastarantella.com



Brother Tarantella stands with his fellow railroad and BMWED brethren.

Do you have an interesting hobby or a great story to tell? Pictures from a recent lodge meeting or event? We want to hear and see them. Contact the Journal at cballew@bmwe.org.



**2014 PROPOSAL NO. 1
DIRECT ELECTION OF NATIONAL DIVISION OFFICERS
SUBMITTED BY PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION JOINT PROTECTIVE BOARD**

ARTICLE I, ADD SECTION 3(a), TO READ:

Sec. 3(a). Notwithstanding any provision of these Bylaws to the contrary, effective with the 2018 elections and all general elections thereafter, all National Division Officers will be elected by rank and file mail ballot referendum. Nominations for office will be received at the 2018 National Division Convention. Elections will be conducted in November 2018 with the successful candidates taking office on December 1, 2018. Subsequent general elections will be governed accordingly. Elections will be supervised and the ballots counted by the American Arbitration Association.

The National Division Officers shall make reasonable rules for the nominating process at the National Division Convention and publicize these rules in January of the Convention year. The National Division Officers shall make reasonable rules for the mailing of the ballots in November of the election year except that there must be 25 days between the date the ballots are mailed and the ballots are counted.

Candidates receiving the most votes will be declared the winner.

There will be printed in September and October of the BMWED Journal and mailed before the ballots are mailed statements from the candidates. The National Division Officers shall make reasonable rules for the candidates to have their material printed in the Journal. This will include, but not be limited to, deadlines for submission of candidate's statement, format for the submission of candidate's statement and may include the requirement to obtain a certain number of signatures from members in good standing on forms provided by the National Division supporting the candidate's desire to print their information in the Journal.

Vacancies between elections will be filled in accordance with the other provisions of these Bylaws.

**2014 PROPOSAL NO. 2
SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL DIVISION**

ARTICLE I, SECTION 3, PARAGRAPH 1 BE AMENDED TO READ:

Sec. 3. The Officers of the National Division shall consist of a President, five (5) Vice Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer, and ~~five (5)~~ **six (6)** members of the Executive Board. The National Division President may appoint a Chaplain, Messenger, Sentinels and Sergeants-at-Arms at each Convention of the National Division.

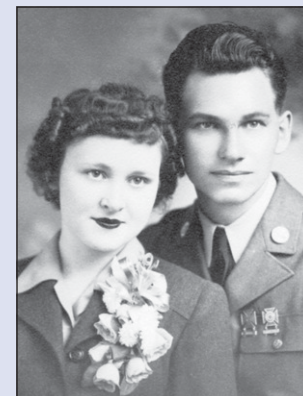
**2014 PROPOSAL NO. 3
SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL DIVISION**

ARTICLE I, SECTION 4, PARAGRAPH 1 BE AMENDED TO READ:

Sec. 4. The National Division Officers shall be members of a BMWED lodge and shall be nominated and elected at the regular quadrennial Conventions of the National Division by a representative majority vote of the duly accredited delegates elected by secret ballot. In the event balloting results in no candidate winning a majority vote (a number greater than half of the total possible votes), the candidate garnering the fewest votes shall be dropped from the ballot, and a run-off ballot will be conducted. If there is only one nominee for an office, there shall be no ballot for that position, and the nominee will be declared elected. ~~The four~~ **Four (4)** Vice Presidents and ~~the five (5)~~ **four (4)** members of the Executive Board shall be from a System Division or Federation in his respective region and shall be nominated by delegates from his respective region. **One (1) Vice-President and two (2) members of the Executive Board shall be from any System Division or Federation and may be nominated by any delegate, regardless of region. Those officers so nominated at election may be referred to as "at-large."** National Division Officers shall serve for a term of four (4) years unless removed by death, resignation or for cause, and shall be eligible for re-election. They shall be installed during the session of the National Division Convention in which they are elected, their installation and term of office to be effective commencing September 1 following election except in the case of filling an unexpired term, when such Officer shall take charge of his office immediately upon being elected and he shall serve for the remainder of the term; provided, however, that the term of office of any temporary National Division Officer will expire immediately upon the election and installation of his successor. Any vacancy in such office, temporary or permanent in nature, shall be filled in accordance with the terms of these Bylaws.

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Russell W. Mobry



Russell W. Mobry and wife Betty

Brother Russell W. Mobry passed away Monday, March 3, 2014 in Mankato, Minn. He was 93.

Brother Mobry was a General Chairman off the former Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific System Federation (now the Burlington System Division) until his retirement in June 1980. He began his railroad career several years prior, working in the track department on the old Milwaukee Railroad.

Born on May 30, 1920 in Palo Alto County, Iowa, Brother Mobry entered the U.S. Army on March 5, 1942, serving with the Eastern Defense Command in the South Pacific during World War II. On Aug. 23, 1943, Brother Mobry married his wife, Betty O'Connor Mobry, and last year the couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Together they had eight children, 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Brother Mobry retired from the Brotherhood on June 1, 1980. He stayed busy upon retirement by participating with the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36, the Martin County (Minn.) VFW Post 1222 and St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

"Brother Russ was a superb officer in our Brotherhood, a strong supporter of railroaders and their labor rights, an American soldier and hero, and an all-around terrific man," President Freddie Simpson said. "I want to send our deepest and most sincere condolences to his wife, Betty, and his family. We are very saddened by the loss of Brother Russ, who was an exceptional member of our union and a true gentleman."



From left: Preston H. Jacobson, Roger L. Bobby and Russell W. Mobry.

RETIREMENT CHANGES DURING 01/01/2014 TO 02/28/2014

*** January 2013 ***				
TEX A ADUDELLE	USD	0941	UP	01/01/2013
*** February 2013 ***				
RANDY S JOHNSON	BURL	1490	SOO	02/28/2013
*** April 2013 ***				
R O BAXTER	SOU	0808	NS	04/01/2013
*** May 2013 ***				
JAMES E FAHL	CRSF	0887	NS	05/10/2013
GENE BOATMAN	USD	1516	UP	05/31/2013
*** June 2013 ***				
FRED VANDERPOOL	N E	1632	DH	06/01/2013
THOMAS A WELNIAK	BURL	1105	BNSF	06/25/2013
*** July 2013 ***				
MICHAEL R JOHNSON	SOU	0525	NS	07/01/2013
*** August 2013 ***				
JAMES M SNYDER	CRSF	1657	CSXT	08/02/2013
DENNIS R SHELL	BURL	2643	SOO	08/04/2013
MICHAEL L PETROSKY	PENN	3008	NS	08/08/2013
GARY E STRANSKY	BURL	0928	SOO	08/14/2013
THEODORE BAEHR	USD	0239	UP	08/31/2013
*** September 2013 ***				
GARY E NEUMANN	BURL	1488	SOO	09/04/2013
GARRY A PFAU	BURL	1481	SOO	09/04/2013
*** October 2013 ***				
STEPHEN OCENASEK	CRSF	0109	GTW	10/01/2013
RICHARD A KOTELES	PENN	3018	CSXT	10/01/2013
LEWIS W BAKER	SOU	0636	NS	10/01/2013
THOMAS H HUTCHINSON	CRSF	0109	GTW	10/05/2013
FRANK LARA	USD	0941	UP	10/06/2013
BERNARD W PARKER	USD	0686	UP	10/06/2013
WILLIAM P MICHUTA	BURL	1965	SOO	10/10/2013
TERRY J ARTER	USD	0692	UP	10/31/2013
*** November 2013 ***				
DEWEY H BILLINGS	AF	0056	CSXT	11/01/2013
CHARLES V BROWN	ASF	0551	NS	11/01/2013
JOSE R MAGALLANES	ASF	1514	NI	11/01/2013
BERNARD B BLACKMON	BURL	1302	BNSF	11/01/2013
A A RIOS	BURL	1302	BNSF	11/01/2013
DENNIS H ROCK	CRSF	0176	GTW	11/02/2013
CELESTINO S FALCAO	PENN	0400	CR	11/02/2013
GARY W SEABAUGH	BURL	2621	BNSF	11/08/2013
FRANCISCO A ALEMAN	AF	0409	CSXT	11/15/2013
DENNIS E SANCHEZ	AT&SFF	0204	BNSF	11/16/2013
LOUIS A RAZZANO	ICGF	0694	IC	11/22/2013
RAYMOND D SHAURETTE	USD	0239	UP	11/30/2013

*** December 2013 ***				
RONALD D HOLLIFIELD	ASF	0558	CSXT	12/01/2013
RONALD R BURHOOP	BURL	1320	BNSF	12/01/2013
RANDY R MILLER	BURNOR	0908	BNSF	12/01/2013
ALAN B SUNDBERG	BURNOR	1092	BNSF	12/01/2013
ALBERT L GRADY	CRSF	0076	NS	12/01/2013
TERRY D EARLY	SOU	0525	NS	12/01/2013
DUANE R NESLER	BURL	0331	SOO	12/02/2013
GARY A EASTIN	BURL	1888	BNSF	12/03/2013
JOHN S GOTCHALL	BURL	1320	BNSF	12/03/2013
MARK W STITZER	BURL	1320	BNSF	12/03/2013
MIKE E APPEL	BURNOR	1055	BNSF	12/03/2013
JEFFREY M DISE	BURNOR	0908	BNSF	12/03/2013
BARRY W HILLIUS	BURNOR	0306	BNSF	12/03/2013
JAMES M HAKKINEN	CRSF	0987	MBCR	12/03/2013
CRISPULO D MITMA	USD	0918	UP	12/03/2013
RAYMOND M OROSCO	AF	0366	UP	12/04/2013
WAYNE H STRANDER	BURNOR	0249	BNSF	12/05/2013
RONALD J GROVER	BURNOR	0320	BNSF	12/07/2013
SABINO Z VILLAFUERTE	BURL	1302	BNSF	12/11/2013
MYRON L EIDE	BURNOR	0750	BNSF	12/14/2013
MICHAEL A SACCOMANO	BURL	1351	BNSF	12/21/2013
STEVE J HENSEL	BURL	1320	BNSF	12/28/2013
GREGORY A KOSKI	USD	0692	UP	12/30/2013
MICHAEL T KEARSON	AF	2163	CSXT	12/31/2013
HAROLD KOGER	AT&SFF	2402	BNSF	12/31/2013
DENNIS B ANDERSON	BURL	1074	BNSF	12/31/2013
MELVIN D CHAMP	BURNOR	0295	BNSF	12/31/2013
MARK P JORLAND	BURNOR	0144	BNSF	12/31/2013
DONELL MOSLEY	CRSF	0305	CR	12/31/2013
FREDERICK A PHILLIPS	CRSF	1664	GTW	12/31/2013
WILLIAM A HILDENBRAND	PENN	3004	BMWE	12/31/2013
FRANK L ALLEN	USD	1381	UP	12/31/2013
DAVID L BIRKHOLZ	USD	0686	UP	12/31/2013
BRUCE J BROEDERS	USD	0425	UP	12/31/2013

*** January 2014 ***				
ELWOOD D KIRKLAND	AF	2162	CSXT	01/01/2014
DOYAL T ACTON JR	BURL	0230	BNSF	01/01/2014
CARL A MULLEN	CRSD	2910	SPTA	01/01/2014
JAMES F LAWTON	CRSF	0201	MBCR	01/01/2014
RONALD J JOHNSON	AF	1162	CSXT	01/02/2014
STEVEN ADAMS	ASF	0226	NS	01/02/2014
LARRY G AMOS	ASF	0571	NS	01/02/2014
CHARLES T HELMANDOLLAR	ASF	0551	NS	01/02/2014
WILLIAM B LYLE	ASF	0572	NS	01/02/2014
RONNIE L NOEL	ASF	0599	NS	01/02/2014
ERNEST A PERKINS	ASF	0301	NS	01/02/2014
JAMES T SAWYERS	ASF	0551	NS	01/02/2014
THOMAS N WATTS	ASF	0572	NS	01/02/2014
LARRY L WINGER	ASF	2703	NS	01/02/2014
WILLIAM J BROWNE	BURL	1965	SOO	01/02/2014
JESUS M FLORES	BURL	0042	SOO	01/02/2014
RANDY G SHAFFER	BURL	2852	BNSF	01/02/2014

