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Call to 2010 convention

BLET to hold Second National convention in Reno, Nevada

Approximately 530 delegates will convene in Reno, Nevada, from October 4-7, 2010, for the BLET's Second Quadrennial National Convention.

The delegates will represent nearly 37,000 active locomotive engineers and trainmen throughout the United States. They will be charged with analyzing and voting on changes to the Brotherhood's bylaws. The National Convention is held every four years, and this will be the second such convention since the Organization's merger with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters effective January 1, 2004.

In previous years, delegates in session

at national conventions have elected the top Brotherhood officers. Beginning with the 2010 convention, however, BLET leaders will be elected using a "one member, one vote" system where individual members vote directly for the various candidates.

Official forms and documents for BLET members seeking to run for office in the 2010 National Division Officers Election were made available on the BLET website on April 15, 2010.

The program Adobe Acrobat is required to download and view the documents, which are available here:

<http://ble-t.org/2010election>

The new website provides interested parties with all election-related documents in one convenient location.



Grand Sierra Resort: Site of the 2010 National Convention, October 4-7, 2010.

Section 49 of the National Division Rules of the BLET Bylaws governs the election of National Division Officers. Additionally, the BLET Advisory Board adopted Rules for the National Division Officers Election on May 29, 2009.

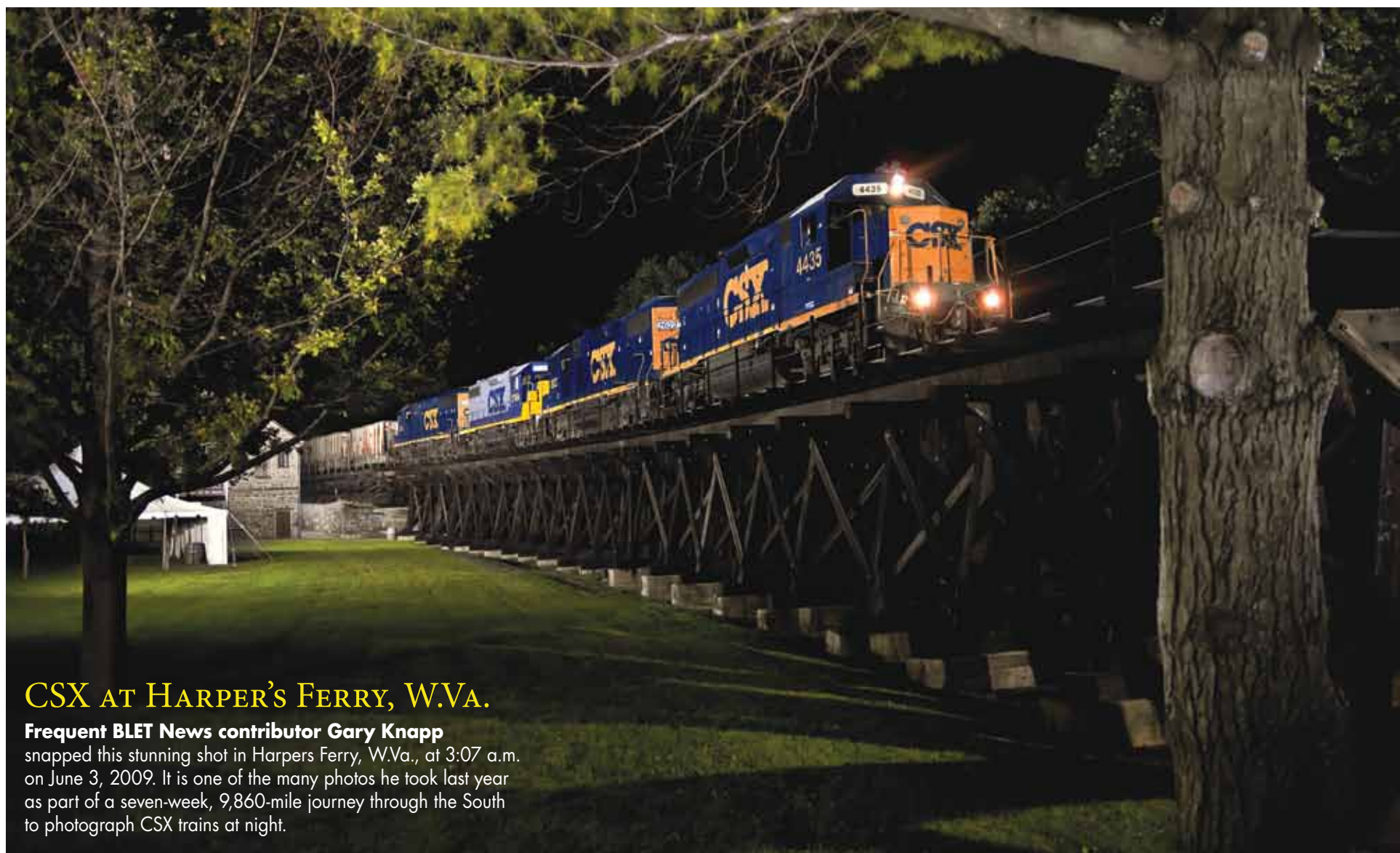
The documents being made available on the new website include the Election Rules, interpretations to the Election Rules (also known as Election Rules Advisories), nomination forms, forms for members to

declare their candidacy for office, and various other financial reporting forms that are required by the Election Rules.

Pursuant to Section 20, Paragraph (g) of the BLET Bylaws, the list of delegates to the upcoming National Convention are published on Page 6 of this issue.

The BLET's Second Quadrennial National Convention is slated for October 4-7, 2010, at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. @@

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CSX AT HARPER'S FERRY, W.VA.

Frequent BLET News contributor Gary Knapp snapped this stunning shot in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., at 3:07 a.m. on June 3, 2009. It is one of the many photos he took last year as part of a seven-week, 9,860-mile journey through the South to photograph CSX trains at night.



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BLET PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR THE BLET

This month our Brotherhood celebrates its 147th birthday. We always identify ourselves as the oldest rail labor union in North America, and — even after all these years — a chill still runs down my spine every time I think about what that means. I want to devote this space to a reflection on our founding and what we can learn from our history. I also want to ask you to give your Brotherhood a birthday present: some of your time.

When twelve brave men gathered in secret at the home of William D. Robinson in Marshall, Michigan, to create the Brotherhood of the Footboard on May 8, 1863, the world was a very different place than it is today. There was no right to organize and bargain collectively, no limit on the number of hours a locomotive engineer could be required to work, no railroad retirement system, no health insurance and no FELA.

I began writing this as I prepared to return to Cleveland from our latest national negotiating session in Washington, DC. Well, in 1863 Washington was the capital of a nation that was split down the middle and engaged in a horrific civil war that pitted brother against brother in many places. I would think that Brother Robinson could hardly conceive how much would change between then and now.

