

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

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BMWED SYSTEM FEDERATIONS ANNOUNCE MERGER

Oregon, OH ó The governing bodies of the Consolidated Rail System Federation and the Nickel Plate ó Wheeling & Lake Erie Federation, of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division convened today and finalized a merger between the two federations. The newly merged federation will retain the name, Consolidated Rail System Federation.

The Consolidated Rail System Federation will now represent more than 2200 members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and will continue to maintain an office in Port Clinton, Ohio.

CRSF General Chairman Bradley Winter was elected to head the newly merged and reorganized federation and offered, "This took a lot of work and planning by both sides but fortunately, our officers, Paul and his folks were willing to work together to insure that our members continue to get first-rate representation. Working together we can assure our members that their federation will remain strong and will continue to be a forceful guardian of their rights in the work-place."

Former NPW&LE General Chairman Paul Beard will continue to serve the CRSF as Vice Chairman. "We are proud to continue a tradition of looking out for our members," said Beard. "The BMWED led the way when it merged with the Teamsters and did it because it was the right thing to do for our members - this merger was the right thing for our federations."

"The BMWED is on the move and looking toward the future," said BMWED National Division President Freddie Simpson. "Once again our officers have illustrated the kind of leadership that the membership can be proud of. Brad Winter, Paul Beard and their officers have placed the interest of their members first. The great representation that their respective members have received in the past will continue two-fold."

The Consolidated Rail System Federation represents maintenance of way workers who build, construct, inspect and maintain railroad tracks, bridges, buildings and equipment for CSX, NS, Amtrak, CN/Grand Trunk, Conrail, Springfield Terminal, MBCR and the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroads from the coast of Main, west to St. Louis, MO.

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