STUART R LUMSDEN	BURNOR	0016	BNSF	01/02/2014
DENNIS K CONWELL	CRSF	1362	NS	01/02/2014
THOMAS P MAHER	CRSF	1562	NS	01/02/2014
JOSEPH F MC CORD	CRSF	1923	NS	01/02/2014
JAMES E REED	CRSF	0076	NS	01/02/2014
MICHAEL L SUTTON	CRSF	1362	NS	01/02/2014
THOMAS J BAUER	PENN	0400	NS	01/02/2014
DENNIS A DINGER	PENN	3018	NS	01/02/2014
J R ARGO	SOU	0804	NS	01/02/2014
S P BAKER	SOU	2838	NS	01/02/2014
WILLIAM BEELER	SOU	0567	NS	01/02/2014
W E HUFFMAN	SOU	0529	NS	01/02/2014
R E LARKIN	SOU	0808	NS	01/02/2014
J D MIMS	SOU	1618	NS	01/02/2014
STEVEN H PESZKO	SOU	0523	NS	01/02/2014
JAMES R RAMSEY	SOU	0525	NS	01/02/2014
MACKEL L REECE	SOU	0537	NS	01/02/2014
JIMMY L SMITH	SOU	1618	NS	01/02/2014
C M TIMS	SOU	0660	NS	01/02/2014
DAVID E ANDERSON	BURL	1142	BNSF	01/03/2014
GERALD R ANNONSON	BURNOR	0706	BNSF	01/03/2014
RONALD J GORDON	N E	1743	DH	01/03/2014
JERRY M FREEMAN	SOU	0537	NS	01/03/2014
MICHAEL K SEAMAN	BURNOR	1296	BNSF	01/04/2014
DWIGHT C TEETER	USD	2853	UP	01/04/2014
MARTIN E ARENZ	BURL	0783	BNSF	01/07/2014
THOMAS W FRANKSON	BURNOR	0706	BNSF	01/07/2014
DEAN E VAN HORN	BURNOR	0297	BNSF	01/07/2014
WAYNE F WALDRON	AF	2163	CSXT	01/08/2014
THOMAS C NAEGLE	BURL	0509	BNSF	01/08/2014
CHARLES A PFEIFFER	CRSF	1259	NS	01/08/2014
CHARLIE W QUINN	AF	0737	CSXT	01/10/2014
DAVID A DELLO	CRSF	1997	NS	01/11/2014
THOMAS M KUTA	BURNOR	0144	BNSF	01/16/2014
ROGER A LANTINEN	BURNOR	0706	BNSF	01/18/2014
D C MOODY	SOU	0660	NS	01/21/2014
GARY L WIETING	BURL	0331	SOO	01/30/2014
TERRY W MIRACLE	AF	2606	BMWE	01/31/2014
BERNARD W MASON	CRSF	2775	CSXT	01/31/2014
RICHARD S GALLEGOS	USD	1709	UP	01/31/2014
ALLEN W LANGE	USD	1148	UP	01/31/2014

*** February 2014 ***				
DONALD D NYBERG	BURNOR	0706	BNSF	02/01/2014
ANDREW J ANTONIO	USD	0918	UP	02/01/2014
ELROY J DE SCHEPPER	BURNOR	0908	BNSF	02/03/2014
RICHARD L EKLUND JR	BURNOR	0320	BNSF	02/03/2014
RICHARD J VANDERPOOL	N E	1551	DH	02/03/2014
JOSEPH W DENNIS	WCSD	2932	WCL	02/07/2014
TERRY L DIES	AF	1432	CSXT	02/27/2014
JOHN S SMEDLEY	AF	0885	CSXT	02/27/2014
GREGORIO E VASQUEZ	USD	0941	UP	02/28/2014
JOEL D MURPHY	WCSD	2928	WCL	02/28/2014

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Director of Government Affairs
Charlie Hogue

The United States gubernatorial elections of 2014 will be held on Nov. 4, 2014 in 36 states and three territories concurrent with other elections during the United States General election of 2014.

Retiring and term-limited Republican incumbents (3)

Jan Brewer (Arizona)

Governor Jan Brewer will be term-limited in 2014 despite only serving one full term, as Arizona state law limits office holders to two consecutive terms, regardless of whether they

are full or partial terms. In November 2012, Brewer declared she was looking into what she called “ambiguity” in Arizona’s term-limit law to seek a second full four-year term.

Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett, Mesa Mayor Scott Smith, State Treasurer of Arizona Doug Ducey, State Senator Al Melvin, former Go Daddy Executive Vice President Christine Jones, and former County attorney of Maricopa County Andrew Thomas are running for the Republican nomination.

Fred DuVal, former Chairman of the Arizona Board of Regents, is running for the Democratic nomination.

Dave Heineman (Nebraska)

Governor Dave Heineman will be term-limited in 2014.

State Senators Tom Carlson, Charlie Janssen and Beau McCoy are running for the Republican nomination. Other potential Republican candidates include Auditor of Public Accounts Mike Foley and businessman Pete Ricketts.

Executive Director of the Center for Rural Affairs Chuck Hassebrook is running for the Democratic nomination. State Senator Annette Dubas was also running, but she has withdrawn, leaving Hassebrook the only Democratic candidate.

Rick Perry (Texas)

Governor Rick Perry is eligible to run for re-election, but announced on July 8 that he is not running for a fourth term. Perry was re-elected to a third term with 55.1% of the vote in 2010.

Attorney General Greg Abbott, perennial candidate Larry Kilgore and former Univision personality Miriam Martinez are running for the Republican nomination.

State Senator Wendy Davis is running for the Democratic nomination.

Kathie Glass, the Libertarian nominee for Governor in 2010, is running for the Libertarian nomination.

Retiring and term-limited Democratic incumbents (5)

Mike Beebe (Arkansas)

Governor Mike Beebe will be term-limited in 2014.

Former Congressman Mike Ross is running for the Democratic nomination.

Republican candidates include former Congressman Asa Hutchinson, State Representative Debra Hobbs, and food safety company founder Curtis Coleman.

Martin O’Malley (Maryland)

Governor Martin O’Malley will be term-limited in 2014.

O’Malley has endorsed Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown to succeed him. Also running for the Democratic nomination are Attorney General Douglas Gansler and State Delegate Heather Mizeur, and potentially Representative Dutch Ruppersberger.

On the Republican side, declared candidates include Harford County Executive David R. Craig, Chairman of Change Maryland and former Maryland Secretary of Appointments Larry Hogan, Delegate Ron George, former Charles County Republican Central Committee Chairman Charles Lollar, and 2012 U.S. Senate candidate Brian Vaeth.

Deval Patrick (Massachusetts)

Governor Deval Patrick is eligible to run for re-election, but has decided not to seek a third term.

Declared Democratic candidates include PAREXEL executive Joseph Avellone, former Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Donald Berwick, Attorney General Martha Coakley, Treasurer Steve Grossman, and former Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs Juliette Kayyem.

Declared Republican candidates include former Massachusetts cabinet official and 2010 nominee Charlie Baker, and TEA Party member and Shrewsbury small businessman Mark Fisher.

Lincoln Chafee (Rhode Island)

Governor Lincoln Chafee is retiring after one term in office. Chafee was elected with 36.1% in a competitive three-way race in 2010 in which he ran as an independent. He became a Democrat in May 2013, promoting speculation he would run for a second term, but later announced that he would not run for re-election on Sept. 4, 2013.

Providence Mayor Angel Taveras is running for the Democratic nomination. State Treasurer Gina Raimondo and former United States Department of Education official Clay Pell are also expected to run.

Cranston Mayor Allan Fung is running for the Republican nomination. Moderate Party Chairman Ken Block, who received 6.5% of the vote in the 2010 gubernatorial election, had filed to run again for the Moderate Party. He has since switched to run as a Republican.

John de Jongh (United States Virgin Islands)

Governor John de Jongh will be term-limited in 2014.

Republican incumbents running for re-election (18)

Robert Bentley (Alabama)

Governor Robert Bentley is running for re-election. Bentley was elected with 57.9 percent of the vote in 2010.

Former Morgan County Commissioner Stacy Lee George is running in the Republican primary, as is Bob Starkey, a retired software company executive.

Former Major League Baseball player and businessman Kevin Bass and former U.S. Representative Parker Griffith are running for the Democratic nomination.

Sean Parnell (Alaska)

Governor Sean Parnell is running for another term. Attorney and 2010 Republican primary candidate Bill Walker was running again in the Republican primary, but he has withdrawn and is now running as an Independent.

Former Mayor of Juneau Byron Mallott is running for the Democratic nomination. Other potential Democratic candidates include 2010 nominee Ethan Berkowitz and State Senator Bill Wielechowski.

Rick Scott (Florida)

Governor Rick Scott was elected with 48.9 percent of the vote in 2010, defeating then-Chief Financial Officer of Florida Alex Sink by a margin of just over 1 percent. He has announced he will seek a second term.

Challengers include Democratic State Senator Nan Rich, former Republican Governor turned Democrat Charlie Crist and Economist and 2010 Independent nominee for Governor Farid Khavari. Other potential Democratic nominees include City Manager of Miami Beach Jimmy Morales, and Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler.

2010 Democratic nominee and former Chief Financial Officer of Florida Alex Sink and U.S. Senator Bill Nelson have decided not to seek the Democratic nomination.

Former Libertarian Party of Florida Chairman Adrian Wyllie is running for his party’s nomination.

Nathan Deal (Georgia)

Governor Nathan Deal has announced his plans to run for re-election. Deal was elected with 53 percent of the vote in 2010.

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BMWED Training Helps First Responders Locate Emergencies

The BMWED is training local fire departments and EMTs to easily locate emergencies near railroads in hopes of accelerating response times.

The idea for first responder training sparked when AT&SFF General Chairman Gary Marquart and Vice General Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer Corey Wilbanks learned about an incident that led to a railroad contractor being severely injured on the job, partially due to the time it took first responders to locate the accident.

"If the first responders had known mile posts, they could have gotten to him faster," Wilbanks said.

In February 2014, AT&SFF partnered with BNSF Railway to roll out the training. "It's a joint venture between us and the railroad to train these people to find these locations if they need them," Marquart said.

Wilbanks conducts the training sessions with the fire departments and EMTs along his section of territory. He and Marquart say they would like the trainings to spread across the entire system. Chris Wilbanks, assistant fire chief for Howell County Rural Fire Depart-

ment in West Plains, Mo., agrees.

"We have a lot of rail gangs that come through this area. They seem to maintain this track a lot. There are several bands that are quite wide between roads," Chris Wilbanks said. "This training is going to be very helpful for us. We need to get it out to 9-1-1 and the other groups too. It would be a great thing if we could expand on it."

Sometimes when calling in an emergency, railroad workers only have mile posts to tell them where they are. "They're from Washington," Chris Wilbanks said. "They're not going to know Missouri."

One solution for this is to teach first responders how to read track charts, maps that show road crossings and mile posts. At the training sessions he conducts, Corey Wilbanks gives track charts to first responders and trains them on how to read them.

According to Chris Wilbanks, both fire departments and maintenance of way employees benefit from the training sessions. "Knowing mile markers means we can get there faster, and we'll have better access to fires along rails," he said.

"If there is an emergency along the right of way somewhere, the employees can give them a location, and they have track charts, and they know the quickest access points along the right of way," Marquart said.

Even though first responders are busy, trainees so far have been very receptive to the training sessions, according to Corey Wilbanks. "They're not thinking that it's a waste of their time by any means. Every one of them seems to take it in to be a useful tool," he said.

In fact, the training has already proven to be useful. Less than a week after a fire department training session, a train called in a grass fire between Koshkonong and Thayer, Mo. "It wasn't near a crossing or anything like that," Corey Wilbanks said. "The train called it in, and the first responders called the train back and said, 'These guys have track charts and know how to read them. Can you give us a mile post for that fire?' So the train gave them a mile post for the fire, and they got right to it."

The first responders were able to locate the fire quickly. "Rather

than going out and searching from Koshkonong to Thayer, which is about 20 miles, and searching that whole area, they were able to pinpoint where exactly it was," Corey Wilbanks said.

Marquart said, "They were able to use that training to find the correct location before it got out of hand."

The importance of educating first responders is clear to Marquart. "We work in a very dangerous industry where employees unfortunately do, from time to time, suffer severe if not fatal injuries. We need to get them immediate medical assistance if we can, and this is an excellent way to provide that to the employees," Marquart said.

"If anything could save somebody's life or get a first responder there quicker to give them treatment, it's definitely beneficial," Corey Wilbanks said.



AT&SFF Vice Chairman Corey Wilbanks addresses a meeting of local fire departments and emergency personnel during one of the training seminars. Responders along the BNSF right-of-way are taught how to read and understand track charts in order to more quickly attend to emergencies on the railroad.



VGC Wilbanks (top and bottom) explains the intricacies of reading track charts and understanding mile post locations to emergency responders.





BURLINGTON SYSTEM DIVISION CONDUCTS ANNUAL TRAINING SEMINAR

The Burlington System Division (BSD) conducted its annual training seminar in Minneapolis, Minn. March 19 - 21, 2014. Nearly 100 local officers, rank-and-file members and guests were in attendance to hear from a number of guest speakers.