These twelve heroes were just the leading edge of a mass movement by locomotive engineers to take control over their jobs and economic futures. In just over 2½ years some 70 Divisions had been organized, and the Brotherhood had expanded into Canada. We continued to build from the bottom up, terminal by terminal, railroad by railroad, throughout the United States and Canada, and even into Mexico.

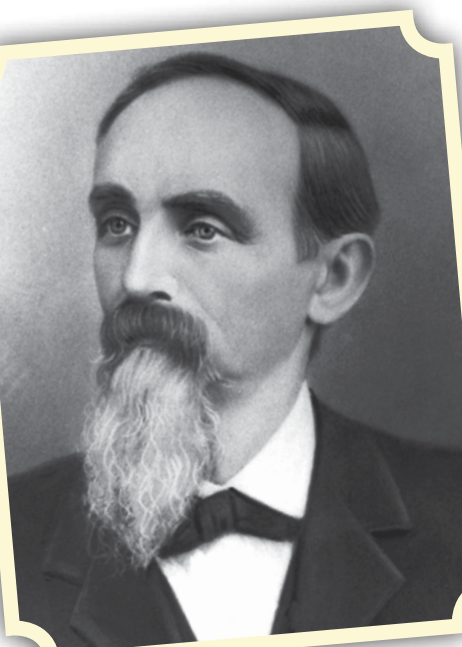
Almost overnight our union was tens of thousands of members strong and actively pursuing the interests of locomotive engineers in three nations. This occurred without the communications technology we enjoy today, such as the Internet, electronic mail, cell phones and computers. The most advanced form of communications technology in those days was the telegraph, which had only linked up the east and west coasts of the U.S. about a year and a half before our founding.

How did our founding fathers and our early leaders enjoy such success? To be sure, the earliest leaders of our Brotherhood undertook great personal risk, and they and their families made great sacrifices for the good of the Order. But those risks and those sacrifices fell just as hard upon the rank and file of the BLE, because mere membership in the union was grounds for dismissal. Worse, known union members were routinely blacklisted throughout the railroad industry.

The BLE of the 19th Century grew because everyone — officer and member alike — made the shared sacrifices of active membership. We could not have made it if the majority of the membership, whether through apathy or indifference, simply left the affairs of the Brotherhood to those who accepted the added burden of holding office; it would have been easy for the carriers to simply pick off the relative handful of leaders and decapitate the organization. What protected all BLE members was the exposure they shared by actively supporting and participat-



The Brotherhood of the Footboard, Division 1, was organized in the meeting room upstairs from the old Firemen's Hall in Detroit in 1863.



Founding president William D. Robinson (left), a typical locomotive from the late 1800's (above) and the original charter of the charter of the Brotherhood of the Footboard, signed by Robinson in 1863.



ing in the Brotherhood's activities.

All of us have heard stories about aggressive BLET representatives being singled out by management. But have you ever stopped to think that one reason this Brother or Sister can be victimized is because so many of the other voices at that location are silent in the face of carrier abuses?

I remember being fascinated as a boy learning about pulleys and levers, and how you could produce a whole lot of motion with a relatively small amount of effort. Believe it or not, we have such a tool at our disposal, and it's called mobilization. Mobilization really is a pretty simple concept: it takes contemporary communications technology and applies it to the type of organization building that our founders used to create our Brotherhood.

Information or calls for action flow from the National Division through General Committees or State Legislative Boards (depending upon the issue) to the Divisions, to Team Captains, each of whom is directly responsible for passing the message to no more than 10 members.

We have used mobilization numerous times over the past 15 years with notable success. We marched on Washington to demand an end to the slaughter of members on the job in Operation Thanos. We picketed the NMB in defense of our craft. And, most recently, we mobilized a portion of our membership to flood the Congressional switchboard in opposition to the so-called "Cadillac Tax" provision in the health care reform legislation.

Until the most recent mobilization our network had fallen somewhat into a state of disrepair, and that exercise went far in cleaning off the rust on the portion of the network that was deployed. This was a good start, but it is not nearly enough. We are actively rebuilding those portions of the network that have languished and are expanding the network into areas where it does not exist.

What does this have to do with you? The most critical link in the mobilization chain is the one occupied by Team Captains: the 3,700 or so men and women who will serve as the BLET's Paul Revere to sound the alarm to call the membership into action. The best birthday present you can give to the Brotherhood — to honor what has been passed down to you over 147 years — is to become one of those Team Captains.

Three years from now we will cele-

brate our union's sesquicentennial, which is a fancy, six-syllable word for our 150th anniversary. When you think about it, not too many institutions last a century and a half. That means we have a rich history we can call upon to guide us into our next century and a half. I plan on using my message in the coming months to review the lessons of our history and I hope you will join me on a tour of the past that will focus us for success in the future.

In his inaugural address nearly 50 years ago, President John F. Kennedy captured the imagination of a generation when he said "Ask not what your country can do for you ... ask what you can do for your country." As we mark the 147th anniversary of our founding, I likewise request that you ask not what the BLET can do for you, but what you can do for the BLET. And what you can do today is to join our mobilization effort by becoming a Team Captain.

PAUL SORROW



Registration continues for 2010 IWC in Bismarck-Mandan, N.D.

Registration is now open for the 70th annual International Western Convention, slated for July 13-17, 2010, in beautiful Bismarck-Mandan, N.D. The 2010 IWC is hosted by Co-Chairmen Mike Muscha and Ron Huff and the members of BLET Division 671 and Division 746.

Guests will stay at the Radisson Hotel Bismarck and reservations can be made by calling (701) 255-6000.

On-site registration will open on July 13 and continue through July 15. The annual IWC golf outing will take place on July 14 at the challenging Hawktree golf course, a 7,085-yard par 72 course.

For the non-golfers, the IWC arrangements committee is planning a spouse's trip to the Old Governor's mansion, the state capital and heritage center on July 14.

At the end of the day, everyone is invited to attend the welcome reception the evening of July 14.

Members can still register the morning of July 15 when the convention kicks off with opening ceremonies. The afternoon includes closed meetings for the BLET and the BLET Auxiliary. Guests will enjoy dinner on the evening of July 15 along the Lewis & Clark Riverboat tour.

A number of valuable educational opportunities will be made available on July 16, including workshops for BLET Secretary-Treasurers and Legislative Representatives, and there will be a special arbitration workshop will be held for Local Chairmen. The IWC will also offer a workshop on mobilization.

All members will benefit from presentations regarding radiation handling and



Scenic views abound in the Bismarck-Mandan area, including the railroad bridge over the Missouri River and the Lewis and Clark Riverboat Tour.

electronic evidence/event recorders.

