

System Council 16



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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS**

Brothers and Sisters:

The Council convention was held at the Benson Hotel in Portland, Oregon on June 20th and 21st, 2007. The city was very interesting and the hotel (a union hotel) and the staff were fantastic and we have extended to the staff our sincere appreciation for their hospitality.

Business conducted at the convention included the following:

Election of officers for the 2007 through 2011 term

Dale Doyle - General Chairman
Richard Heyland - Vice General Chairman

Executive Board

Name	Local
Greg Arras	366
James Moore	418
Mike Scott	542
James Wriston	757
Darrell Patterson	866
Jimmy Hough	881
Gene Nelson	1023
Babbette Berger	1517
Ralph Jimison	1856

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Upon conclusion of the convention the Executive Board Members Elect voted among themselves for the Audit committee members who are as follows:

Greg Arras (Local 366), James Wriston (local 757) and
Ralph Jimison (Local 1856)

The delegates present also addressed several Bylaw changes presented by various Locals. Those proposals which were approved have been submitted to the International President for approval and if or when approved, revised Bylaws will be submitted to all Locals, as will the convention transcript and breakdown of convention expenses.

There are thirty (30) Locals under the jurisdiction of System Council No. 16. Locals 152, 366, 418, 452, 506, 533, 547, 757, 778, 783, 866, 881, 959, 1022, 1023, 1199, 1517 and 1782 participated by sending delegates. Locals 794 and 946 would have participated by sending officers as delegates, however the Council Bylaws require convention delegates to be an employee of one of the Carriers under the jurisdiction of the Council.

Over one third of the Locals did not participate for reasons unknown. There was no cost to the Local as that is what the Council Convention Fund is for. This Council is set up to serve in a democratic process and every Local has a say, and would have been given the opportunity to be heard. I can somewhat understand issues with the Locals with few members, however that was not the case for several who did not attend.

There were many informational and interesting speakers and topics, as well as informational material provided to the delegates and guests. Also, every delegate was provided an opportunity to present ideas to be presented to the Rail Task Force through Rail Director Bohne and International Vice Presidents Lohman and Jensen. Director Bohne also gave a very informational update on the status of issues in the industry.

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National negotiations were conducted in Washington on Monday and Tuesday, July 16th and 17th and a tentative Agreement was reached. Most of you have been advised that several of the representing Organizations recently ratified an agreement from National handling. Please monitor the news section of the Council web site for the most up to date information.

As I advised in the fourth quarter 2006 report, we sent letters to all Locals with instructions to review the Local's per capita sheets against seniority rosters. A follow up letter was sent under the date of April 2, 2007. While the majority of Locals have responded, a number have not. I am in the next few weeks going to notify the District offices for scheduling to complete this matter which should be a concern to all of us.

As many of the Locals have or are in the process of conducting officer elections, I have attached a Local Union officers list for completion and return to this office. Irregardless of whether or not you have held elections, please complete the form and return no later than September 1, 2007.

This quarter the Council staff has conducted business or obtained information relative to the following Carriers effecting Local members.

Canadian National/IC-CCP-WC-DMI-DWP:

A tentative Agreement has been reached with the Carrier for our members on the IC property. The Agreement was submitted to the International office and approved for ratification. The members are now voting on the Agreement. The Locals are to report results at the end of July.

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Several claims have been settled in conference with the Claimants notified of those finalized. Others will be notified upon completion of necessary paperwork.

Canadian Pacific/Soo:

This office has completed the terms for the 2007 Gain Sharing Goals. The final document has been signed and forwarded to the Local officers.

There have been a few Electricians hired at the St. Paul Shop and one (1) furloughed Electrician recalled at Bensenville as the result of a retirement.

Montana Rail Link:

The representing Organizations have scheduled a meeting in the last half of August to discuss several serious unresolved issues.

The purchase of the BNSF telecommunication segment that serves Montana Rail Link has again been delayed for legal reasons.

Lake Superior and Ishpeming Railroad:

No news to report.

Evansville & Western Railway:

No news to report.

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Paducah & Louisville:

No news to report.

NICTD:

No news to report.

BNSF Railway:

As I reported in the Montana Rail Link (MRL) news, the BNSF sale of its telecommunication infrastructure that serves MRL to MRL has again been delayed for legal reasons.