The BSD has offered training opportunities to its local officers and rank-and-file members for a number of years in a variety of locations accessible to their members. General Chairwoman Staci Moody-Gilbert offered, "It's an opportunity for our local lodge officers to come in and participate with members from across our System, sharing ideas and experiences, and hearing from speakers and trainers so that they might hear or see something that will help with their daily responsibilities as local officers."

The attendees heard from President Simpson, Secretary-Treasurer Perry Geller, and Northwest Region Vice President Dave Joynt. A number of BMWED staff were on hand to offer educational presentations to those attending. Those making presentations were:

- Assistant to the President, Cheryl Kilcheski – Flexible Spending Account
- Director of Strategic Coordination and Research, Don Griffin – History on subcontracting
- General Counsel, Bill Bon – Railway Labor Act

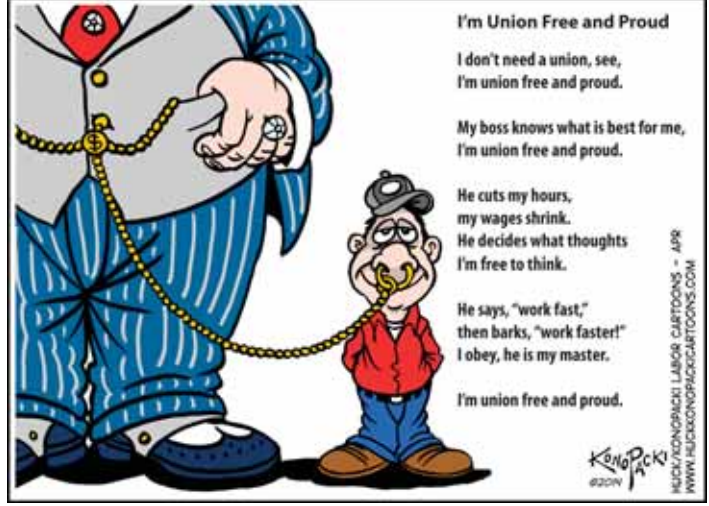
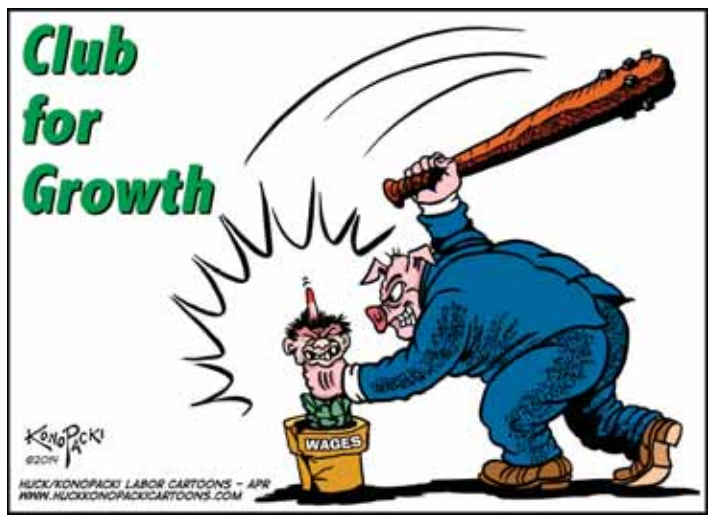
Others making presentations included:

- Railroad Retirement Board Member, Walt Barrows
- Attorney Chris Leach – Whistleblower
- Erica Dalager – American Income Life
- Bill Fletcher – OSHA/Hazmat
- Lamont Byrd, IBT – DOT Overview

"It is always a pleasure attending the BSD training seminars," said President Simpson. "It is a great opportunity to discuss issues and share ideas with our local leaders. I congratulate General Chairwoman Gilbert and her officers on another successful seminar."



BSD Vice Chairman George Loveland and Assistant to the General Chairwoman Landy Walker register those attending the seminar.



Change of Address Request

Please remember to notify your System Office or the National Division of any change of address or telephone number. It is vital that this information be kept current. Railroad employers do not always provide this information to the BMWED. Phone numbers can be found at BMWED.org.

Learn more about the Teamsters Human Rights Commission and how you can participate.

Contact BMWED Vice President Roger Sanchez at (281) 354-4812 or by email at lodge1507@aol.com.




Allied Federation Names New Vice Chairmen

On Feb. 1, 2014, three vacant Vice Chairmen positions were filled by appointing members previously holding positions on the Allied Federation Joint Protective Board.

Allied Federation Executive Committee member Ricky Richard was appointed to fill a vacant position on the Western Region. His primary duty will be the representation of members employed by Union Pacific Railroad.

Brother Richard began his railroad career with the former Southern Pacific Railroad June 12, 1973 in the Track Department in Lafayette, La. Hired in as a Track Repairman, he also holds seniority as a Track Foreman and Assistant Foreman.

He currently serves as the BMWED Texas State Legislative Director. Brother Richard is a member of Local Lodge 1252, headquartered in Beaumont, Texas. He also serves as the Local Lodge Secretary-Treasurer and Local Chairman.



Ricky Richard

Brother Richard resides in Orange, Texas with his wife Cheryl. They have three daughters; Nichole, Christie and Lindsey.

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Allied Federation Joint Protective Board Member Pat Quigley was appointed to fill a vacant position on the Eastern Region. His primary duties will be to represent members employed by CSX Railroad.

Brother Quigley began his career with the CSX Railroad in October 2007 in the Track Department near Cincinnati, Ohio. He

hired on as a Track Repairman and now holds seniority in all positions within the Track Department. He primarily worked as a Welder prior to his appointment.

He currently serves as the BMWED Kentucky Assistant State Legislative Director. He is a member of Local Lodge 885, headquartered in Covington, Ky. He also serves as the Local Lodge President. Brother Quigley recently completed the BMWED Advanced Officer Training Course at Volunteer State Community College. Brother Quigley resides in Covington, Ky. with his wife Jamie. They have two sons; Aidan and Liam.



Pat Quigley

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Allied Federation Executive Committee Member Brian Thompson was appointed to fill a vacant position on the Eastern Region. His primary duties will be to represent members employed by CSX Railroad.

Brother Thompson began his career with the CSX Railroad Feb. 7, 2000 in the Track Department as a Track Repairman. He also holds seniority in all of the positions within the Track Department.

He is a member of Local Lodge 409, headquartered in Chicago, Ill. and currently serves the Local Lodge as President. Brother Thompson served as a member of the Allied Federation Joint Protective Board and served on the Executive Committee.

Brother Thompson resides in Valparaiso, Ind. with his wife Tracy. They have a daughter, Morgan, and son, Jamison.



Brian Thompson

Allied Federation General Chairman Dennis Albers offered, "I'm excited to have Ricky, Pat and Brian on board. Each have proven their value to this Union and our members and I expect good things from all three."

"Ricky brings a long railroad and union career with him that will serve him well in his dealings with the railroads on behalf of our members. Pat and Brian bring a young perspective and fresh approach to the position that will match the younger generational makeup of our membership," added Albers.

The BMWED wishes all three success in their new positions.

DEATH BENEFIT DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF DEATH BENEFIT CLAIMS PAID DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 2014

NAME	CITY/STATE	LODGE/SYSTEM/RR	D.O.D.
HARRY H. BAUMGARTNER	BLUFFTON, IN	3017 PENN/LIFE	11/28/13
MAURICIO CERVANTES	BENAVIDES, TX	1563 AF/LIFE	11/27/13
JOHN S. CHEW	EDMONDS, WA	0420 BURL/LIFE	01/03/14
MILTON G. DOMMER	OSHKOSH, WI	2643 BURL/LIFE	12/28/13
HENRY R. HOEFELICH	WASHINGTON, PA	1997 CRSF/LIFE	02/09/14
MATT M. JAGOL	FERTILE, MN	0249 BURNOR/LIFE	01/04/14
ROMAN L. JARAMILLO	WINSLOW, AZ	2417 ATSF/LIFE	02/03/14
FRANK E. POTENZA	PORT ST.LUCIE, FL	0305 CRSF/LIFE	12/24/13
JOE J. TOVAR JR.	BAKERSFIELD, CA	0227 UDS/LIFE	10/17/13

PAID JANUARY 1, 2014 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2014	\$ 4,500.00
AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY PAID	\$45,462,807.75
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO DATE	\$45,467,307.75
NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID - 9	

REPORT OF DEATH NOTICES RECEIVED DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014

JACK D. ASCHINGER	HONEY CREEK, IA	1105 BURL/BNSF	12/31/13
JASON P. CARAKER	COBDEN, IL	0017 ICGF/IC	01/26/14
PAUL M. CASTLE	PAINTSVILLE, KY	1745 AF/CSXT	11/12/13
WYMAN CHEEK	PURCELL, OK	2408 ATSF/BNSF	01/14/14
ROBERT E. EVANS JR.	KEITHVILLE, LA	1193 AF/UP	12/25/13
KEVIN F. FRAHM	LINCOLN, NE	1320 BURL/BNSF	02/07/14
CARL L. HARRIS	LUTHER, OK	0361 ATSF/BNSF	02/28/14
EDWARD HINES JR.	FORDYCE, AR	1549 AF/UP	07/08/13
GARY JOE	YATAHEY, NM	1020 USD/UP	01/23/14
RODNEY K. MALCOLM	ODIN, IL	0788 BURL/BNSF	02/24/14
WILLIAM J. PAVLICK	MOUNTAIN TOP, PA	0935 PENN/NS	01/20/14
CARL S. TURNER	ROCKFORD, IL	0798 BURL/BNSF	02/18/14
DENNIS WILCOX	IRVINGTON, NJ	2905 CRSD/NJT	01/16/14
LYLE L. WILLS	WISCONSIN RPDS, WI	0239 USD/UP	12/25/13



A Vice President Speaks

Silica dust exposure from ballast operations presents a real danger



Randy Cook
Vice President
At-Large

Recently, I was told a story about a member who had spent two and a half weeks walking along the ballast line, manually dumping a rock train on main line track. It was not an easy assignment. As

often happens, the remote control for the rock cars was malfunctioning, so the two BMWED track workers were forced to push a button on the side of each car to open the doors and dump the rock. Perhaps this is sounding familiar?

Walking between five to seven miles daily alongside a train, the two members dutifully unloaded the fresh granite ballast amidst a never-ending cloud of dust. By the end of each day, both men reported their clothes, hair, nostrils and taste buds covered in the chalky, grayish powder. One member said during every shower, he had to wash his hair twice in order to fully remove the grime. They both reported nightly headaches. In a profession that has its fair share of tough days, this particular project became one of the more loathsome of their careers.

About a week into the rock dumping process, one of the members asked the roadmaster for

a dust mask. Deep in a corner of the supply closet, the boss provided one made of paper, which may provide little or no protection against high concentrations of silica. It didn't take long to discover that, along with making radio communication virtually impossible, it also hardly kept the dust at bay.

All told, these two members are lucky, because the rock train eventually left and the dust finally settled. The two men went back to their basic section work. However, many of our members are not as fortunate. They work on surfacing teams where silica dust from the handling of ballast rock is an everyday occurrence. And that is dangerous.

Increasingly, research into the effects of sustained silica dust inhalation is revealing terrible news. What we are learning is that workers who are exposed to silica dust face twice the normal risk of lung cancer and often develop other lung-related diseases such as asthma. Even more worrisome, data suggests that smokers who also breathe in silica dust for 30 years (the average length of a career) have 42 times the risk of lung cancer compared to even light smokers who aren't exposed to silica.

Safety standards meant to reduce exposure to deadly silica dust, enforced by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration,

have not been updated since the early 1970s. Unfortunately, these existing OSHA standards are too weak to satisfactorily protect BMWED members, especially those who dump ballast or work on surfacing teams. The BMWED successfully pushed the Federal Railroad Administration to require mandatory "engineering controls" (heating, air conditioning and positive pressurized ventilation systems) in certain post-2003 dust-generating machines to protect the operators in enclosed cabs (see 49 CFR, 214.505). We are now engaged in rulemaking with OSHA to lower the legal exposure limit for all MOW workers, and those new lower limits, when adopted, will apply to workers both inside and outside of enclosed cabs along the railroad right-of-way.

BMWED Director of Safety Rick Inclima, along with BMWED officers and other IBT Safety and Health Department officials, have led efforts to push OSHA into lowering the permissible exposure limits of silica dust to all MOW employees. We have also asked that OSHA work collectively with the FRA on the application and effectiveness of engineering controls and work practices within the railroad industry to control rail workers' exposure to airborne silica.