People not attending the workshops will enjoy a trip to the Mandan railroad museum, which includes a hobo lunch. There is also a trip scheduled to Fort Lincoln State Park, home of the famous General George Custer house and the home of Custer's 7th Cavalry.

The closing banquet is slated for the evening of July 16.

Registration forms for the IWC and for the IWC golf outing are currently available on the BLET National Division website at: <http://www.ble-t.org/info/meetings/iwc>

Early registration is encouraged. Those who register by June 15 will receive a \$30 discount on registration fees, and the first 250 to register will receive a free 2010 IWC commemorative t-shirt.



"The 2010 IWC Planning Committee members from Divisions 671 and 746 are putting together a great agenda for the 70th International Western Convention," Chairman Mike Muscha said. "Please join us for four days of educational opportunities and fun activities."

For more information, contact Mike Muscha (701-437-3881 or loceng671e@mlgc.com) or Ron Huff (701-355-0576 or trainhuff2@bis.midco.net). ©

ST. LOUIS SECRETARY TREASURER'S WORKSHOP



The following BLET members successfully completed a BLET Education & Training Department workshop in St. Louis, Mo., from February 21-24, 2010:

Seated, from left: Brad Bell, Secretary-Treasurer, Division 9; Jack Huddleston Jr., S-T, Div. 602; Ken Kroeger, Coordinator of Education & Training & Special Representative, BLET National; Bob Broka, Director, Records Department, BLET National Div.; William Walpert, National Secretary-Treasurer & Director of Education & Training, BLET National; John Bove, S-T Div. 269; Kenya Phillips, S-T, Div. 609; Amy Noble; and David Pape, S-T, Div. 345. **Second Row (L-R):** Kurt Mohr, S-T, Div. 125; Stephen Myers, S-T, Div. 86; Gregory Canty, S-T, Div. 831; Lori Dewey, S-T, Div. 1; Clarene Sylvester, S-T, Div. 213; Ralph Richardson, S-T, Div. 491; Virgil Davis, S-T, Div. 204; Kenneth Chinn, S-T, Div. 674; Brent Hesterlee, S-T, Div. 81; Kris Speer, S-T, Div. 152; and John Martin, S-T, Div. 740. **Third Row (L-R):** Joshua Wagner, S-T, Div. 155; Dr. Elaine Reese, Director, Office of Tax Compliance, BLET National; Stanley Watts, S-T, Div. 354; Jeffery Woodcock, S-T, Div. 754; Brian Root, S-T, Div. 114; David Hanson, S-T, Div. 642; John Wallace, S-T, Div. 595; Albert Scaife, S-T, Div. 620; Dave Noble, S-T, Div. 135; William Honeycutt, S-T, Div. 285; and Walt Schmidt, Director of Online Services, BLET National Division.

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Calendar & Events

May 21, 2010

Railroad Retirement Board Informational Conferences Little Rock, Ark. and Billings, Mont.

The U.S. Railroad Retirement Board will hold free informational conferences for elected officers of all railroad labor unions throughout 2010.

Registration for all meetings begins at 8 a.m., with the programs beginning promptly at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. Meetings on May 21 will be held in Little Rock, Ark. (Holiday Inn-Airport, 3201 Bankhead Dr.) and Billings, Mont. (Hilton Garden Inn, 2465 Grant Rd.).

June 4, 2010

Railroad Retirement Board Informational Conferences Duluth, Minn. and Kansas City, Mo.

Registration for all meetings begins at 8 a.m., with the programs beginning promptly at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. Meetings on June 4 are slated for Duluth, Minn. (Radisson Hotel Duluth, 505 W. Superior St.) and Kansas City, Mo. (Embassy Suites, Kansas City International Airport, 7640 N.W. Tiffany Springs Parkway).

June 13-18, 2010

83rd Annual Southeastern Meeting Association, Cincinnati, Ohio

Hosted by Jerry Sturdivant and the members of BLET Division 110, the 2010 SMA will be held at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza (35 West Fifth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. Phone: (513) 421-9100. Rate: \$139).

For details, contact Brother Sturdivant by email: jpsturdivant@gmail.com.

July 13-17, 2010

70th Annual International Western Convention, Bismarck-Mandan, N.D.

Co-Chairs Mike Muscha and Ron Huff and the members of BLET Division 671 and Division 746 host the 2010 IWC at the Radisson Hotel Bismarck (605 E. Broadway Ave., Bismarck, N.D. 58501. Phone: (701) 255-6000. Rate: \$89). For details, contact Brother Muscha by email: locoeng671e@mlgc.com.

August 8-12, 2010

72nd Annual Eastern Union Meeting Association, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Hosted by Tom and Sue Caruso, Division 335, the 2010 EUMA will take place at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa. (300 West Station Square Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2000. Phone: (412) 261-2000. Rate: \$155). For details, contact:

EUMA2010@verizon.net.

September 12-16, 2010

75th Annual Southwestern Convention Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.

Hosted by Russell Elley, Local Chairman of Division 197, the 2010 SWCM will take place at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio, on the River Walk at Paseo del Alamo (123 Losoya St., San Antonio, Texas, 78205. Phone: 888-421-1442. Rate: \$139). For details, contact Brother Elley by email: r.elley@att.net.

October 4-7, 2010

BLET National Division Convention, Reno, Nevada

The BLET's Second Quadrennial National Convention will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno. See Page 1 for details.



ELECTIONS

Randy Meek re-elected Nebraska State Legislative Board Chairman

Randy Meek of BLET Division 98 (Lincoln, Neb.) was re-elected Chairman of the Nebraska State Legislative Board at their Triennial Meeting on March 1-4, 2010, in Lincoln.

Brother Meek has been a member of the BLET since September 1, 1980 and has served as the State Legislative Board Chairman since 1996.

BLET National President Paul Sorrow congratulated Brother Meek on his reelection and expressed regret that his schedule prohibited him from attending the meeting.

Also elected at the meeting were: Pat Pfeifer, 1st Vice Chairman (Division 88); Ron Ross, 2nd Vice Chairman (Division 621); Jeff Vogt, Secretary-Treasurer (Division 98); Lance Flohr, Executive Committee (Division 622); and Erik Wood, Executive Committee (Division 98). The Auditing Committee is made up of Brother Flohr, Brother Wood and Sam Caruso, Division 183.

BLET First Vice President Dennis

Front row, from left: Vice President & NLR John Tolman; Nebraska State Legislative Board Chairman Randy Meek; First Vice President Dennis Pierce; and Div. 622 Legislative Rep. Lance Flohr. **Second row:** Nebraska State Legislative Board Secretary-Treasurer Jeff Vogt. **Third row:** Div. 183 Legislative Rep. Sam Caruso; Div. 88 Legislative Rep. Pat Pfeifer; and Div. 98 Legislative Rep. Erik Wood. **Fourth row:** Div. 303 Legislative Rep. Ted Counter; and Div. 621 Legislative Rep. Ron Ross.

