Under Attack

BLET goes to court to protect members’ whistleblower rights

The railroad industry has launched a coordinated attack on rights enacted by Congress as part of the Federal Railroad Safety Act (FRSA).

These “whistleblower” rights, which are contained in Section 20929 of Title 49 of the United States Code, protect BLET members and other railroad workers from harassment and intimidation when they report or participate in an investigation of injuries and safety violations, when they seek prompt medical treatment for on-the-job injuries, or when they follow their physician’s treatment plans.

A major battle is being fought out in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, where Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) has sued Labor Secretary Hilda Solis. NS seeks to overturn a decision by the Administrative Review Board (ARB) of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) affirming an earlier decision by an OSHA Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) that railroad workers may pursue whistleblower claims in addition to labor agreement discipline appeals when their rights are violated by a railroad.

The ALJ ruled that both avenues are available to railroad workers because subsection (h) of Section 20929 states that “[n]othing in this section shall be deemed to diminish the rights, privileges, or remedies of any employee . . . under any collective bargaining agreement.”

NS, with the support of the Association of American Railroads, seeks to overturn this decision, claiming that railroad workers who appeal their dismissals are barred from pursuing a whistleblower claim by FRSA subsection (g), which states that an “employee may not seek protection under both this section and another provision of law for the same alleged unlawful act of the railroad carrier.”

The carriers argue that the right to appeal discipline for alleged rules infractions to a Section 3 adjustment board under the Railway Labor Act constitutes “protection under another provision of law,” not from a collective bargaining agreement.

The ALJ ruling upheld by the ARB was issued in a case involving the whistleblower rights of a BLET member wrongfully terminated.

BLET endorses Obama for reelection

Just moments before the opening of the 72nd Annual International Western Convention (IWC) on July 31, the BLET’s Advisory Board voted unanimously to endorse Barack Obama for reelection as President of the United States.

“We believe President Obama is the best candidate to protect the rights of the 55,000 men and women of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen. BLET National President Dennis R. Pierce said in announcing the endorsement during opening ceremonies in Billings, Mont., at the IWC, which prompted a rousing ovation from the body.

As part of his commitment to more strongly involve all departments of the BLET, President Pierce announced today that the union’s top legislative body, the National Legislative Board, passed a resolution in late July urging that the Advisory Board endorse President Obama’s reelection.

The BLET cited the ongoing War on Workers as a primary reason for endorsing President Obama.

“The divide and conquer strategy employed by Corporate America and its agents at all levels of government tries to turn working class Americans against one another,” President Pierce said. “Barack Obama presents our best chance at fighting back against these attacks on the Middle Class.”

The presumptive Republican nominee stands on a decidedly anti-rail worker platform. On the campaign trail, he has promised to slash Amtrak’s budget, endangering the jobs of thousands of unionized Amtrak employees, and thus, the stability of the Railroad Retirement system. Additionally, he has supported the Republican Party’s Ryan Budget, which proposes to deprive railroad workers of hard won Railroad Retirement benefits.

“The 2012 National Election will be a watershed event for the United States, because either the electorate will choose a federal government of, by and for the people or it will choose a federal government of, by and for capital,” the BLET resolution reads.

In May, the General Executive Board of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters also endorsed President Obama, and the BLET and IBT both endorsed Obama in 2008.

President Obama is only the fourth Presidential candidate the BLET has endorsed in its 149-year history. Founded on May 8, 1863, the BLET has endorsed four Presidential candidates. The BLET has endorsed John Kerry in 2004. Bill Clinton in 1992, by Al Gore in 2000 and John Kerry in 2004. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, a Division of the Teamsters Rail Conference, has over 55,000 active and retired members.
**Why Obama?**

If you have been following the BLET’s publications this year, you know that our message has been consistent. We have said repeatedly that unions and their hard working members did not cause this nation’s problems. We have also said that now is the time for all union members to get involved in their union and in doing so get involved in their future. Our “Proud to be American. Proud to be Union” campaign is all part of this effort.

I have also been very vocal in my efforts to point out that middle class Americans, especially those in labor unions, need to be wary of politicians that claim to side with you on a social issue, all the while supporting an anti-labor and anti-union agenda.

And I have been saying to all who will hear it that we must support politicians who support the hard working middle class of this country. This message came full circle this month as this publication was going to print.

As reported on the front page of this Newsletter, the BLET’s Advisory Board voted unanimously on Tuesday, July 10th to endorse President Obama in his bid for re-election as President of the United States of America. The Advisory Board voted follow, and adopted, a resolution crafted by the BLET’s National Legislative Board, and that resolution is also provided on page 3 in this publication. As could be expected, the National Division received comments from several members, both in favor of the endorsement and opposing the endorsement. My message this month is in response to those who oppose our endorsement and I would ask that all members read it in its entirety.