OSHA recently concluded a three-week long public hearing in Washington, D.C. on proposed rules to limit workers' exposure to silica dust. Several experts were brought in to provide opinions, and most concluded that the current exposure limits are woefully weak. George Washington University

School of Public Health Lecturer Celeste Monforton summed it up rather succinctly. "It's really a national disgrace that we allow exposures to silica dust that are so high," she said during OSHA testimony.

OSHA's proposed rule would cut in half the amount of silica allowed in the air from 100 micrograms per square meter to 50 micrograms. Keeping dust-forming rock damp with a steady stream of water, along with the improved use of respirators would help mitigate worker exposure, OSHA said in its report.

For BMWED workers exposed to silica dust, it is important to remember to take the appropriate precautions and to demand that your railroad carrier provide you with the proper relief. If you feel your requests are being ignored, contact your local BMWED representative. Silica dust exposure, specifically of a prolonged time period, is extremely detrimental to your health and is something this union is working to rectify for its members. Your health is important and we will stand together to ensure that it is a priority that is not ignored by the railroads.

On a personal note, this will be my last post to "A Vice President Speaks," for it is my intention to retire at the end of this term, Sept. 1, 2014. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing me to work for you over the years. I wish each and every one of you good health and happiness into the future. God bless. It has been an honor and a privilege to have worked with all of you.

Income Disparity Hurts Working Families



James P. Hoffa, General President,
International Brotherhood of
Teamsters

The growing disparity in incomes between the "haves" and the "have nots" is a real problem for America, and one that is being felt in many corners of this country. It is an issue policymakers are going to have to get a handle on if they want to ensure the U.S. retains the values that have made this nation great.

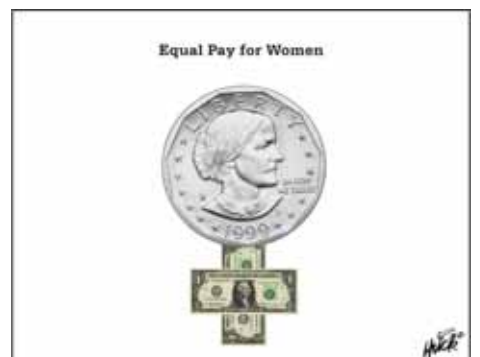
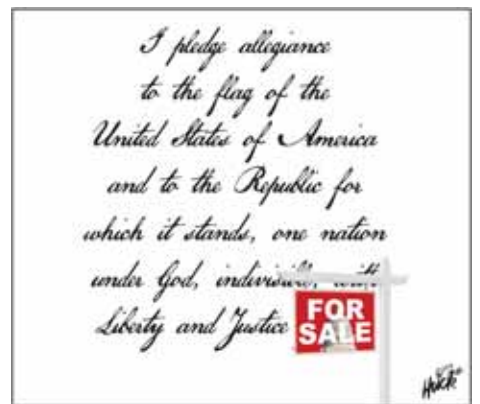
It may not surprise some people to discover that thriving cities such as New York, San Francisco, Boston, Washington and Seattle are experiencing a growing divide when it comes to income as home prices and rents soar there. But reports also show it is a problem in less obvious places and has been for decades. In fact, in four states – Alaska, Michigan, Nevada

and Wyoming – all of the income gains between 1979 and 2007 went to those in the top one percent, while the rest saw incomes drop.

A new report by taxpayer watchdog Good Jobs First shows three quarters of all economic development dollars awarded went to 965 large companies.

Some cities seem to be realizing the error of their ways and are now reaching out to regular people. It's a small step, but meaningful just the same.

Still, there is more to be done. Lawmakers can't continue to turn their back on hard-working Americans while embracing the most fortunate. It's not good policy, and it's not the principles on which this country was built.





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State School Superintendent John Barge and Mayor of Dalton David Pennington are running for the Republican nomination.

State Senator Jason Carter, the grandson of former President and Governor Jimmy Carter, is running for the Democratic nomination. Connie Stokes, a former Georgia State Senator and DeKalb County Commissioner, was running for governor, but is now running for lieutenant governor.

Butch Otter (Idaho)

Governor Butch Otter has announced he will seek a third term. Otter was elected to a second term with 59.1 percent of the vote in 2010. State Senator Russ Fulcher is challenging Otter for the Republican nomination.

A.J. Balukoff, President of the Boise School Board, is running for the Democratic nomination.

Terry Branstad (Iowa)

Governor Terry Branstad has announced that he will seek a sixth non-consecutive term. He was elected to a fifth term (non-consecutive) with 53 percent of the vote in 2010. Political activist Tom Hoefling has announced a primary challenge to Branstad.

Assistant Majority Leader of the Iowa State Senate Jack Hatch, former Des Moines school board member Jonathan Narcisse and Webster bus driver Paul Dahl are all running for the Democratic nomination.

Sam Brownback (Kansas)

Governor Sam Brownback has announced he will run for re-election. Brownback was elected with 63.4 percent of the vote in 2010.

Paul Davis, Minority Leader of the Kansas House of Representatives, is running for the Democratic nomination. According to The Fix, Democrats see this as the "sleeper race" of 2014.

Paul LePage (Maine)

Governor Paul LePage has announced he will run for a second term. LePage was elected with 38.3 percent of the vote in a competitive three member race in 2010.

Congressman Mike Michaud is running for the Democratic nomination. Independent candidate Eliot Cutler, who finished second in Maine's 2010 gubernatorial election, is running again against LePage, former member of the Maine House of Representatives. David Slagger is running as a Green Independent.

Rick Snyder (Michigan)

Governor Rick Snyder is running for re-election to a second term. Snyder was elected with 58.1 percent of the vote in 2010.

Private Investigator Mark McFarlin is running for the Republican nomination.

Former Congressman Mark Schauer is running for the Democratic nomination.

Brian Sandoval (Nevada)

Governor Brian Sandoval has announced he will seek a second term. Sandoval was elected with 53.4 percent of the vote in 2010.

Businessman Edward "Eddie" Hamilton is running for the Republican nomination.

Anthropology Professor Frederick "Fred" Conquest and Businessman Chris Hyepock are running for the Democratic nomination.

Family Therapist David Lory VanDerBeek is running for the Independent American nomination.

Susana Martinez (New Mexico)

Governor Susana Martinez has announced that she will seek a second term. Martinez was elected with 53.6 percent of the vote in 2010.

State Attorney General Gary King, Businessman Alan Webber, former New Mexico Director of the Farm Service Agency Lawrence Rael, and State Senator's Howie Morales and Linda Lopez are declared Democrats currently in the race.

John Kasich (Ohio)

Governor John Kasich has announced he will seek a second term. Kasich was elected with 49.4 percent of the vote in 2010.

Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald and Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune are running for the Democratic nomination.

Former Ohio state representative Charlie Earl is running for the Libertarian nomination.

Mary Fallin (Oklahoma)

Governor Mary Fallin has announced she will seek a second term. Fallin was elected with 60.1 percent of the vote in 2010.

2010 Republican Party Gubernatorial candidate Randy Brogdon is running again.

State Representative Joe Dorman is the only Democratic candidate currently running.

Tom Corbett (Pennsylvania)

Governor Tom Corbett has announced he will run for re-election to a second term. Corbett was elected with 54.5 percent of the vote in 2010.

Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz is running for the Democratic nomination. Other Democratic candidates include former Pennsylvania Secretary of Environmental Protection John Hanger, Lebanon County Commissioner Jo Ellen Litz, State Treasurer Rob McCord, former Pennsylvania Secretary of Environmental Protection Kathleen McGinty, businessman Max Myers, and businessman Tom Wolf.

Nikki Haley (South Carolina)

Governor Nikki Haley has announced that she will run for re-election. Haley was elected with 51.4 percent of the vote in 2010.

Democratic 2010 gubernatorial nominee, State Senator Vincent Sheheen, is seeking a rematch.

Bill Haslam (Tennessee)

Governor Bill Haslam has announced that he will run for re-election. Haslam was elected with 65 percent of the vote in 2010.

Sara Kyle, former Director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, is considering running for the Democratic nomination.

Scott Walker (Wisconsin)

Governor Scott Walker has announced that he will run for re-election. Walker was elected with 52.3 percent of the vote in 2010 and was subject to an unsuccessful recall election in 2012, which he won with 53.1 percent of the vote.

Former Wisconsin Secretary of Commerce Mary Burke is running for the Democratic nomination.

Matt Mead (Wyoming)

Governor Matt Mead has announced that he will run for re-election. Mead was elected with 71.6 percent of the vote in 2010. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill is running for the Republican nomination.

Republican incumbents eligible for re-election (2)

Eddie Calvo (Guam)

Governor Eddie Calvo will be eligible to run for re-election, but has so far not announced if he will do so. Calvo was elected with 50.6 percent of the vote in 2010.

Dennis Dugaard (South Dakota)

Governor Dennis Dugaard has not yet announced that he will run for re-election, but is expected to do so after the spring legislative session. Dugaard was elected with 61.5 percent of the vote in 2010. Republican former State Representative Lora Hubbel has announced a primary challenge to Dugaard.

Joe Lowe, the former Director of Wildland Fire Suppression, is running for the Democratic nomination. Other speculated candidates included former Commissioner of Schools and Public Lands Bryce Healy, former Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, and Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether, but they have all ruled out running for governor.

Democratic incumbents running for re-election (7)

Jerry Brown (California)

Governor Jerry Brown is running for re-election. He was elected to a third non-consecutive term with 53.1 percent of the vote in 2010, having previously served as Governor from 1975 to 1983.

State Assemblyman Tim Donnelly and former U.S. Treasury Department Official Neel Kashkari are running for the Republican nomination. Former Lieutenant Governor Abel Maldonado launched a campaign but then withdrew.

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Freddie N. Simpson

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

The UAW/Volkswagen vote in Tennessee proves Big Money is out to get us

Arguably the biggest labor story of the year, at least at the time of this writing, is the United Auto Workers and its valiant yet failed attempt to organize a Volkswagen plant in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Much has been written about the outcome of the vote, with analysis ranging from optimism (the margin of the vote — 53-47 — was narrow, unions still have hope) to the dire (labor unions are dead and buried, their usefulness a thing of the past).

As is often the case in this era of 24-hour cable news and instantaneous internet punditry, a story can be spun a thousand different ways to fit a desired context. As Paul Simon famously sang, a man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest. But, with prejudices noted, there still remain some resounding truths to what led to the outcome at the Chattanooga VW plant. Frankly, if only one lesson is gleaned from the result of this vote, I sincerely hope it is this:

Money in politics is accelerating the extinction of the American middle class. We must put an end to the revolving door between public office and private gain.

If you don't understand the urgency of that statement, you're either filthy rich (statistically unlikely) or you're simply not paying close enough attention.

Some of you have probably heard me say that if you can find a Republican who is fair to the working man or woman, that I'd gladly take my picture with him or her. It's a line I use from time-to-time in speeches I give at union meetings across the country. Well, so far, the camera's still on the counter, collecting dust. That's because, discouragingly, the GOP has completely morphed into the corporate interest party. They govern solely for the wealthy.

At the Conservative Political Action Conference in March, a keystone of the GOP's long-term

strategy focused on the eradication of labor unions. Truth be told, consolidating all the money and power to the top is actually all Republicans truly care about. Not guns. Not abortion. Not gay marriage. Those issues are simply ways to poach votes from the working class. The GOP's true ambition is to serve the wealthy by keeping open corporate tax loopholes and stacking the deck against the 95 percent of Americans who work for a living. That's why labor unions like us are so darn pesky, seeing as we provide counterbalance to their monetary scale.

Prominent Republican henchman Grover Norquist moderated a panel devoted to union busting and lowering corporation's labor costs by slashing wages and minimizing the workers' rights to bargain. The Huffington Post covered the meeting in a story titled "They're not dead yet." The "they're" in that headline is referring to us.

Norquist, a modern-day Ebenezer Scrooge, largely funded the anti-union billboards that plastered Chattanooga highways with fear-mongering and scare tactics leading up to the UAW vote. Previously focused on changing the tax code to benefit the most wealthy, Norquist has now added union-busting to his résumé by starting the Center for Worker Freedom, which is mistakenly named, because it actually accomplishes the opposite.

Through his union-busting enterprise, Norquist's fear mongering and scare tactics worked. His appeals to machismo, a sort of "real men don't need a union, they

can handle things all by themselves" false bravado, eventually cracked the foundation of the unionizing efforts. Norquist's finances spread lies in Chattanooga about unionization, but his cohorts in deceit, U.S. Sen. Bob Corker and Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, sure weren't going to sit the game out.

According to Nashville's News Channel 5, the Haslam administration held \$300 million in economic incentives at ransom in order to have a say in the outcome of the VW/UAW election. The "say" they wanted was a guarantee that the unionization vote would fail. The \$300 million would allow the VW plant to expand and create over 1,000 new jobs, but documents uncovered by Channel 5 state "the incentives ... are subject to works council (UAW) discussions between the State of Tennessee and VW being concluded to the satisfaction of the State of Tennessee."