Pierce attended the meeting, and updated the members about the work of the National Division.

"It was great to be back in my home state of Nebraska," Pierce said. "I appreciate the work of Brother Meek and all the Brothers and Sisters of the Nebraska State Legislative Board."

BLET Vice President & National Legislative Rep John Tolman also attended the meeting and discussed legislation the BLET is working on in 2010, the upcoming political races and regulatory issues.



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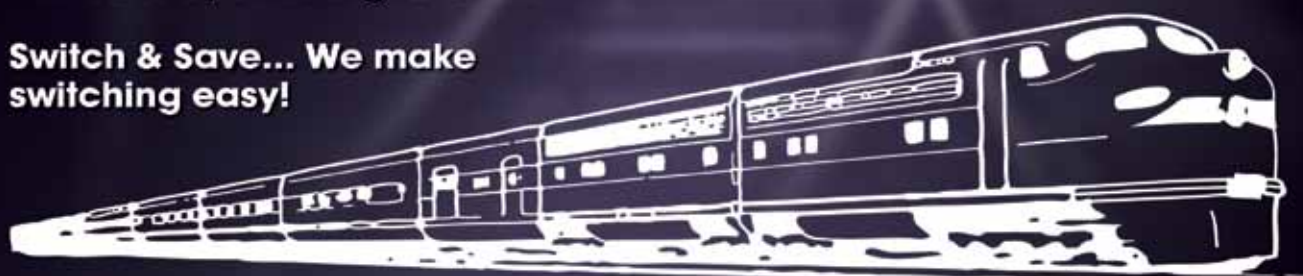
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"I would like to congratulate Brother Meek on his re-election as Chairman of the Nebraska State Legislative Board," Tolman said. "He has served the Brothers and Sisters in Nebraska very well over the past 14 years, and I am sure, with the help of the other Brothers elected, will continue to do so."

Brother Meek thanked those who attended the meeting.

"This was one of the best Triennial meetings I have ever been a part of," he said. "It was a pleasure working with the delegates and the information and advice provided by Vice Presidents John Tolman and Dennis Pierce added greatly to the experience and education of all. I would like to thank everyone who worked to make this the success it was and also our National Secretary Treasurer Bill Walpert for providing the tools and advice that we used to restructure our by-laws and policies." @@



Jim Kabell (second from right) of the Missouri-Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Teamsters speaks to the BLET's Nebraska State Legislative Board.



Anita Caruso of the BLET Auxiliary speaking to the group



Runion reelected Wyoming State Legislative Board Chairman

Cory L. Runion was reelected by acclamation to serve as Chairman of the Wyoming State Legislative Board at triennial meetings in Cheyenne, Wyo., on February 9.

Brother Runion, a member of BLET Division 115 (Cheyenne), is beginning his first full term as Chairman. He was serving as Vice-Chairman when he elevated to the Chairman's office on September 28, 2008, following the retirement of former WSLB Chairman Terry R. Jones.

Brother Runion is a Union Pacific locomotive engineer who first joined the Brotherhood on December 1, 2000.

Also reelected during the meeting were: WSLB Secretary-Treasurer Lawrence Kemper, a member of BLET Division 94 (Gillette, Wyo.); and WYSLB Vice-Chairman Troy Hladky of BLET Division 31 (Douglas, Wyo.). Brother Kemper was reelected by acclamation.

BLET National President Paul Sorrow congratulated Brother Runion and the other officers upon their election. President Sorrow also thanked all Legislative Representatives throughout Wyoming for their involvement in the affairs of the Brotherhood as well as their active participation in national, state and local politics.

Tim Smith, Chairman of the BLET California State Legislative Board and National Association of State Legislative Board Chairman (NASLBC), attended the meeting and conducted a workshop for the Legislative Reps who were in attendance.

Additional guest speakers included: Ken A. Esquibel of BLET Division 115 (Cheyenne), who serves as a member of the Wyoming House of Representatives; Dan Neal and Sarah Gorin of the Equality State Policy Center; Kim Floyd of the Wyoming AFL-CIO; and Leslie Peterson and Brianna Jones of the Wyoming State Democratic Party.



Dan Neal, Executive Director of the Equality State Policy Center, presents BLET Member Richard Sanchez with the "Grassroots Volunteer Award" for his outstanding efforts in a "get out the vote" drive.

In addition, Dan Neal, Executive Director of the Equality State Policy Center, awarded Richard Sanchez with the "Grassroots Volunteer Award" for his efforts in arranging get-out-the-vote efforts.



Members of the Wyoming State Legislative Board visiting the Roundhouse/Steam shop in Cheyenne, Wyo., during their triennial meeting. **From left:** Carl Hunt, Div.869; Louis Espinoza, Div.142; Troy Hladky, Div.31; Kevin Schmit, Div.624; Richard Sanchez, Div.142; Larry Wessel, Div. 103; Chairman Cory Runion, Div. 115; and Shop Foreman Mike Fielder, Div. 207.

"On behalf of the 2010 Wyoming State Legislative Board, I would like to thank all who participated in making the triennial meeting and banquet a huge success," Chairman Runion said. @@

Electronic Communications Policy

The policy currently in effect is that official communications between BLET members and the National Division require a hard copy of the correspondence — with a signature — being received by the National President — to be considered an "official communication."

This is to provide that the actual question(s) are addressed, and ensures that when official interpretations are made they have reference to a specific request and can be used in future correspondence.

Due to the volume of e-mails it would be impossible for the President to answer all unofficial communications. Therefore, it is the policy of the BLET National Division Office that e-mails addressed to the National President will be reviewed and forwarded to the appropriate officer or staff for a timely response. In other words, an email message is not considered an official communication.

This will allow the President to be aware of the opinions and suggestions of the membership, while at the same time providing a timely response to the member, if a response is necessary. @@

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LIST OF 2010 NATIONAL DIVISION CONVENTION DELEGATES

Here is the list of official BLET delegates to the Second National Convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, as reported by BLET divisions at press time.

The convention is scheduled for October 4-7 at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada.

Reservation and travel information will be mailed to delegates shortly.

This list is published in the Locomotive Engineer & Trainmen News as required by Section 20, Paragraph (g) of the BLET Bylaws.

All BLET divisions are listed below in numerical order, followed by the delegate's name.

