

# International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers



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**FOURTH QUARTER REPORT, 2006  
SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 16 OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS**

Brothers and Sisters:

As we are in a new year, there are a number of items that need to be discussed:

1. The Council convention is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 in Portland, Oregon. The official convention call is going to be mailed shortly. Please start making plans accordingly. A copy of the System Council By-Laws and IBEW Constitution will be provided with the convention call. The criteria for delegate selection must be strictly adhered to.
2. This is the time of the year when financial and Department of Labor reports are due. Please complete all that is required of your individual Locals.
3. This is also the time of the year when the Agreements require posting of the annual seniority rosters. I urge each of you to check the roster for accuracy. I also am personally requesting the Local officers to check the rosters against the Local's per capita sheets. If you have any questions or if you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Council staff. Further information is going to be provided to the Local Presidents and Financial Secretaries under separate cover.

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National negotiations are scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be the first session with the Federal Mediator assigned by NMB.

This quarter, the Council Staff has conducted business or obtained information relative to the following Carriers effecting Local members:

## **Belt Railroad of Chicago:**

I have contacted Carrier Labor Relations about initiating the updating of the Labor Agreement on the property. As of this writing, representatives are discussing the request internally.

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

A claims conference was conducted on November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Carrier's Chicago office. Those involved and the respective Local have been notified of the results of the conference under separate cover. There are still a few claims that remain active.

During the conference, we briefly discussed the outstanding Section Six notices. I was notified within the past few days that the Carmen's Organization ratified an Agreement. That Agreement has been provided to the Locals. The SMWIA Organization on the property is currently involved with a Federal Mediator.

This office assisted with one (1) investigation on the property this past quarter.

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## **Canadian Pacific/Soo:**

We are at a critical juncture with the combining of the Telecommunication Department Agreement as we are discussing Scope Rules and job classifications. This is where the negotiations fell apart several years ago.

This office assisted with one (1) investigation on the property this quarter.

## **MONTANA RAIL LINK:**

We understand the final discussions are being conducted for the purchase of the BNSF Telecommunication infrastructure, which will mean an addition of one (1), perhaps two (2) Telecommunication Department employees on the property according to our information.

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

The updated Agreement project has been completed. The Agreements have been distributed to all concerned.

## **Evansville and Western:**

I have discussed the status of this property with a Labor Relations representative. Keeping in mind this is a start-up property, business is improving, however the Carrier does not feel at this time an IBEW employee can be employed on a full-time basis. We will continue to monitor this situation.

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## **Paducah and Louisville Railway:**

No report.

## **Elgin Joliet and Eastern:**

Assistant General Chairman Klecka assisted with an investigation in October.

## **NICTD:**

We received a Notice to Contract the repair of a coach that sustained major damage in an incident. Assistant General Chairman Klecka is investigating and has conducted a conference. The Local has been notified of the results.

## **BNSF Railway:**

As I reported in the Montana Rail Link news, the BNSF is going to sell the Telecommunication infrastructure to Montana Rail Link. We are negotiating an Implementing Agreement for the protection of the four (4) employees that will be impacted as a result of the transaction.

A claims conference was conducted on December 5, 2006. The Claimants and their respective Locals have been notified under separate cover of the results. There have been Awards issued in outstanding discipline cases by various Boards we have. Again, those involved have been notified of the decisions.

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The vote by our members covered by the Santa Fe Coast Lines Hospital Association has been conducted. The vote was overwhelmingly to withdraw from the Hospital Association. The Carrier, Association and the NCCC have been notified. The paperwork is being drawn up with a target date of transfer April 1, 2007.

Again last quarter the issue with Journeyman credentials was questioned. I cannot stress the importance that when a new employee is hired and does not have documentation to support their Journeyman status, we must therefore stress that he be identified as an Apprentice and submit his credentials according to the terms of the controlling Agreement. In all cases advise the Carrier and the Council office of that fact in writing.

Attached, please find the fourth quarter travel, vacation and financial reports. News articles are being posted on our website ([systemcouncil16.org](http://systemcouncil16.org)) news section upon receipt to provide the membership the most up to date news.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

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General Chairman

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Attachments

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

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Watertown, New York - FRA Meeting

October 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Marquette, Michigan - LSI Agreement updates

October 31, 2006 - Minneapolis, Minnesota - CP/Soo - Health and Welfare

November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Chicago, Illinois - Local 533 officers; Woodcrest - Investigation - CN; Claims conference - CN - Homewood offices

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Topeka, Kansas - Investigation Local 959 meeting - BNSF; Kansas City, Missouri - Argentine Shop visit

December 13, 2006 - Investigation - BNSF - Northtown, Minnesota

December 18, 2006 - Claims Conference - CP/Soo - Minneapolis, Minnesota

December 20, 2006 - Investigation - CP/Soo - St. Paul, Minnesota

## **Dale Doyle's Vacation Used Fourth Quarter of 2006:**

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 4 days

November 8, 2006 1 day

November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 2 days

December 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006 4 days

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

October 2, 2006 - Local Union 452 meeting - Burlington, Iowa

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Council office - Hastings  
Minnesota

October 11, 2006 - Argentine Facility - Kansas City, Kansas

December 6, 2006 - Investigation - Galesburg, Illinois

December 20, 2006 - Argentine Facility - Kansas City, Kansas

## **Rick Heyland's Vacation Used Fourth Quarter of 2006:**

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 5 days

October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006 2 days

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 5 days

December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 2 days

December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 2 days

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

October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and Duluth,  
Minnesota - Canadian National Health Care Meetings with UHC

October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Gary, Indiana - EJE - Investigation

November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Chicago, Illinois - BNSF -  
Investigation

November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Chicago, Illinois - Local 547  
meeting; BNSF - Investigation - 14<sup>th</sup> Street

December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Fort Worth, Texas - Labor Relations -  
Telecom and Structures meetings

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## **Mark Klecka's Vacation Used Fourth Quarter of 2006:**

October 30, 2006	1 day
November 17, 2006	1 day
November 27, 2006	1 day
December 5, 2006	1 day
December 8, 2006	1 day
December 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	2 days
December 22, 2006	1 day
December 26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	4 days

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

October 19, 2006 - LS&I Agreement rewrite - Marquette, Michigan

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> - Council Office - Hastings, Minnesota

December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Structures and Telecom meetings - Fort Worth, Texas

## **Jeff Burk's Vacation Used Fourth Quarter of 2006:**

October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	5 days
November 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2006	3 days
December 22, 2006	1 day
December 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	1 day