According to the Chattanooga Times Free Press, "three days before the union election began, State Sen. Bo Watson and House Majority Leader Gerald McCormick said the Republican-controlled Legislature would be less willing to support tax breaks and other incentives for VW to expand and add a new sports utility vehicle line if workers voted to be represented by the UAW. Corker also said Volkswagen would soon announce plans to expand the plant if workers turned down the UAW."

If the blatant interference from Republicans on the behalf of corporate tycoons in the Chattanooga UAW vote is not severe enough to get your attention, or if

you say to yourself, "I don't live in Tennessee. This won't affect me," well, I'm afraid you're wrong.

Two recent 5-4 decisions from the United States Supreme Court (McCutcheon v. FEC and Citizens United v. FEC) have made it easier for the richest Americans to influence elections through their extreme wealth, effectively buying the government and creating oligarchy. The five justices who voted in favor of Big Money were all appointed by Republican presidents. Suffice to say, this newly untapped stream of campaign finance is not going toward electing legislators who will look out for the average, American middle-class worker and voter. If a union-busting CEO is funding millions of dollars into a politician's campaign war chest, guess whose back is getting scratched if that politician gets elected? Hint — it's not yours.

We are all BMWED members working on the railroad tracks and bridges throughout the country, proud of our solidarity and what it affords us with — job security, a fair and living wage, overtime pay, good benefits, safe workplace practices. These are things that Volkswagen plant employees are seeking, as well. I stand with these workers and hope they are able to negotiate contracts despite the uneven playing field of Tennessee politics. I would proudly stand for a photograph with the brave plant workers that voted unsuccessfully to join the UAW and I wish them great success. As for a photo with Gov. Haslam or Sen. Corker, I doubt I could write a check big enough to get their attention.

ROLL OF HONOR

10 year MERIT AWARD

MICHAEL A ABEL	AF-SE	0153	2004
NICHOLAS W ALDRIDGE	AT&SFF	2418	2004
LARRY D BALDRIDGE	ICGF	0616	2004
JAMES R BARNES	AF-SW	0345	2004
RONNIE BROWN JR	ICGF	0654	2004
JIMMY H CAPES	AF-SW	2286	2004
CHARLES L CARTER	AF-SE	0153	2004
JORGE CASTRO	AF-SW	1254	2004
JASON W CHRISTIAN	AF-SW	0345	2004
ANDREW L CLARK	ICGF	0616	2004
KENNETH H COLLARD	AF-SW	0450	2004
DAVID H COLLING	USD	1227	2004
JARED R COMER	ICGF	0616	2004
C L COMSTOCK	AF-SW	1025	2004
ANTHONY CROCKETT	AF-SE	0670	2004
JOEY D DAVIS	AF-SE	0725	2004
JEFFERY C DAVIS	AF-SW	0601	2004
R A DESHOTEL	AF-SW	1100	2004
IVAN J DIXON	AT&SFF	2417	2004
MICHAEL A DOWNES	AF-SE	0153	2004
RYAN E DUDA	WCSD	2931	2004
JAROD A FINK	AF-SE	0695	2004
MOSE J FLETCHER	ICGF	0637	2004
K M FOLSOM	AF-SW	0345	2004
WILLIS R FRANCIS	AF-SW	0345	2004
RYAN E GERWITZ	CRSF	0895	2004
MICHAEL D GORE	AF-SW	0345	2004
ERNEST E GREEN	AF-SW	2762	2004
VONCHA HALBERT	ICGF	0616	2004
D D HARPER	AF-SW	0345	2004
TIMOTHY J HART	CRSF	0305	2004
TERRY D HESTER	AF-SW	0450	2004
CHAD M HINNANT	AF-SE	2163	2004
BRYAN M HORNE	ICGF	0637	2004
RICHARD D HOSTETLER	SOU	0542	2004
MAURICE JACKSON	ICGF	0616	2004
CHAD E JASTER	AF-SW	0345	2004
GARY W JEFFCOATS	ICGF	0616	2004
A D JOHANNSEN	AF-SW	0450	2004
D D JOHNSON	AF-SW	1137	2004
THOMAS L JOHNSON	ICGF	0694	2004
MICHAEL W JOINER	AF-SW	1193	2004
RICHARD JORDAN	ICGF	0616	2004
W C KINCADE	AF-SW	1137	2004
B S KING	AF-SW	0345	2004
TROY KING	ICGF	0616	2004
MICHAEL E KIRKMAN	AF-SW	0450	2004
VIRGLE H KISSELBURG	AF-SW	1127	2004
VLADIMIR P KOGUT	USD	0875	2004
CHRISTOPHER S KUBE	PENN	3068	2004
C D KUYKENDALL	AF-SW	1127	2004
TERRELL LA FONTAINE II	AF-SE	0916	2004
JAMES L LEACH	ICGF	0616	2004
TROY A LENGER	AF-SW	1353	2004
TERRY L LINGLE	AF-SW	1137	2004
JOHN J LISTON	AF-SE	1049	2004
JOEL D LUNSFORD	AF-SW	0450	2004
L MALDONADO	AF-SW	0345	2004
DANIEL N MARTINEZ	AF-SW	1058	2004
CHARLES L MARVIN	WCSD	2932	2004
CORY D MAXWELL	ICGF	0616	2004
JOHN R MAY	AF-SE	0916	2004
JASON P MC DONALD	USD	2854	2004
CHRISTOPHER L MC INTYRE	ICGF	0616	2004
CHAD R MC KINNEY	AF-SW	0450	2004
ANTHONY A MOSCHITTI	PENN	3068	2004
BRADLEY D MYER	USD	1516	2004
JOHN NASH	AF-SE	1155	2004
SCOTT D O DELL	AF-SE	1643	2004
MICHAEL L PAGEL	WCSD	2932	2004
CORY A PAYNE	AF-SW	0450	2004
C L PHILLIPS	AF-SW	1099	2004
PHILLIP D POWELL	AF-SE	0725	2004
ALEXANDER S PRODOVIKOV	PENN	3014	2004
CHRISTOPHER D RODGERS	SOU	2838	2004
TRAVIS C ROGERS	AT&SFF	1251	2004
WILLIAM J ROSS	AF-SE	0916	2004

JAMES M RUSSELL	AF-SW	0345	2004
SERGIO SALINAS	BURL	2857	2001
CARLOS J SERRANO	PENN	3068	2004
STANLEY M SHADRIX	AF-SE	2426	2004
SHAWN P SHAMP	AF-SW	0345	2004
DWAYNE SOLOMON	PENN	3068	2004
K K STAGGS	AF-SW	0345	2004
RICKEY L SUTTON	SOU	0542	2004
TERRY THOMAS	ICGF	0616	2004
ROBERT D TRAVIS	WCSD	2929	2004
DAVID VERNETTI	WCSD	2932	2004
RICHARD VILARDO	PENN	3068	2004
NATHAN K WEST	ICGF	0616	2004
RONALD L WILLIAMS	ICGF	1165	2004
PETE L WILLIAMS	AF-SW	0450	2004
JOHN J WOODS	ICGF	0637	2004

20 year MERIT AWARD

DERRICK R ADAMS	AT&SFF	0745	1994
VINCENT APADULA	CRSD	2906	1994
RODNEY G BALL	AF-SW	0601	1994
EDGAR A BENZON	AT&SFF	2419	1994
MARCO A CASTILLO	USD	0407	1994
DARRELL J CHAVEZ	AT&SFF	2416	1994
STEVEN E DULMAGE	AT&SFF	2418	1994
HOLLIS D GREEN	ICGF	0615	1994
MICHAEL L GUERRERA	CRSD	2906	1994
DAVID A HAGER	PENN	3014	1994
KEVIN M HAMILTON	AF-SW	0601	1994
TODD HARDY	PENN	3068	1994
ROD D HASKINS	AT&SFF	0361	1994
DEREK W LEE	AT&SFF	2418	1994
ANDREW MEYER	AF-SE	0338	1994
RUEL MYRIE	AF-SW	0601	1994
JAIME RODRIGUEZ	CRSFNP	1363	1994
JOHN T SAVOY	AT&SFF	2411	1994
BRIAN G SCHRADER	USD	2430	1994
JOHN P VALLEY	AF-SW	0601	1994
RON E WALL	AT&SFF	2415	1994
DAVID L WULLENWEBER	AT&SFF	2419	1994

30 year MERIT AWARD

TERRY W ADKINS	SOU	0660	1984
DAVE T BEGAY	USD	1020	1984
RONNIE E BOUNDS	AF-SE	0916	1984
JOHN BROWN	SOU	0302	1984
KEVIN M CHASE	N E	0228	1984
WILLIAM T CRIPPEN	AF-SE	0695	1984
JOSEPH W CROWLEY	CRSD	2910	1984
TIMOTHY J DOLAN	CRSD	2910	1984
RANDALL DOUGLAS	CRSF	1980	1984
FRED DUBOISE	AT&SFF	2400	1984
LEONARD GARCIA	AT&SFF	2415	1984
STEVEN L GUILLORY	AF-SW	1176	1984
MARK S KRUSE	AT&SFF	2410	1984
RANDALL G MAHON	USD	0107	1984
PATRICK R MARTINEZ	AT&SFF	2415	1984
MILLARD C MASON JR	SOU	0636	1984
KENNETH MATTOX	CRSD	2910	1984
JOHN W MC CAIN	USD	0227	1984
R M PRIMUS	SOU	1618	1984
MICHAEL A RIVERA	AT&SFF	2418	1984
TILLMAN ROSE	CRSD	2910	1984
JAMES A SANTORO JR	PENN	3082	1984
RICHARD V STRATFORD	CRSD	2910	1984
KIRT TRATHEN	USD	1709	1984
ROMAN R VAZQUEZ	USD	1227	1984
TOMMY VEGA	USD	1862	1984
TERRY D WILLIAMS	AF-SW	1099	1984
STANLEY J YAZZIE	USD	1862	1984

40 year MERIT AWARD

JERRY L ALLEN	AF-SW	1353	1974
FREDERICK J BANFORD JR	PENN	3012	1974
GARY R BARKER	USD	1054	1974
DAVID L BARR	PENN	3060	1974
EARL BOSTICK	CRSF	1657	1974
DELBERT E BOSWELL	CRSF	0505	1974
ROBERT R BROWN	USD	1196	1974
GREGORY V BUTLER	PENN	3086	1974
DAVID E CANAS	CRSF	1037	1974
GARY E CREWS	AF-SE	2162	1974
PAUL S DAVIS	AT&SFF	0361	1974
WILLIAM T DEERY	AF-SE	0695	1974
MICHAEL D DEVITT	CRSF	1978	1974
NICOLAS DIAZ JR	USD	0914	1974
RANDY H DREW	BURL	1316	1974
RICHARD D FAIRBAUGH	CRSF	2779	1974
DOMINICK FAUCI	USD	1046	1974
EDDIE J FISHER	AT&SFF	0493	1974
LUNARD FRANKLIN	AF-SE	0547	1974
JAVIER E GARCIA	USD	0134	1974
GARADO C GONZALEZ	USD	1002	1974
GERARD A HANSEN	AT&SFF	2404	1974
ROBERT E HARKINS	AT&SFF	1547	1974
CLIFFORD F HARNESSE JR	CRSF	1562	1974
RALPH A HERRMAN	USD	1216	1974
JOSE C HINOJOS	USD	1862	1974
RONALD J JETTE	CRSF	0612	1974
JOHN JORDAN	PENN	3075	1974
STEPHEN KERPERIEN	AF-SW	0450	1974
LIONEL KING	ICGF	0652	1974
BENJAMIN KNOX	AF-SE	2162	1974
DEAN J KOBZA	USD	0473	1974
TERRY K LALLY	USD	1133	1974
SHANE A LANNING	CRSF	0076	1974
DAVID H LEONARD	AF-SE	0695	1974
FERNANDO S LOPEZ	AT&SFF	2405	1974
JEFFREY L LUTHI	AF-SE	0665	1974
ROBERT MATA	CRSF	0176	1974
JOSEPH C MATTIE	N E	1718	1974
LYNNEL C MC CULLOUGH	AF-SE	0992	1974
EUGENE K MC MULLAN	CRSF	0612	1974
ROBERT C MENDOZA	USD	1862	1974
CHARLES W MOODY	AF-SE	1155	1974
RODGER K MORTON	AT&SFF	2417	1974
ROBERT V PEREZ	AT&SFF	2417	1974
MICHAEL F PETRUCCI	PENN	0935	1974
PHILLIP J RAINONE JR	CRSD	2906	1974
EDWARD M RICE	AT&SFF	2404	1972
JEFF RUSSELL	AF-SE	1162	1974
HECTOR M SANCHEZ	USD	1096	1974
M L SANDERHOLM	AT&SFF	2405	1974
KIM H SHEPPARD	ICGF	1393	1974
JAMES S STITH	SOU	0619	1974
B J TOM	AT&SFF	2400	1974
DAVID W TRUSSELL	PENN	3018	1974
RICHARD J VANDERPOOL	N E	1551	1974
RANDY P WALKER	AF-SW	0965	1974
GARY J WALTER SR	PENN	3016	1974
RICK B WEHRLI	USD	0941	1974
STEVEN M WEIDMAN	AF-SE	0993	1974
JERRY D YOUNG	CRSF	0505	1974
JOHN D YOUNGBLOOD	AF-SE	2167	1974

50 year MERIT AWARD

JACKIE L BORDERS	BURL	0036	1964
CHRISTOPHER GALLARDO	USD	0407	1964

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60 year MERIT AWARD

JOSEPH R BRENNAN	CRSF	2780	1953
RONALD O BREVIG	BURL	0036	1954
LEONARD C HEUERMAN	CRSFNP	1664	1953
GEORGE A JESENKO	USD	0407	1954
GRADY JESSEE JR	ASF	0551	1954
WILLIAM M LAWRENCE	ASF	0599	1954
THEO E MARKINS	AF-SE	0025	1953
DONALD W MARSHALL	BURNOR	0104	1953
KARL SIEHNEL	BURNOR	0309	1953

A Reminder on Holiday Rules

If you are a furloughed employee of a railroad covered by the U.S. National Agreement with at least 60 days of seniority or 60 calendar days of continuous service preceding a covered holiday, and if you had compensation paid by the carrier credited to 11 or more of the 30 calendar days immediately preceding the holiday, you may be entitled to pay for that holiday even though you are furloughed.