DIV - MEMBER	64 - R. G. Roth	143 - G. A. Harper	212 - K. W. Kemper	283 - L. J. Chavez, Jr.	423 - T. R. Thompson	569 - D. M. Grubbs, Jr.	730 - R. K. Snively
1 - L. Dewey	65 - R. Seanez	144 - M. J. Poirier	213 - R. Hart	284 - L. R. James, II	425 - D. A.	573 - D. A. Spradlin	735 - J. J. Murray, II
2 - R. M. Bonney, Sr.	69 - J. P. Regan	146 - T. C. Brennan	214 - L. E. Gibson	285 - H. C. Rolen	Bednarczyk	574 - B. J. Brown	736 - F. E. Schulze
3 - W. K. Ellert	71 - R. G. Dixon	150 - D. A. Browning	215 - C. S. Young	286 - D. C. Zatteau	426 - E. L. Kelly	575 - R. M. Wu	739 - D. K. Miller
4 - M. W. Hansen	72 - K. T. Ladue	152 - J. C. Fowler	216 - C. W. Nystrom	287 - B. J. Delozier	430 - T. R. Williamson	577 - K. B. Fulling	740 - T. G. Jones
5 - J. R. Saunders	73 - O. R. Davis, II	153 - K. A. Dickerson	217 - C. H. Cave	289 - M. R. Nolte	435 - J. D. Wise	578 - R. A.	742 - K. S. Peyton
6 - K. T. Christians	74 - A. J. McElwee	154 - T. L. Storms	219 - K. G. Adams	290 - T. J. Van	439 - M. A. Musshorn	McClendon	746 - R. A. Olson
7 - R. L. Casad	75 - W. F. Paalhar	155 - J. F. Kresse	221 - C. C. Brandon	Overmeiren	442 - M. S. Medlin	582 - A. Vasquez	752 - J. M. Beverly, III
8 - J. S. Early	77 - F. N. Palcovich	156 - T. E. Hudson	222 - J. P. Benich	291 - E. T. Atkins, Jr.	443 - D. D. Ekins	585 - T. L. Todd	754 - W. M. Verdeyen
9 - D. W. Klaus	78 - S. C. Goodman	157 - P. J. Norton	223 - D. W. Martin	292 - S. A. Fogle	444 - J. E. Russell	587 - J. L. Tiede	755 - R. H. Prejean
10 - R. W. Marshall, Jr.	79 - J. E. Peters	158 - J. R. Eutsler	224 - J. D. Morgan	294 - K. E. Donze	446 - J. T. McFather	590 - R. B. Salyers, III	757 - R. J. Holden
11 - M. B. Kenny	80 - M. B. Fisher	160 - E. S. Eckart	226 - S. P. Simon	296 - J. D. Niehaus	447 - L. E. Schindley	592 - D. J. Hall	758 - R. E. Etienne
12 - D. Raptis	81 - K. J. Bagby	163 - J. C. Ward	227 - T. I. Shoen	298 - R. D. Reyes	448 - C. D. Rorrer	593 - L. M. Keith	762 - C. E. Craddock
13 - C. E. Sheets	83 - D. B. Russell	164 - R. M. Clark	228 - J. R. Lance	299 - R. J. Maloy	450 - W. C.	595 - R. J. Dumey	765 - R. L. Hunt
14 - K. E. Wood	84 - M. G. Parks	165 - E. L. Mathes	229 - K. H. Sorensen	301 - F. D. Buck	Scarborough	597 - R. E. Denlinger	766 - S. P. Wells
15 - No Election	85 - O. N. Edmunds	166 - J. B. Lee	230 - B. R. Glebe	302 - R. T. Fitzgerald	456 - K. S. Peek	598 - J. L. Truesdale	768 - A. A. Olson
Results	86 - C. W. Davis	167 - B. L. Fannon	231 - M. G. Crothers	303 - L. E. Olson	457 - R. D. Ferguson	599 - R. W. Pickett	769 - M. L. Tanner
17 - S. J. Tuck	87 - R. W. Guard	169 - H. N. Benn	232 - P. A. Slater	304 - No Delegate	458 - G. D. Cutright	601 - B. H. Baginski	775 - T. R. Gray
18 - R. M. Smith	88 - W. P. Elliott	170 - R. W. Knight	234 - B. E. Crockett	Reported	459 - D. E. Baughman	602 - A. J. Belscamper	776 - J. R. Sweeney
19 - R. P. Novasky	90 - B. W. Hayes	171 - T. E. Foran, Jr.	235 - M. C. Kronyak	306 - R. A. Welch	462 - B. W. Bland	604 - B. J. Szenasi	777 - J. P. Atchison
20 - E. A. Stumpf	94 - L. F. Kemper	172 - E. L. Norman	236 - J. L. Dayton	309 - J. M. Dziwulski	463 - J. B. Kiser	607 - P. T. Maher	778 - J. D. Lukehart
22 - A. S. Ortiz, Jr.	95 - B. R. Herald	173 - A. Hau	237 - R. F. Conrad	311 - S. M.	473 - J. R. Lyons	609 - R. L. Moeckel	779 - J. F.
23 - F. A. Herndon	96 - M. L. Abell	174 - M. J. Corrigan	238 - D. M. Beech	Vaughan, Sr.	474 - J. H. Peters	610 - No Election	Cuddington, Jr.
24 - M. D. Whitchurch	97 - J. M. Shifflett	175 - J. L. White	239 - C. R. Jones	312 - M. F. Finn	475 - M. T. Rogers	Results	781 - M. A. Thornton
25 - P. R. Moulton	98 - J. T. Vogt	176 - A. M. Dimond	241 - J. E. Haller	314 - C. R. Hyde	476 - D. A. Taddei	612 - J. O. Fisher, Jr.	782 - W. R. Skidmore
26 - J. V. Pedro	100 - M. P. Huber	177 - G. R. Pedigo	242 - J. W.	315 - K. K. Howry	477 - No Election	613 - D. J. Whitmore	786 - D. C. Lance
27 - M. J. Gaab	101 - G. A. Turner	178 - J. D. Willis	Hollingsworth	316 - R. K. Abernathy	Results	620 - J. Logan, Jr.	790 - P. M. Semenek
28 - V. G. Verna	103 - A. D. Fegley	179 - D. L. Marlow	244 - J. Garza, Jr.	321 - G. C. Baldwin, Jr.	480 - T. H. Bauer	621 - S. J. Sughroue	791 - J. D. Baldonado
29 - R. L. Shawcroft	104 - S. E. Snyder	180 - A. R. Goll	246 - D. R. Woods	323 - C. A. Stroud	481 - S. L. Casto	622 - K. H. White	792 - R. L. Jackson, Jr.
30 - T. L. Bryant	106 - C. A. Lizarraga	181 - G. K. Gordon	249 - G. L. Tutor	325 - R. A. Kroskey, Jr.	482 - C. L. Smith	623 - K. N. Confer	794 - D. M. Domingo
31 - O. D. Hill	107 - R. A. Gebauer	182 - D. F. Onstott, Jr.	250 - D. E. Fern	326 - W. L. George, Sr.	483 - T. K. Stolnis	624 - C. L. Schmit	800 - M. R. Arnold, Sr.
32 - A. W. Walker	109 - C. E. Browning	183 - R. F. Cerny	251 - B. D. Allen	327 - J. M. Ladrig	484 - J. F. Walder	629 - D. B. Pollard	803 - B. R. Atkins
33 - T. C. Tindol	110 - J. G. Sturdivant	184 - J. T. Alexander	253 - A. J. Kohman	328 - D. J. Stone, Jr.	488 - D. F. Owen	632 - G. C. Merritt, Jr.	811 - R. D. Switzer
34 - J. D. Scott	112 - No Election	185 - R. M. Richards	255 - M. M. Birch	332 - C. J. Peterman	489 - R. C. Adamick	636 - S. M. Hariu	812 - No Election
