MERGER TALKS APPROVED TO BEGIN

Southfield, MI: The BMWE Grand Lodge Officers voted unanimously, Monday, September 8, 2003 to open merger talks between the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Following the officers determination, both the IBT and BMWE decided to conduct a joint survey of the BMWE membership in order to best identify priorities.

As additional information becomes available, it will be published on the BMWE Website at www.bmwe.org and in the BMWE Journal. BMWE members will be contacted during the survey which may include phone and mail canvassing.