For detailed information contact your General Chairperson.

The complete list of holidays are:

- New Year's Day
- President's Day
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve (the day before Christmas is observed)
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Eve (the day before New Year's Day is observed)

Candidacy Announcements



Freddie N. Simpson

I am honored to be announcing my candidacy for reelection to the office of National Division President.

It is an honor and privilege serving as your President, a responsibility I have not taken lightly. I have worked closely with your National Division Officers in an effort to move our Union forward and secure our place as a progressive and strong union. We continue to make progress while still working within our budget.

Through strong ties with our Teamster brothers and sisters, we have built a stronger voice in the halls of Congress, helping our

Brotherhood maintain the strength and influence needed to participate in constructing laws that protect the rights and safety of our members.

I continue to believe our Brotherhood can only survive by preparing the next generation of officers to meet the challenges that will continue to face us in the future.

And, I believe our Union is meeting those challenges. Nearly all of the young officers who have been elected during my previous tenure have been provided with advanced training on the duties they will face as elected representatives.

I have been a proud member of the BMWED for 40 years, and have served our union at the local, system and national level, and currently continue to serve as both your BMWED National Division President and IBT International Vice President.

I thank you all for your past support and ask that you honor me once again with the opportunity to continue as your President.

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Perry K. Geller

It is an honor to again ask for your support as I seek reelection to the position of National Division Secretary-Treasurer of the BMWED.

I am again proud to report that the brotherhood's finances are in good order despite the expensive but necessary costs over the past four years. Working together with President Simpson and your National Division officers, we have accomplished much, and have met the challenge of preparing our next generation of leadership through the many educational efforts completed during my last term in office.

As a system officer I represented the membership in every capacity and on a number of different freight railroads, and Amtrak. Those duties required me to negotiate and update agreements, and monitor and enforce compliance by the rail carriers. This experience allowed me to be prepared for the position I now hold. My railroad career at Conrail gave me the understanding, and compassion I have for my union brothers and sisters which drives me to work even harder. I have served as a member of the National Division Executive Board and am no stranger to the art of making tough decisions. As your Secretary-Treasurer I have continued to manage and protect your funds through one of the toughest economies in the history of our country.

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John Hickenlooper (Colorado)

Governor John Hickenlooper is running for re-election. Hickenlooper was elected with 50.7 percent of the vote in 2010.

State Senator Greg Brophy and Former Congressman Tom Tancredo are running for the Republican nomination. Colorado Secretary of State Scott Gessler is a potential Republican candidate.

Neil Abercrombie (Hawaii)

Governor Neil Abercrombie launched his re-election campaign on April 29, 2013. Abercrombie was elected with 58.2 percent of the vote in 2010 over former Lieutenant Governor Duke Aiona. State Senator David Ige is challenging Abercrombie for the Democratic nomination.

Aiona might seek a rematch. Another potential Republican candidate is former Congressman Charles Djou.

Pat Quinn (Illinois)

Democratic Governor Pat Quinn is running for re-election. Quinn was elected to a full term with 46.6 percent of the vote in 2010.

Businessman Bruce Rauner, Treasurer Dan Rutherford, and State Senators Kirk Dillard and Bill Brady are running for the Republican nomination.

Mark Dayton (Minnesota)

Governor Mark Dayton is running for re-election. Dayton was elected with 43.7 percent of the vote in 2010.

Teacher Rob Farnsworth, investment banker Scott Honour, Hennepin County Commissioner and former State Representative Jeff Johnson, perennial candidate Ole Savior, former Minority Leader of the Minnesota House of Representatives and candidate for Governor in 2010 Marty Seifert, State Senator and former radio host Dave Thompson, and State Representative and former Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives Kurt Zellers are seeking the Republican nomination. Activist Leslie Davis is seeking the DFL nomination.

John Kitzhaber (Oregon)

Governor John Kitzhaber is running for re-election. Kitzhaber was elected with 49.2 percent of the vote in 2010.

Peter Shumlin (Vermont)

Governor Peter Shumlin, re-elected in 2012, is running for re-election. (Vermont governors serve two-year terms.)

Democratic incumbents eligible for re-election (3)

Dan Malloy (Connecticut)

Governor Dan Malloy will be eligible to run for re-election, but has so far not announced if he will do so. Malloy was elected with 49.6 percent of the vote in 2010.

Former U.S. ambassador to Ireland and 2010 Republican gubernatorial candidate Tom Foley is challenging Malloy again after losing by less than 1 percent of the vote in 2010.

Maggie Hassan (New Hampshire)

Governor Maggie Hassan, elected in 2012, will be eligible to run for re-election. (New Hampshire's governors serve two-year terms.)

Former U.S. Representative Frank Guinta has not ruled out the possibility of running for the Republican nomination.

Andrew Cuomo (New York)

Governor Andrew Cuomo will be eligible to run for re-election. He has not officially announced that he will seek a second term, but has renamed his campaign committee Andrew Cuomo 2014 and has given other hints about his intentions. Cuomo was elected with 62.6 percent of the vote in 2010 over Carl Paladino.

Paladino might seek a rematch. Other potential Republican candidates are Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, businessman Donald Trump, State Assemblyman Steven McLaughlin, Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro and Harry Wilson, the nominee for State Comptroller in 2010.

Independent and Third Party incumbents eligible for re-election (1)

Eloy Inos (Northern Mariana Islands)

Governor Eloy Inos, who was elected as Lieutenant Governor in 2009 as a member of the Covenant Party, succeeded his predecessor Benigno Fitial (R) upon the latter's resignation on February 20, 2013 and will be eligible to run for a full term.



Perry K. Geller, Sr.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Preparations for the Third Regular BMWED Convention, which will be held June 23-25, 2014, are in full swing. Local Lodge members are electing convention delegates and alternates to represent their Lodge and the

interests of its members and the Brotherhood. The National Division President has appointed the necessary committees to review submitted bylaw proposals and resolutions, and the entire BMWED is preparing to chart the course of our great union into the future.

This will be the 47th convention to be held in the Brotherhood's recorded history. The founding Convention of our Brotherhood was held in July 1887, led by a courageous young leader named John T. Wilson.

At that time, the Brotherhood was known as the Order of Railway Trackmen and its membership numbered just a few hundred. Today, we are 35,000 members strong and proud to be holding our 3rd BMWED Convention since our merger with the 1.4 million member International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Over our storied 127-year history, delegates gathered in

convention have charted and shaped the future and effectiveness of our union. Conventions provide the rank-and-file membership a direct say in how the organization will be governed through our Bylaws, who will lead this Brotherhood through the election of National Division Officers, and what resolutions will be adopted to establish our goals and objectives into the future. Thus, there is no Local Lodge responsibility more important to BMWED and its members than to be represented at Convention by a duly elected delegate.

At Convention, Local Lodge delegates are entitled and encouraged to speak on any and every issue properly brought before the body for discussion. There will be a professional parliamentarian on the podium throughout the convention to answer any questions from delegates regarding parliamentary procedures and Robert's Rules of

Order. Delegates will decide the rules which will govern the convention and will consider proposals to amend the bylaws after full democratic debate and discussion.

In short, delegates will be asked to consider every measure brought before the convention for the good and welfare of the Brotherhood. Every decision made on the convention floor will impact the future of our union and its ability to represent the best interests of its members.

The election of National Division Officers will take place on Tuesday, June 24th and each Local Lodge delegate will be entitled to cast one vote for every member in good standing of the Lodge or Lodges he/she has been elected to represent. I am confident that our Local Lodge delegates understand the awesome responsibility they carry to Convention, and I am equally confident that our delegates will conduct themselves with honor

and in the best interest of the membership and the BMWED.

The theme of this 47th gathering of Maintenance of Way delegates is, "BMWED - 127 Years of Progress and Still On-Track." Looking back from our humble beginning in 1887, through struggle and perseverance we have made significant strides over the past 127 years; but our work is not done. Together we will continue grow our union and fight to make gains at the bargaining table, in the regulatory and legislative arenas, and in the courts. Together we will continue our efforts to transition this Brotherhood into the future by engaging our members, educating and mentoring our emerging leaders, and structuring our operations to meet tomorrow's challenges. And together, we will emerge from the 2014 Convention stronger, more united, and better prepared for the battles that lie ahead.

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support, I pledge to you that I will continue to work closely with your President and other National Division officers to provide you with the best representation and service possible.

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Roger Sanchez

I am announcing my candidacy for reelection as Vice President for the South Region of the BMWED/IBT and respectfully ask for your support. I began my career on the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1974.

During my years with the

Brotherhood I have served as Local Lodge President, Vice President, District Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Texas State Legislative Director. During my 40 years with the BMWED I also served the SP Atlantic Federation as Chairman of the Executive Board, Assistant General Chairman and General Chairman. I have served as one of your National Division Vice Presidents since 2006 and currently serve as the BMWED Human Rights Commissioner.

Since our last convention in 2010 the BMWED has taken positive steps to insure that the membership will be represented by a strong union with a viable future. I am happy to be part of this process and have worked closely with the other National Division Officers over the past eight years to chart the right course for the future of our union.

I understand the need to listen to the voice of the membership in order to represent all of our mem-

bers equally and fairly.

I appreciate your trust and for allowing me to serve as your South Vice President. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you and I ask for your support as I seek reelection to serve the interests of the entire membership as your Vice President for the South Region.

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Around the Brotherhood

Lodge 1632 holds Quarterly Meeting

BMWED Local Lodge 1632 (Binghamton, NY) held its Quarterly Meeting on Friday, March 7, 2014. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a Delegate for the Third Regular BMWED National Division Convention in Las Vegas June 23-25, 2014. NESF General Chairman Dale Bogart and NESF Vice General Chairman John Miller were in attendance where the Lodge had a successful election of Delegate as well as discussed numerous issues affecting BMWED members on the Delaware and Hudson Railway (CP Rail).



Photo by NESF General Chairman Dale Bogart.

Lodge 2957 holds Winter Meeting

BMWED Local Lodge 2957 held its 2014 Winter Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014 in Honesdale, Pa. The meeting was held in part to elect a Delegate for the BMWED Third Quadrennial National Division Convention in June 2014 as well as to discuss local issues on the New York, Susquehanna and Western (NYS&W) Railway Corporation from which the members of the Lodge are employed.



Pictured (L-R): NESF General Chairman Dale Bogart, Jake Anderson, Dean Sylvestri, James Thomas, Glen Oleksak, Patrick Schaub and Thomas Livingstone

Lodge 2910 holds retirement presentation

Commuter Railroad System Division Local 2910 met in Philadelphia, Pa. on March 27, 2014, where Brothers Danny Quinones and Tom Barber were presented with BMWED pocket watches commemorating their recent retirements.



Pictured (from left) are CRSD Vice Chairman Mick Barrett, Danny Quinones, CRSD General Chairman Seán Gerie, Tom Barber.