35 - D. E. King	Results	186 - R. L. Fabec	256 - W. R. Mitchell	333 - No Delegate	491 - R. L. Law, Jr.	641 - M. R. Price	Return
36 - T. R. Hanely	113 - S. L. Coates	187 - J. W. Dent, Jr.	259 - G. S. Brown	Reported	494 - T. C. Halonen	642 - J. P. Vanik	815 - T. M. Miller
37 - L. R. Fannon, Jr.	114 - T. P. Bloom	188 - S. D. Reinke	260 - M. A. Czup	335 - K. D. Holley	495 - T. J. Thomas	644 - T. W. Podrovitz	827 - K. Nelson
38 - M. J. Bishop	115 - J. A. Thompson	189 - J. R. Berlin, II	261 - G. D. Kickhaefer	336 - C. S. Mullin	496 - J. B. Hall	646 - D. C. Dickey	829 - W. E. Singleton
39 - K. R. Kremer	116 - A. L. Shipman, Jr.	190 - P. D. Henry	262 - P. M. Ricci	343 - S. Hubbard	497 - R. J. Nunziato	647 - R. L. Koonce	830 - T. R. Kidd
40 - M. P. Rowland	117 - M. J. Johnson	191 - No Election	263 - K. W. Kertesz	344 - D. P. Smith	498 - G. D. Best	648 - D. Johns	831 - R. A. Couch
41 - B. J. Faulkner	118 - W. A. Taylor	Results	264 - J. R. Gomez	345 - No Election	499 - D. L. Helander	650 - M. J. Tyler	834 - J. E. Ussery
42 - D. W. Grimes	120 - J. S. Elmore	192 - C. H. Fleming, II	265 - L. C. Harris	Return	500 - R. L. Anderson	656 - G. R. Welp	839 - O. A. Burrola
44 - R. A. Wilder	121 - F. A. Hibben	193 - G. L. Gore	266 - No Delegate	348 - J. D. Hershberger	502 - F. T. Tysdal	659 - T. J. Curran	842 - S. G. Palmer
45 - T. E. Rathert	122 - D. T. Selby	194 - H. E. Parsons	Reported	349 - K. P. Taylor	503 - J. E. Langley	660 - D. W. Carroll	846 - S. J. Monson
46 - M. S. Krajewski	123 - J. E. Cayer, Jr.	195 - L. R. Fitterer	267 - M. L. Wallace	350 - R. Gutierrez	504 - W. G. Stanich	662 - R. A. Borrego, II	848 - T. A. Gutierrez
47 - C. A. McDowell	124 - G. A. Worley	196 - J. L. Dickerson	269 - J. A. Daddino	353 - M. F. Wueller	505 - C. R. Anderson	664 - M. A. Galvani	849 - D. F. Norton, Jr.
48 - W. B. Kroll	125 - M. L. Elsberry	197 - R. R. Elley	270 - No Election	354 - C. E. Denoyer	507 - T. L. Stipp	665 - D. J. Friend	850 - M. K. Wood
49 - J. W. Hinely	126 - B. L. Loudermilk	198 - L. L. Wingo	Results	357 - G. L. Kepka	508 - J. B. Ingram	671 - M. R. Muscha	857 - G. S. Pilgrim
50 - J. F. Cheek	129 - G. T. Johnson	199 - No Election	271 - T. J. Braden	362 - W. J. Wallace	511 - T. C. See	672 - G. T. Haskins, Jr.	858 - J. N. Callaway
51 - D. H. Hansen	130 - S. D. Facklam	Results	272 - D. C. Decker	364 - C. M. Lambert	512 - M. W. Walters	674 - R. K. Smith	861 - D. R. Crist
52 - F. M. Cox	131 - C. R. Lough, Jr.	200 - T. M. Jensen	273 - B. E. Mills	365 - G. E. Wright	517 - D. K. Brown	676 - P. D. Short	863 - M. L.
53 - B. F. Gilmartin	133 - D. L. Geisler	201 - T. K. McGehee	274 - D. R. Couture	366 - M. N. McNeil	518 - C. S. Larsen	678 - C. D. Trenkamp	Williamson
54 - C. E. Gardner, Jr.	134 - M. R.	202 - C. W. Casler	275 - P. C. White	369 - R. A. Manske	520 - B. A. Hobbs	681 - L. A. Davis	867 - P. McGowan
55 - K. D. Nelson	Cunningham	203 - W. D. Evans	276 - No Election	370 - D. M. Caniff	521 - B. J. Martin	682 - C. J. Cundari	869 - J. H. Scott
56 - L. R. Law	135 - J. C. Edwards	204 - W. D. Wheelock	Results	373 - J. P. Brown	522 - New Division	683 - K. J. Cummins	871 - C. A. Mosser
57 - G. J. Newman	136 - R. W. Rhodes	205 - R. D. Carter	278 - J. H. Wolfe	374 - S. D. Ethington	No Officers	684 - No Election	882 - No Election
58 - J. R. Clark	139 - D. H.	206 - R. C. Wiggins	279 - G. D. Giles	375 - G. D. Stakely	Or Delegates	Return	Return
59 - C. E. Dubberly, Jr.	Underwood	207 - B. H. Fransen	280 - L. M. Futrell	382 - P. T. Driscoll	523 - J. L. Speir	687 - B. F. Whear	886 - C. J. Crawford
60 - D. P. Estes	140 - E. W. Rice, Jr.	208 - R. E. Webb	281 - W. C. Hill	383 - E. A. Trujillo	524 - S. L. Christian	692 - D. N. Azarcon	888 - C. C. Gillespie
62 - J. E. Rosas	141 - M. R. Lane	209 - J. W. Reynolds	282 - No Election	385 - T. R. Dubois	526 - J. R. Blum	695 - M. D. Sauvageau	892 - No Election
63 - R. E. Bernash	142 - P. F. Nealon	210 - L. Horton	Results	386 - W. M. Collins	527 - R. C. Johnston	696 - M. W. Poss	Return
				387 - R. A. Vogt, Jr.	530 - T. D. Briggs	698 - D. L. Compston	894 - R. L. Scholl
				391 - J. M. Fowler	531 - M. W. Louvierre	699 - B. L. Bernhardt	895 - No Delegate
				392 - C. R. Miller	532 - T. L. Bryant	700 - S. F. Wagner, Jr.	Return
				393 - Will Not Have	537 - R. W. Peters	703 - C. B. Knight	899 - O. M. Black
				Delegates	542 - No Election	706 - C. D. Dunlap	910 - M. S. Allen
				394 - J. E. Kaulins	Results	711 - No Election	914 - T. A. Street
				398 - J. D. Toumanian	547 - D. E. Needham	Return	915 - N. D. Krig
				400 - J. V. Fessler	548 - P. L. Forman	713 - G. E.	918 - J. D. Tindol
				401 - R. G. Preece	549 - M. A. Strohbeen	Thurman, Jr.	919 - J. E. Priddy
				402 - S. M. Brandenburg	551 - M. J. Kulak	714 - S. S. Ramsey	920 - G. D. Powell
				404 - R. E. Crow	553 - J. C. Boatman	717 - T. D. Davis	932 - Z. W. West, Jr.
				405 - C. J. Wagner	561 - R. L. Woolridge	721 - P. A. Petty	934 - G. L. Rapson
				409 - A. R. White	565 - J. R. Hill	722 - J. K. Murphy	937 - R. R. Bloedow
				415 - C. V. Houston	566 - C. A. Garcia	724 - C. J. Black	940 - W. Schipper, IV
				416 - K. E. Nichols	567 - K. M.	726 - D. A. Keuseman	944 - D. Compton, Jr.
				421 - W. T. Nasca	Buterbaugh	727 - M. E. Brandt	

