

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

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BMWED SYSTEM FEDERATIONS ANNOUNCE MERGER

Monticello, MN – The governing bodies of the Chicago, Milwaukie, Saint Paul & Pacific System Federation and Soo Line System Division of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division convened today and finalized a merger between the two federations. The newly created federation will be known as the Midwest System Federation.

The Midwest System Federation will represent more than 700 members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Mark Wimmer was elected to head the new federation as General Chairman and offered, “I am proud that our members were able to come together in unity to make this merger happen. All of our members will be better served working together toward the same goals.”

The new Midwest System Federation will represent members employed by a number of railroads including the IAIS Railroad, LS&I Railroad, NICTD, METRA and the Soo Line (dba Canadian Pacific Railway). The new federation represents members in nine states that stretch from North Dakota to Ohio. “The added resources along with our combined efforts can only have a positive impact on our members,” said former Soo System Division Federation General Chairman Gene Bell. “I look forward to working closely with General Chairman Wimmer as an officer of our new federation on behalf of all of our members.”

“I would like to extend my congratulations to both General Chairman Mark Wimmer and General Chairman Gene Bell and especially to those who will benefit most from this merger, the Midwest System Federation members,” said BMWED National Division President and IBT International Vice President Freddie Simpson.

The Midwest System Federation represents maintenance of way workers who build, construct, inspect and maintain railroad tracks, bridges, buildings and equipment.

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