Lodge 624 holds Family Day meeting

BMWED Allied Federation Local Lodge 624 from Augusta, Ga. held a Family Day meeting on March 22, 2014 at Wildwood Park on Clarks Hill Lake. Vice Chairman Russell Farmer was on hand to discuss union business and address questions from the Lodge 624 brothers and their families over a picnic cookout.



Lodge 1003 holds meeting

Members of Chicago & Eastern Illinois System Division Local Lodge 1003 met earlier this year, with topics ranging from the benefits of FELA counsel to various issues on the Union Pacific Railroad.



Lodge 153 gathered for wedding

Members of BMWED Allied Federation Local Lodge 153 from Richmond, Va. gathered March 22, 2014 at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts for the wedding of Brother Clark Ballew and new wife, Carrie. Brothers and their spouses in attendance included Steven Hart and wife, Sara; Lodge President Todd Taylor and wife, Shelly; Nathan Newcomb and wife, Chelsea; Jordan Sprouse; Tim Ballew and wife, Joyce; Ron Winnegan and wife, Demesha; Martin Spikes; and retired Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen member Buck Smith and wife, Jenny.



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David Joynt



Bruce Glover



Ed Long



C. Perry Rapier

I first want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Vice President Northwest Region for the last six years. I seek your support for reelection as Vice President at the 2014 BMWED National Division Convention. It has been an honor to serve with the current officers but now, as several of them retire, it is more important than ever to keep this Organization headed in the right direction and to utilize the experience we have remaining and to help the new officers make a smooth transition.

I am a forty year member of the BMWED, with 22 years of service as a System Officer, six years on the Executive Board and the last six years as Vice President. I have served on many national bargaining committees and as Vice President negotiated dozens of local agreements with railroads not in national handling. I have been appointed to serve on numerous committees by President Simpson and currently serve as co-chair of the Health and Welfare Committee preparing for the next round of national bargaining.

The current group of officers have made great strides but there is still much to be done and the railroads are relentless in their attacks on our CBA's and through this transition period we must utilize all of the experience we have to make sure we continue to move this great Brotherhood forward. I again ask for your support and to allow me to help provide the critical experience needed over the next four years.

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I have served BMWED Members as Local, Vice and General Chairman. I serve as President of the BNSF General Chairman's Association and lead spokesman for the Multi-Union Bargaining Committee on MRL. I was past Chairman of the Northwest Region, a member of the National Bargaining Committee since 1996, and served on the BMWED Grand Lodge Executive Board. With your support I want to bring my experience to the position of National Division Vice President, Northwest Region.

I will fight to improve the working lives of our Members. I have seen the Carrier's tactics over the years. I can provide insight that will benefit our great core of Officers.

Policing our Agreements is one way we protect Member's rights. The Systems in our Region employ many great strategies to stop these violations. I will work with the Systems to identify our strengths and use the best of the best together.

I have the history of our working Agreements; the proposals that created them and the decisions that impact them. I want to share it. I won't let dirty Carrier tricks fool us.

I have been on informational picket lines, and Strikes. I participated in "sit-ins" to progress our bargaining. I have been in bargaining struggles. These are valuable skills we can't afford to lose. I am willing to struggle and I believe we can win.

I work hard, I'm honest and I care. I ask your support for the position of Northwest Region Vice President.

Thank you
Bruce Glover

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I am extremely honored to announce my candidacy for the Northeast Region Vice President BMWED/IBT and humbly request your support to this position. I've had the privilege of serving as a Vice Chairman of the Consolidated Rail System Federation rank and file membership since February 1997 under the direction of then General Chairman Perry K. Geller Sr. I have been elected/re-elected unopposed as a system officer at the last five CRSF conventions. I am confident I possess the experience, vision and leadership skills necessary to represent you in a way you deserve.

My experience includes representing not only the CRSF membership, but all BMWED on the multiple freight and passenger carriers I have worked with. As information I have written and processed countless claims and grievances in my tenure as a System Officer, which the railroads have had to pay in excess of 5.5 million dollars in settlement monies to the rank and file Members. This has led to the creation of many new BMWED jobs for our membership that was once work that had been contracted out. I am currently working on other issues which will eventually create more work and many more jobs for BMWED. Work is BMWED's future!

With your support I pledge to continue representing your best interests in negotiating agreements that contain work preservation and job creation for BMWED Members that pay the highest wages obtainable and include the benefits you and your families expect and richly deserve. Thank you!

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I am running for the Vice President of the Northeast and am respectfully requesting your consideration and support. I started working on the railroad in 1974 as a Trackman for Penn Central Railroad. I held various positions including, Trackman, Machine Operator, Welder, Welder Foreman, Track Inspector, Track Foreman, and Bus Driver. I worked on some of the big gangs and traveled and stayed in camp cars. So I know what it is to be away from home and traveling on the railroad. In my local lodge I have held the positions of President, Grievance Member, Grievance Chairman, and Lodge Delegate representing my Local at various meetings. After holding these local lodge offices I was elected in 1984 to my current position as Vice Chairman of the Pennsylvania Federation.

I currently represent members on Amtrak, CSX, and Norfolk Southern Railroads. I hold a Bachelor Of Arts Degree in Labor Studies from the National Labor College at the George Meany Center in Silver Springs, Maryland. I earned this degree while working full time and attending College part time.

Throughout my career I have served on many committees representing the interests of the working men and women who are the backbone of this great Organization. I am very proud and honored to have served their interests to the best of my ability. Most recently I served on the National/Local Negotiating Committees of Norfolk Southern and CSX representing the Pennsylvania Federation in the last round of bargaining.

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Dennis R. Albers

I am honored to be announcing my candidacy for reelection to the position of National Division Executive Board Member from the BMWED South Region.

I was hired by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad 42 years ago and have been an active member of this Brotherhood ever since. I have served our union in one capacity or another nearly as long as I have been a member. I served as Secretary Treasurer for Local Lodge 1162 and on the Joint Protective Board for the former B&O System Federation prior to election to the position of Vice Chairman for the former CSX Federation. I currently serve as General Chairman for the Allied Federation, a position I have held for eight years. I also currently serve on the National Division Executive Board as Secretary.

Over the past few years I have worked closely with your National Division officers in an effort to assure that our union remains strong, and focused on the membership. I believe I have the experience and knowledge to continue helping move our union forward. If given the honor of continuing as your Executive Board Member I will continue to work with your leadership to make secure the future of our Organization.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you, the membership, for allowing me to serve this great Brotherhood, and humbly ask for your support as I seek reelection to the next term representing you on the National Division Executive Board.

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Jack E. David

It is with humility that I announce my candidacy for the position of Member to the BMWED National Division Executive Board.

I have been a proud member of the BMWED since 1976 when I hired onto the Norfolk Southern Railroad. I believe working for Norfolk Southern and experiencing the manner in which they treat their employees gives me a very specific perspective in what our union faces when dealing with all of the rail carriers. It takes a tough and smart union leadership to protect our members' rights under such circumstances. Our leadership has done a good job in maintaining a good standard of living for our members in spite of the obstacles we face, and I would like to participate in those efforts at the National Level.

I have worked for our membership both as a Local Chairman for my Local Lodge 301, and continue to serve as First Vice Chairman for the Affiliated System Federation. If elected I would tackle the Executive Board position with the same zeal and passion I have for my position with the Affiliated System Federation.

My experience both as a railroad worker and as a union representative have given me insight that I would like to bring to the Board position. While I'm confident our union is headed in the right direction, I believe I can bring my experiences to the table and help maintain that course.

I humbly and respectfully ask for your support as I seek this office.

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Jed Dodd

I am seeking the office of Northeast Executive Board and humbly request your support. I began my railroad career on Amtrak in 1977 and worked as a trackman, machine operator, welder helper and foreman. After holding several local lodge offices, in 1983 I was elected to my current position as General Chairman of the Pennsylvania Federation. As General Chairman I have chaired the Conrail, Norfolk Southern and Amtrak BMWED bargaining committees. I completed a BA in Labor Studies from Rutgers University and a MSILR degree from Cornell University. I earned both degrees while working on the railroad. I have the experience and qualifications for this position.

In recent history we have witnessed the greatest transfer of wealth in the history of mankind from those who work for a living to those who rule for a living. This theft was accomplished by a brutal assault by the corporations and their governments on working people and our Unions. Wages, pensions, health benefits and good jobs have been decimated by trade policies and state repression. We need new ways to fight global capital and their servant governments. To achieve a better world our fight will require us to take risks and make sacrifices like those made by those who built our original unions. As the Northeast Executive Board member I will support policies and actions that will challenge our masters for a better divide of the tremendous wealth we produce.

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Staci Moody-Gilbert

It is a privilege to announce my candacy for the position of Member to the BMWED National Division Executive Board.

My experience began the first day I began work for the Burlington Northern Railroad. From that first day I understood the importance of a strong union and the protection it provided me and my co-workers. I understood that I needed to accept my responsibility to help keep our union strong and viable and serve as Secretary-Treasurer for my Local Lodge 1214 in McCook, Nebraska.

My first opportunity to serve the Membership full-time came when I became Vice General Chairwoman of the Burlington System Division. Subsequently, I was honored when elected to serve as the first General Chairwoman. My experience also includes serving as Vice Chairwoman of the Northwest Region Association and then Secretary-Treasurer.

The experience I have gained while serving our membership in a variety of responsibilities has led me to believe that I can play a role in the representation of our membership at the National Division level.

My goal as a union officer has always been to improve the wages and working conditions of our members, increase and protect our hard-fought benefits, and improve the general well-being of our members and their families. Those are the beliefs I will carry with me to the Executive Board position, should the membership choose to honor me with the position.

I humbly request your support and ask that I be allowed to continue serving our members in that capacity.

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Gary W. Marquart



David R. Scoville



Roy L. Miller

I am privileged to announce that I intend to stand for election to the position of Member to the National Division Executive Board from the BMWED West Region.

I hired onto the Santa Fe Railroad in 1974 and became a member of the BMWED. I served our union first at the local lodge level as a Local Chairman and as a Secretary-Treasurer for Local Lodge 2412, headquartered in Lubbock, Texas. I also served on the Federation Executive Board prior to serving full-time as a Vice Chairman. I currently serve as General Chairman for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Frisco System Federation. Prior to being elected to my current position I worked for the BMWED National Division as Assistant to the President where I was involved in a variety of efforts on behalf of our members.

I believe I have the experience necessary to take the next step and represent our members at the National Division Level. Having worked side by side on the railroad with my union brothers and sisters for many years, I am very familiar with the struggles they face every day and feel I am qualified to represent their interest.

Our National Division officers have done a good job of keeping our union on track. A number of those officers are retiring and I want to be part of the new transition that continues to move our organization in the right direction.

I respectfully ask for your support as I seek this office.



As the Third Regular Convention of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division approaches, I humbly and respectfully ask for your support as I seek the office of Vice President of the West Region. I firmly believe I will be an asset to this proud Organization as we move into the future.

I began my Union service as Local Secretary Treasurer in 1993, moving into the Local Chairman and System Executive Committee Member a few years later. I have served as System Representative and Vice Chairman of the former Union Pacific System Division, now the Unified System Division and I currently hold the office of Assistant General Chairman representing those proud Maintenance of Way Employees coming under the collective agreements under the Unified jurisdiction. My full time service began in 2006 under the tutelage of current Vice President David Tanner. The principles he has instilled in me will serve this Brotherhood well as we move forward.

I am a lifelong resident of Spokane Washington entering into railroad service with the Union Pacific as a bridge tender in North Idaho in 1979. I worked twenty six years in positions across the Maintenance of Way craft. I have a firm grounding of what railroad life is and what it means to railroaders and their families. My pledge is to relentlessly work to make those gains that lift our proud Maintenance of Way members to the standard they deserve; better wages, better benefits, job security.



I take this opportunity to announce my intention to stand for re-election to the position of BMWED National Division Executive Board Member from the Northwest Region.

I believe my past experience qualifies me to continue serving our membership in this capacity for another term. I began my career and joined the Brotherhood 38 years ago on the Burlington Northern Railroad. During my railroad career I served our union as the BMWED State Legislative Director for the state of Wyoming, learning first-hand how much politics impacts our membership. I served as Local Chairman for my Local Lodge 1142 in Guernsey, Wyoming, and served as Secretary on the Burlington System Division Board as well as Chairman. I currently serve as Vice Chairman for the Burlington System Division, and a Member of the BMWED National Division Executive Board.

During my service for the membership I have seen the challenges we face from almost every angle and feel I can continue to use that unique experience in the position I seek.

National bargaining is just around the corner again, and all of Labor is under attack both on the state level and in the halls of Congress. We face difficult times and I ask for the opportunity to help meet those challenges. If re-elected I will continue to spend all of my energy to serve the men and women of the BMWED to the very best of my ability. I ask for your support as I seek re-election to this position.



