

# International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers



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**SECOND QUARTER REPORT, 2010  
SYSTEM COUNCIL NO 16 OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS**

Brothers and Sisters:

The 2010 Rail Department meeting was held in Phoenix, Arizona in May and was attended by the Council staff and several Locals under the jurisdiction of this office. There was important information delivered by Director Bohne of the Rail Department. I believe it is always money well spent for the Locals to participate in this meeting.

Council staff has attended or will be attending the Progress Meetings of the various districts. The office has locals and jurisdiction in the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Districts of this Organization.

Attached are documents which will be issued by the "Railroad Enrollment Services" and sent to all employees who have not responded to the requests to furnish social security numbers for any dependents whose social security numbers continue to be missing. Please assure this information is conveyed to your members.

As you are well aware, Section Six notices were previously served, with two (2) negotiating sessions (January and April) held in the first half of this year. In early July during a negotiating session, our coalition notified the Carrier representatives that we feel we are at an impasse.

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The National Mediation Board has been notified and a Federal Mediator assigned. Please find documents attached for your reference and file. We will continue to keep you apprised of developments in this matter.

I would also like to remind all Local Presidents and Recording Secretaries the importance of keeping accurate Local minutes in case there is a problem that must be addressed as a result of actions taken at a Local meeting. Conversely, if you have a special guest speak, i.e. a political candidate or representative of a designated FELA firm, these presentations should be outside of the business meeting of the Local. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

The Railroad Retirement Board conducts annual and regional informational meetings which this office attends as our schedule permits. Attending these seminars is also beneficial for the Local membership.

I would again like to remind each of you of the System Council web site. We strive to keep important news and other up-to-date information for your benefit.

The past quarter the Council staff has conducted business or obtained information relative to the following Carrier's affecting our Local members:

## **Belt Railway Company of Chicago:**

We have had some very brief discussions with the new Labor Relations officer about moving forward to update the controlling Labor Agreement.

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We are also working with the Local representative on the property, Gerry Dudzik, concerning training for two (2) new Apprentices.

## **Canadian National/IC-CCP-WC-DMIR-DWP-EJE:**

Our initial conference to discuss the Section Six notices was conducted on June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in the Carrier's Chicago office. The Locals have been advised of details in previous writings.

We are hearing of some hiring at various locations on the property.

As advised in my April 26, 2010 report, there were four (4) claims arbitrated. The Awards have been rendered and the Claimants notified of the decisions. We have another claim pending an arbitration decision as well as various claims in various stages of handling.

## **Canadian Pacific/Soo:**

We have two (2) claims to be scheduled for conference with the Carrier and have been advised that a few employees have been or are going to be hired.

In June we received notice of the Carrier cancelling the joint Fiber Maintenance Agreement. There was no advance notice of the cancellation or any consideration thereof.

## **Gary Railroad Company:**

No news to report.

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## **Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District:**

We are investigating a new policy the Carrier has initiated concerning insurance coverage for employees operating Company vehicles.

## **Evansville and Western Railroad Company:**

Section Six notices were served on July 1, 2010 with our main goal this round of bargaining to obtain employees on the property.

## **Lake Superior and Ishpeming Railroad Company:**

We are working on the terms of a proposed Agreement with a coalition of the BRS, IBFO, IAM and this office.

Once completed, the Agreement will be submitted for approval and the membership for ratification purposes.

## **Paducah and Louisville Railroad Company:**

We continue discussions with our members in an attempt to attain an Agreement on the property.

We are continuing with the handling of a claim for the vacating of a position on the property.

## **Montana Rail Link:**

Negotiations continue with the Non Op Coalition with a session held the second week of July.

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As I understand from a previous inquiry, the Carrier has no plans of returning any furloughed employees for a few months.

## **BNSF Railway:**

We have received a number of Awards from various Boards that have been delayed as a result of NMB funding. The Claimants have been notified of the Awards.

There have been some preliminary discussions concerning the Carriers desire to establish Rapid Responder positions in Nebraska and Wyoming. We are currently awaiting a response from the Carrier to some of the Organization's concerns.

As far as this office has been advised, I believe everyone has been recalled from furlough and there are interviews for new employees at Lincoln and Northtown pending.

We continue to inquire of the Carrier's plans for PTC, however no specific details have been conveyed.

Attached to this report are second quarter travel, financial report and various documents.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

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Attachments

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## **Dale Doyle's Travel Second Quarter:**

April 6, 2010 - Superior, Wisconsin - Local 1559 - Investigation

April 7, 2010 - Two Harbors, Minnesota - Local 366 - Investigation

April 14<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - IC  
Public Law Board hearing

April 23, 2010 - Eagan, Minnesota - Railroad Retirement Board  
seminar

May 5, 2010 - Minneapolis, Minnesota - CP/Soo - Claims conference

May 13, 2010 - Minneapolis, Minnesota - CP/Soo - 401(K) meeting

May 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 - Phoenix, Arizona - Rail Department  
Conference

May 25, 2010 - Superior, Wisconsin - Local 1559 - Allouez Ore Dock  
issues

May 27, 2010 - Minneapolis, Minnesota - LSI Section Six  
negotiations

June 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Lincoln, Nebraska - Eleventh District  
Progress meeting

June 29<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - CN/IC Telecom negotiations - Initial  
Section Six meeting

## **Rick Heyland's Travel Second Quarter:**

April 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Tulsa, Oklahoma - Investigation - BNSF

April 19, 2010 - Davenport, Iowa - ICE Railroad

April 26<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Chicago, Illinois - Second Division  
Board hearing

May 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Jackson, Mississippi - Investigation -  
CN

May 17<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 - Phoenix, Arizona - IBEW Rail Progress  
meeting

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June 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 - Colorado Springs, Colorado -  
IBEW Seventh District meeting

## **Mark Klecka's Travel Second Quarter:**

April 5<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Seattle, Washington - Telecom  
Labor Relation meetings

April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Chicago, Illinois - NRAB Board Hearing

May 9<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Missoula, Montana - Montana Rail Link  
negotiations

May 18<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 - Phoenix, Arizona - General Chairman  
meeting - Rail Progress meeting

June 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Chicago, Illinois - CN - Labor  
Relations meetings

## **Jeff Burk's Travel Second Quarter:**

April 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Seattle, Washington - BNSF Telecom  
meetings

May 5, 2010 - Tulsa, Oklahoma - BNSF Telcom meeting

May 6, 2010 - Springfield, Missouri - BNSF Telecom SIAP

May 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 - Phoenix, Arizona - IBEW Railroad  
conference

June 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - St. Pete Beach, Florida - System  
Council 7, IBEW - Convention

June 29<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Homewood, Illinois - CN/IC Section  
Six and Telecom meetings