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OBITUARIES

Former officers J.C. Laney, Homer Cain pass away

The BLET National Division is saddened to report the loss of two long-serving officers in recent weeks as Brothers Homer Cain and J.C. Laney passed away.

Brother J.C. "Jackie" Laney, 88, was a member of BLET Division 156 in Birmingham, Ala. He served as General Chairman from 1970-77 on the former Louisville & Nashville General Committee of Adjustment. He passed away on March 10, 2010. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Mary Elizabeth. He is survived by his daughter, Patricia Ann; and son Mike.

Brother Homer "Sugar" Cain, 78, was a

member of BLET Division 30 in Atlanta. He served as Vice General Chairman of the CSX Western Lines General Committee of Adjustment from 1985-1993. He passed away on March 29. He is survived by his wife, Ana; and three children.

"Both were dedicated union Brothers and good friends," BLET National President Paul Sorrow said.

"On behalf of the National Division, and the 55,000 men and women of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, I extend deepest condolences to the families of Brothers J.C. Laney and Homer Cain." ©©



ADVISORY BOARD MEETING



Seated, from left: Vice President Steve Speagle; First Vice President Dennis Pierce; National President Paul T. Sorrow; National Secretary-Treasurer Bill Walpert; and Vice President Merle Geiger. **Standing, from left:** Vice President Willard Knight; Vice President and Arbitration Director Marcus Ruef; Vice President Mike Twombly; Vice President and National Legislative Representative John Tolman; Vice President Lee Pruitt; and Vice President Gil Gore.

The Brotherhood's Advisory Board convened in Cleveland on April 6 and 7 for two days of productive meetings.

The Advisory Board is made up of the union's top 11 officers — the National President, First Vice President, National Secretary-Treasurer, and eight National Vice Presidents.

The Advisory Board is the Brotherhood's top governing body and is led by the Executive Committee — National President Paul Sorrow, First Vice President Dennis Pierce, and National Secretary-Treasurer Bill Walpert.

During the two day meeting, the Advisory Board discussed many issues of importance to the Brotherhood and its membership, including: Amendments to the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008; the Designated Legal Counsel program and possible sites for the 2014 National Division convention.

Board members also spent a significant amount of time analyzing the BLET's mobilization network and discussed ways to improve the network.

"Mobilization is a valuable tool to quickly spread accurate information throughout the Brotherhood," National President Sorrow said.

President Sorrow has stated that improving communications is the foundation of his Administration, and said mobilization will be a key component of his communications strategy. @@



In the Board Room: President Sorrow at the head of the table leads discussion and debate during the two-day Advisory Board meeting at BLET headquarters in Cleveland. Rail safety and mobilization were among the many topics of discussion during the two-day meeting (April 6-7, 2010).





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APRIL 2010 PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Living » Legend

Steam Locomotive No. 844 is the last steam engine built for the Union Pacific Railroad. It was delivered in 1944 and saw limited duty in freight and passenger service before it was rendered obsolete by diesels. UP saved it from being scrapped in 1960 for use in special service. Known by many as the railroad's "Living Legend," it most recently traveled

more than 3,500 miles from its base in Wyoming on a 28-day, eight-state tour to South Texas, to celebrate the railroad's history and heritage. Photographer Richard Scott Marsh captured this image three miles west of Kearney, Neb., on April 3, 2010. He is the son of BLET member Edwin L. Marsh (Division 114, Waterloo, Iowa). **Photo: courtesy R.S. Marsh**

A message from
Teamsters General President
James P. Hoffa

America's Middle Class

America is the first country ever where a majority of its citizens were able to join the middle class. Labor unions created that middle class. And no country in the world has ever had a strong middle class without a strong labor movement.

Middle-class prosperity wasn't a gift to working families from the government. It wasn't something that workers got from employers after pleasant chats in the boardroom. Middle-class prosperity was the direct result of a long and difficult struggle. People fought and died for fair wages, safe workplaces and the right to join together in a union.

Workers Under Siege

Samuel Gompers was right when he said you have to choose sides. There is no middle of the road for the middle class. But too often middle-class Americans for-



get that their economic interest is bound to unions. Corporations want it that way. It's in their interest for non-union, middle-class Americans to blame unions for the problems in our economy. But the fact is we're in this together. The fate of the middle class is tied to the fate of the union movement.

Nobody is fighting for America's working families except for unions. When unions are under siege, the middle class is under siege. And today, the middle class is under siege in a very big way. The gap between rich and poor is widening. Foreclosures are at record levels. Real wages are stagnant, the costs of health care and tuition are through the roof

and millions of jobs are leaving our shore. America's working families are falling out of the middle class like never before.

Fighting Back

Because of these trying times for working people, unions are more relevant than ever. In the past two years, the Teamsters organized nearly 80,000 workers. We're working overtime to save good jobs in our core industries. We're fighting for pension relief and financial reform. We're lobbying hard for bills that create jobs, reform labor law and reverse our misguided trade policy.