RRB Labor Member Announces Pre-Retirement Seminars for Rail Workers, Spouses

Railroad employees and their spouses closing in on retirement will be able to learn the latest benefit information and application requirements as part of a new program announced by Labor Member of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) Walter A. Barrows.

Designed for railroad employees and spouses planning to retire within five years, the new Pre-Retirement Seminars will familiarize attendees with the retirement benefits available to them, and also guide them through the application process. Individuals who have not previously submitted documents required when filing a railroad retirement annuity application, such as proofs of age, marriage, or military service, are encouraged to bring this material to the seminar.

The program will begin this year on a pilot basis, with seminars planned for Omaha on May 16, and Huntington on June 20. Additional details regarding registration and locations will be announced soon.

RRB field personnel will lead the Pre-Retirement Seminars, which will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. On those same dates and in those same locations, Informational Conferences sponsored by the Office of the Labor Member will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for invited rail labor representatives.





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BMWED officers conduct pre-convention committee meetings

BMWED officers and staff convened in April at the Novi, Mich. headquarters for a collection of committee meetings ahead of the scheduled 2014 National Convention this June. The meetings are essential functions that help the convention proceedings run smoothly and provide advance notice and attention to convention business.



MLK Day tributes

The BMWED Diversity Committee attended Martin Luther King Jr. Day community service events in San Antonio, Texas this January, where members volunteered their time by helping to build a home for Habitat for Humanity. The group also joined other volunteer efforts during the week-end event, as well as marching in the MLK Parade.

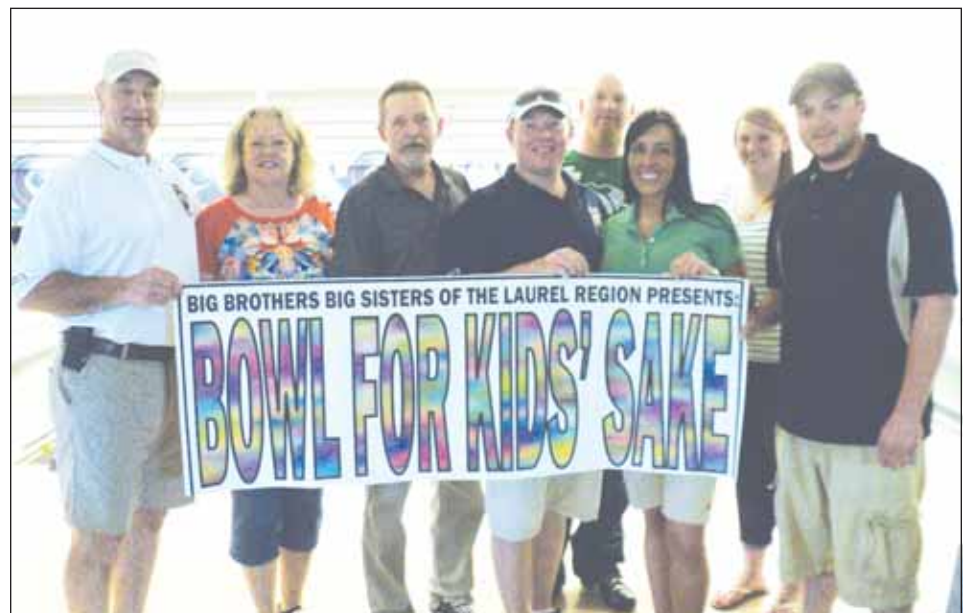


Diversity Committee volunteers during MLK Day tributes in San Antonio.



Penn Fed Lodge 3008 donates to Big Brothers Big Sisters

Members of BMWED Pennsylvania Federation Lodge 3008 participated in a "Bowl for Kids' Sake" Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Laurel (Pa.) Region fund drive on April 13, 2014. After a little fun on the lanes for a great cause, the Penn Fed members presented a donation to the group. Among those attending the event from the Penn Fed were Vice Chairman Paul Dominic, Penn Fed Executive Board Member Mike Rapier, Lodge 3008 Pres. Mike Smith, Lodge 3008 Secretary/Treasurer Nick Baker, and members John Tissue and Kevin Altman.





**2014 PROPOSAL NO. 4
SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL DIVISION**

ARTICLE I, SECTION 7(b), PARAGRAPH 3 BE AMENDED TO READ:

Excluding those positions elected from nominations made at-large, in the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice President or Executive Board member, those eligible to be elected to fill such vacancy, must be from a System Division or Federation of the region where the vacancy occurs, and must be nominated by a System Division or Federation Officer from that region.

**2014 PROPOSAL NO. 5
SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL DIVISION**

ARTICLE III, SECTION 5 BE AMENDED TO READ:

Sec. 5. He shall have the authority, subject to the approval of the National Division Executive Board, to appoint Assistants to the President to assist him in the discharge of the duties of his office per the requirements in Section 4 of this Article.

He may also delegate authority to act for him to any National Division Officer.

He may also deputize any member to be his immediate representative for particular duties. Such deputies are to possess only such power as is expressly delegated. Such deputies shall submit in writing a full and complete report of his actions to the National Division President immediately after the conclusion of his duties.

He may also activate any member of the Executive Board for such purposes and times as he deems it to be in the interest of the Brotherhood. When so activated, the member will work under his direction, and receive per diem salary equal to that applicable to their regular duties of office as provided at Article VII, Sec. 3.

**2014 PROPOSAL NO. 6
SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL DIVISION**

ARTICLE III, SECTION 12, PARAGRAPH 1 BE AMENDED TO READ:

Sec. 12. ~~Immediately after the close of each~~ Except in those years when the regular National Division Convention convenes, ~~and yearly thereafter,~~ at such time and place as the National Division President directs, he shall annually convene the National Division Officers and System Officers, for the purpose of discussing the field work and outlining the work to be carried out by the National Division Vice Presidents, and also to be instructed in carrying out any policy which the National Division President, Secretary-Treasurer and the Executive Board may have prepared; provided

**Importance of Good Nutrition – The Protein Food Group
Tips to Help Keep Your Health On Track!**

As part of a series of articles on the importance of good nutrition, this month's article focuses on the protein food group. This article provides you with general information about the protein food group such as: what is protein, how much is needed daily, what are the types of protein, the health benefits of protein, and tips for making wiser choices from the protein food group. ⁽¹⁾

What is Protein?	How Much is Needed Daily?	What Are the Types of Protein?	Health Benefits of Protein	Tips for Making Wiser Choices																		
<p>Protein, which exists in every cell, tissue, and organ in your body, is continually breaking down and being replaced. Protein in the food you eat is digested into amino acids that are later used to replace this protein. Protein is found in the following food sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meats, poultry, and fish • Legumes such as dry beans, peas, soybeans, and hummus • Peanut butter • Tofu • Eggs • Nuts and seeds • Milk, milk products <p>Note: If you have no allergy to seafood, try to eat at least 8 ounces per week. Seafood contains omega-3 fatty acids that help in the prevention of heart disease. Eat seafood from the U.S. that is low in mercury (a heavy metal found in seafood) including salmon, anchovies, herring, sardines, Pacific oysters, trout, and Atlantic and Pacific mackerel.</p>	<p>The general recommendation is that 10% – 35% of your daily calories should come from protein. Recommended daily allowances for the age groups are:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Age</th> <th>Grams</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Children:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-3</td> <td>13 grams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4-8</td> <td>19 grams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9-13</td> <td>34 grams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Girls:</td> <td>14-18 46 grams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Boys:</td> <td>14-18 52 grams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women:</td> <td>19+ 46 grams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Men:</td> <td>19+ 56 grams</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Examples of Protein Amounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 oz. milk = 8 grams • 3 oz. meat = 21 grams • 8 oz. dry beans = 16 grams • 8 oz. yogurt = 11 grams <p>1 Ounce (oz.) Equivalents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meat, poultry, fish - 1 oz. • Legumes - ¼ cup • Peanut butter - 1 tbsp. • Tofu - ¼ cup • Eggs - 1 egg • Nuts or seeds - ½ oz. • Milk products - 1 cup 	Age	Grams	Children:		1-3	13 grams	4-8	19 grams	9-13	34 grams	Girls:	14-18 46 grams	Boys:	14-18 52 grams	Women:	19+ 46 grams	Men:	19+ 56 grams	<p>Some amino acids cannot be produced by your body and are referred to as <i>essential</i> amino acids. It is <i>essential</i> that your diet provide them.</p> <p>A complete protein source provides all of the <i>essential</i> amino acids. Animal-based foods such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, milk, and cheese are considered complete sources.</p> <p>An incomplete protein source is defined as missing one or more of the <i>essential</i> amino acids. Eating two or more incomplete protein sources, referred to as a complementary protein, can equal a complete protein source if they are eaten within the same day. For example, rice <u>and</u> cooked, dry beans eaten in the same day provide all <i>essential</i> amino acids.</p> <p>Note: Most adults in the U.S. consume plenty of protein daily to meet their needs. If you are healthy and eating a balanced, nutritious diet, you will likely meet the daily allowance.</p>	<p>Protein supplies many nutrients in the body such as B vitamins (niacin, thiamin, riboflavin, and B6), iron, zinc, and magnesium; all of which are vital to your health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proteins are building blocks for bones, muscles, cartilage, skin, blood, enzymes, hormones, and vitamins. • Proteins are also one of three nutrients that provide calories (fat and carbohydrates are the other two). • B vitamins help release energy, build tissues, form red blood cells, and play an important role in the function of the nervous system. • Iron is essential for many teenage girls and women who have iron-deficiency anemia. Consuming enough protein with foods high in iron can improve iron absorption. • Zinc helps the immune system function properly. • Magnesium builds bones and releases energy from the muscles. 	<p>The following tips will help you make wiser low-fat protein choices when planning your daily meals. Protein that is high in saturated fat and cholesterol may raise the "bad" cholesterol level in your blood (known as the low-density lipoprotein or LDL):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose meats that are leaner cuts and trim away any fat. For chicken and turkey, remove the skin to reduce the fat. • Try substituting pinto or black beans for meat in chili and tacos. • Choose low-fat or fat-free milk, yogurt and cheese. • Choose egg whites or pasteurized egg white products. <p>Note: Vegetarians' daily protein can come from plant-based sources such as beans, peas, processed soy products, nuts, and seeds.</p>
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further that the System Officers represented at such meetings shall be recognized in an advisory capacity.

**2014 PROPOSAL NO. 7
SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL DIVISION**

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH 1 BE AMENDED TO READ:

Sec. 2. Excluding the Vice-President at-large, the The office of each Vice President shall be located in the region from which he is elected and as near as practicable in the general locality in which the Vice President resides. The National Division President may assign a Vice President to perform work in another region on a temporary basis. **The Vice-President at-large may locate his office at or near his point of residence, or may, with the President's approval, locate his office at headquarters.**

**2014 PROPOSAL NO. 8
SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL DIVISION**

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3, PARAGRAPH 1 BE AMENDED TO READ:

Sec. 3. The Vice Presidents will be assigned to the following duties, namely:

They **Four** shall be nominated from one of each of ~~five~~ **four** regions comprising the ~~Northeastern territory, the Northwestern territory, the Southeastern territory, and the Southwestern territory, and the Western territory.~~ **One shall be nominated at-large.** The National Division Vice Presidents shall devote their entire time to the up building of the BMWED and to do such work as decided upon by the National Division Officers at their annual meetings. They will work under the direct instructions of the National Division President. They shall visit and instruct Local Lodges, assist the General Chairmen in their committees and boards and shall have authority to examine and audit the records and books of any Local Lodge and shall institute civil and criminal action to protect the interests of the

BMWED when so directed by the National Division President. Each National Division Vice President shall prepare a written report on his activities and responsibilities to each Regular Convention.

**2014 PROPOSAL NO. 9
SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL DIVISION**

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH 1 BE AMENDED TO READ:

Sec. 2. The quorum of the National Division Executive Board shall be ~~three (3)~~ **four (4)** members.

**2014 PROPOSAL NO. 10
SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL DIVISION**

ARTICLE XIX, SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH 3 BE AMENDED TO READ:

Regional Associations shall be composed of all the General Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, Assistant Chairmen and Secretary-Treasurers of System Divisions or Federations, or others of comparable title, within a prescribed region, the National Division President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Vice President or Vice Presidents assigned to such region., **and the Vice President at-large.**

**2014 PROPOSAL NO. 11
SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL DIVISION**

ARTICLE XIX, SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH 5 BE AMENDED TO READ:

For establishment of Regional Associations, the following Regions shall be created:

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| Northeast Region | Southwest Region |
| Northwest Region | Western Region |
| Southeast Region | |



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