The number of investigations on the property continue to be monitored by this office. We are assisting the Locals with the handling of discipline issues where we do not see investigations on a regular basis.

Attached, please find the first quarter travel, vacation and financial reports. News articles are being posted on our website (systemcouncil16.org) news section upon receipt to provide the membership the most up to date news, however there are a few items attached hereto.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

Dale E. Doyle
General Chairman/Secretary-Treasurer

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Attachments

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Dale Doyle's Travel Second Quarter:

April 4, 2007 - Rochester, Minnesota - Meeting with Sixth District International Representatives Mary Harrigan and Rick Gessler

April 10, 2007 - Brainerd, Minnesota - Meeting with Local 783 members at Brainerd Work Equipment Shop

April 18, 2007 - Soo Line General Chairman's Association meeting - St. Paul, Minnesota

April 25, 2007 - Peoria, Illinois - Illinois Midland Railroad Mount Vernon, Illinois - Local 1475 meeting

April 26, 2007 - Paducah, Kentucky - Meeting with P&L members of Local 1475; Memphis, Tennessee - Local 881 meeting

April 27, 2007 - Memphis, Tennessee - Met with BNSF members of various Locals; Jackson, Mississippi - Local 881 meeting

April 30th, May 1st and 2nd, 2007 - Rail Progress meeting, Miami, Florida

May 14, 2007 - Washington, DC - Rail Task Force meeting

June 16th through 22nd, 2007 - Portland, Oregon - System Council Convention

June 25th and 26th, 2007 - Gillette, Wyoming - Met with Local 547 and 1517 members

June 27th and 28th, 2007 - Alliance, Nebraska - Local 547 meeting and met with Local 1517 members

Dale Doyle's Vacation Used Second Quarter of 2007:

June 11, 2007	1 day
June 14 th and 15 th , 2007	2 days

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Rick Heyland's Travel Second Quarter:

April 2nd and 3rd, 2007 - System Council office - Hastings,
Minnesota

April 29th and 30th, 2007 - Rail Progress meeting - Miami, Florida

May 1st and 2nd, 2007 - Rail Progress meeting - Miami, Florida

May 30, 2007 - Topeka, Kansas - Meeting

May 31, 2007 - Argentine - Kansas City, Kansas - Meeting

June 5th and 6th, 2007 System Council Office - Hastings, Minnesota

June 11, 2007 - Local Union 452 Meeting

June 17th through 22nd, 2007 - System Council No. 16 convention -
Portland, Oregon

June 26th through 28th, 2007 - Investigations (3) - Lincoln,
Nebraska

Rick Heyland's Vacation Used Second Quarter of 2007:

May 14 th through 16 th , 2007	3 days
June 4, 2007	1 day

Mark Klecka's Travel Second Quarter:

April 5th and 6th, 2007 - Michigan City, Indiana - NICTD - Labor
negotiations

April 9th and 10th, 2007 - Chicago, Illinois - SIAP and
investigations

April 16th through 19th, 2007 - George, Utah - Eighth District
Progress meeting

April 29th and 30th, 2007 and May 1, 2007 - Miami, Florida - Rail
Progress meeting

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May 14th and 15th, 2007 - Chicago Illinois - Labor/management meeting - 14th Street (BNSF)

June 6, 2007 - Hastings, Minnesota - Office

June 17th through 22nd, 2007 - Portland, Oregon - System Council 16 Convention

Mark Klecka's Vacation Used Second Quarter of 2007:

April 4 th and 5 th , 2007	2 days
June 7 th and 8 th , 2007	2 days
June 11 th through 15 th , 2007	5 days
June 25 th through 29 th , 2007	5 days

Jeff Burk's Travel Second Quarter:

April 18, 2007 - Houston, Texas - Investigation

April 19, 2007 - Houston, Texas - SIAP

April 30th through May 2nd, 2007 - Miami Beach, Florida - Railroad Progress meeting

May 23rd through May 25th, 2007 - Albuquerque, New Mexico - Seventh District Progress meeting

June 17th through 21st, 2007 - Portland, Oregon - System Council 16 Convention

Jeff Burk's Vacation Used Second Quarter of 2007:

April 20, 2007	1 day
April 25 th through 27 th , 2007	3 days