I'm asking all Teamsters to get involved and help fight for America's middle class. Volunteer as an organizer, lobby your elected representative or just spread the word on why unions are part of the solution, not part of the problem. We still have to fight to get a fair shake. We will lose everything that we have gained if we don't.

Fraterally,

James P. Hoffa

TEAMSTERS GENERAL PRESIDENT

Advisory Board February 2010 Activity

In accordance with the BLET Bylaws, summaries of BLET Advisory Board members' activities are published monthly:

National President Paul T. Sorrow — National Division office; General supervision of BLET activities; General office duties; Various correspondence and telephone communications; Supervision of office administration; General supervision of Special Representatives; President, Teamsters Rail Conference; Advisory Board mtg.; CRLO winter meetings, Miami, Fla.; Mtgs. With WNYP; National bargaining meetings and health and welfare negotiations, Washington, D.C.

First Vice-President Dennis R. Pierce — Director, Passenger Dept.; Director, Short Lines Organizing Dept.; Director, Trainmen's Dept.; National Division Publications Committee; National Legislative Board; Teamsters Rail Conference Policy Cmte.; Assigned to Special Projects-BNSF GCoAs; Advisory Board mtg., Miami; General office duties, Cleveland; Conrail (SSA/CSX-Northern District) GCoA/CSX Northern General Committee; CSX New York Dock negotiations, Jacksonville, Fla.; RSIA meeting, BLET Passenger General Chairmen, Chicago; National Wage Team/RLBC/NCCC mtg., Washington, D.C.; BNSF/UP Local Chairmen Training Workshop, Fort Worth, Texas.

National Secretary-Treasurer William C. Walpert — General supervision of accounting dept., records dept., online services dept., IT Dept., tax compliance dept.; public relations dept.; Education & Training Dept.; Internal Organizing, Mobilizing & Strategic Planning Dept.; Safety Task Force; Meetings with vendors and financial institutions; Standard Building operations oversight; CRLO mtgs., Miami, Fla.; Regional meeting Chairmen's planning, session, Miami, Fla.; Advisory Board mtg., Miami, Fla.; Secretary-

Treasurer Workshop, St. Louis, Mo.; Local Chairmen Workshop, Fort Worth, Texas.

Vice-President Merle W. Geiger Jr. — Assigned to: Kansas City Southern; Texas Mexican Railway; MidSouth Rail; SouthRail; Gateway Western; CP Rail System/US (CP/DME/ICE); Indiana Southern RR; Utah RR; Panhandle Northern RR; Great Western RR; Indiana Harbor Belt; and Belt RR of Chicago; Advisory Board mtgs., Miami, Fla.; Mtgs. w/ GC Parker and KCS, Shreveport, La.; Mtgs. w/ GC Rodriguez and KCS, Houston, Tx.; Mtg. w/ GC Rodriguez and Division 244, Houston, Texas; Vacation; Holiday; Correspondence, research and general office duties.

Vice-President Stephen D. Speagle — Assigned to Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Montana Rail Link, Pacific Harbor Line, Missouri & Northern Arkansas (M&NA); Advisory Board mtg., Miami, Fla.; Holiday; PLB 7333, Ft. Myers, Fla.; Section 6/merger mtg. w/ DMIR, WC, Duluth, Minn.; Vacation; DMIR Section 6 mtgs., Decatur.

Vice-President E.L. "Lee" Pruitt — Assisted general chairmen & members of: UP-Western Lines; UP-Western Region; UP-Central Region; UP-Southern Region; UP-Tacoma Belt; UP-Eastern District; Office duties and paper work, filing, correspondence, etc.; Advisory Board mtg., Miami, Fla.; UP on-property negotiations, Phoenix, Ariz.; National negotiations, Washington, D.C.; Assisting general chairmen and members of UPRR, Tacoma Belt & STD.

Vice-President & National Legislative Representative John P. Tolman — Assigned to BLET Washington, DC office; BLET Security Officer; General Office Duties, telephone, correspondence; Coordinate content of NLO website; Advisory Board mtg., Miami, Fla.; Vacation; Attended medical standards RSAC; Labor mtg. w/ AAR; Attended passengers Hours of Service General Chairman's conference, Chicago; Breakfast and dinner receptions with various U.S. Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Vice-President Marcus J. Ruef — Labor member-NRAB, Vice Chairman, First Division; Director of Arbitration Dept; Assigned to Amtrak; Southeastern Pennsylvania

Transportation Authority (SEPTA); Long Island Railroad (LIRR); New York & Atlantic (NYAL); New Jersey Transit (NJT); PATH; Metra; Advisory Board mtg., Miami; Arb. Dept. administrative issues; Assist GC Quinn w/ PLB 7346, URR; Assist VP Pruitt w/ draft PLB agreement, UPS; Assist GC Darcy with SBA 940 submissions, NJT; Pep. For PLB 7346 hearings, NYAL; Assist GC Williams (BNSF) and GC Peek (NS-E) w/ discipline issues; Assist GC Dent (UPS) w/ FTD issues; PLB 7346, NYAL, Elizabeth, N.J.; Passenger HOS seminar for passenger chairmen, Chicago; LC Workshop for BNSF/MRL GCA, Ft. Worth, Texas; SBA 1164 conference call, BRC; Edit various LERB petitions, UP & NS.

Vice-President Mike Twombly — Assigned to Delaware & Hudson; Springfield Terminal; St. Lawrence & Atlantic; Montreal, Maine & Atlantic; Union RR; Birmingham Southern; Huron & Eastern; Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range; DM&IRTWO Harbors; South Buffalo Rwy; Iowa, Chicago & Eastern; Indiana & Ohio; Indiana & Southern; Louisville & Indiana; Meridian Southern; Talleyrand Terminal RR; Advisory Board mtgs., Miami; DMIR-CN Rail contract negotiations w/ VP Speagle, GC Stauber and GC Clark; Various paperwork, telephone calls, general office duties.

Vice-President Willard E. Knight — Assigned to: All Norfolk Southern General Committees; Wheeling & Lake Erie; Chicago, Fort Wayne & Eastern; New York, Susquehanna & Western; New England Central; Connecticut Southern; Western New York & Pennsylvania; Indiana & Ohio; Advisory Board mtg., Miami; NS-Northern Lines Local Chairmen Workshop, Moberly, Mo.; WNYP mediation, Cleveland; PLB 6657, Chicago; General office duties.

Vice-President Gil Gore — Assigned to all CSX; Union Pacific-Southern Region GCA special assignment; UP on-property negotiations; Advisory Board mtgs., Miami; Work on DRC issues, CSXT; Section 4 notice and Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) issues, CSXT; Dispute resolution conference call w/ GC Mootes, Smith and Finamore; CSXT Section 4 notice, Jacksonville, Fla.; Conference call w/ GC Louis and membership on Section 4 notice.