As a labor union, BLET’s mission is to protect our membership’s economic interests in the workplace. We fight for the statehouse, the halls of Congress and most importantly, the White House. In making its decision to endorse President Obama, the involved officers took many things into consideration, but you can be assured that the BLET’s primary focus was the economic best interest of the membership.

Perhaps the most important piece in that mosaic of economic interests is the recent GOP attack on our Railroad Retirement system. The so-called “Ryan Budget” took direct aim at our retirement system, even though the proposed changes to Railroad Retirement would not benefit the nation’s financiers whatsoever. To this day, President Obama’s presumptive opponent, Mitt Romney, still defends and supports the Ryan Budget plan, which has already passed in the House. As I write this message, Democratic control of the Senate and President Obama in the White House are the only things standing with us in a way of a GOP budget plan that would dismantle the retirement system that we have worked so hard for. This is not a political argument; this is a reality that every BLET member must consider.

To add insult to injury, Candidate Romney has also signed onto the GOP’s effort to disman- tel Amtrak as we know it. Their effort to destroy the union jobs at Amtrak, who pay into the Railroad Retirement and hoping to retire in dignity someday, this directly affects you. The loss of 50,000 union jobs at Amtrak, all of whom pay into Railroad Retirement, would be catastrophic to the retirement benefits of every BLET member.

In addition to all of this, there is an even bigger issue looming on the horizon. None of us want to hear the words or even say them, but I must and I will: single-person operation. Not only would such an operation cost tens of thousands of good railroad union jobs, it would also eliminate those hard-working Americans as contributors to the Railroad Retirement system, jeopardizing all of our retirement benefits. If any of you think that the carriers gave up on their de- sire to eliminate operating employees in the cab of the locomotive, you are sadly mistaken. Those efforts were front and center again if the railroads succeed in their effort get the corporate-owned politician of their choice in the White House. We saw no targeting of crew size in the last bargaining round, and that was because President Obama was in the White House.

If these concerns are not enough for you, you can add that the GOP’s efforts to privatize Medicare are also supported by President Obama’s opponent. Like the attack on our retirement system, this is a direct attack on the benefits that you are counting on when you retire … benefits for which you have paid your entire working career.

In the end, President Obama’s positions on some social issues might not be the same as yours, but those are not the issues that your union is here to represent you on. As I have consistently said since becoming your President, our mission is to represent your economic interests in the workplace and that is where Barack Obama stands head and shoulders above his opponent.

**BLET National President’s Message**

BY DENNIS R. PIERCE

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**BLET National Division Electronic Communications Policy**

Official communications between BLET members and the National Division require a hard copy of the correspondence, because they are subject to review by the National President to be consid- ered 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 the official record and can be used in future correspondence.

The volume of e-mails received makes it impossible for the National President to answer all unofficial communications. Therefore, it is the policy of the BLET that e-mails addressed to the National President will be reviewed and forwarded to the appropriate officer or staff for a time-delay response; however, an e-mail message is not considered an official communication. Moreover, anonymous e-mails and e-mails that do not provide sufficient in- formation concerning the sender to en- able National Division staff to confirm the sender’s membership status will not receive any reply or acknowledgement. This policy is intended to allow the National Presi- dent to be aware of the opinions and sug- gestions of the membership, while at the same time providing a timely response to the member’s suggestion or correspond- ence, if a response is necessary, without need- less expending limited BLET resources.

**ADOPTED AT CLEVELAND, OHIO ON JULY 22, 2010**

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Romney’s Billionaire Backers

T he billionaires fueling Mitt Romney’s presidential campaign don’t like American workers, except to exploit them. And they clearly know a soul mate when they see one.

At least count, 33 billionaires have donated to Romney’s “Restore Our Future” PAC.

Few of Romney’s billionaire backers make actual products — most simply siphon income from ordinary workers into their Swiss bank accounts.

Romney’s most prominent backer is Macao casino operator Sheldon Adelson, who is expected to give Romney’s PAC as much as $100 million.

America’s aristocrats of inherited wealth are also backing Romney — the Marriott hotel heirs, the Wal-Mart heirs, a Mellon Bank heir, and an heir to a billionaire coal mining family.

What is so troubling about Romney’s backers is not their wealth but the source of their wealth. These corporate predators siphon income out of workers’ pockets, out of communities and out of the country.

Romney’s predatory backers want to consolidate their power so they can continue funneling America’s wealth into their own investment portfolios.

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Fraternally,

JAMES P. HOFFA
Teamsters General President

Brotherhood Of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen National Legislative Board Resolution

WHEREAS, the economic crisis that engulfed the nation and the world beginning in the summer of 2007 was the worst such crisis since the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, Corporate America and its agents at all levels of government have seized upon the economic hardship of the times to stoke fear among the nation and the world beginning in the summer of 2007; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 National Election will be a watershed event for the United States, because either the electorate will choose a federal government of, by and for capital; and

WHEREAS, it is the vision of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen to advance the quality of life for its present and future members and their families;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the National Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen — the highest legislative body of the Organization — is on record as supporting the endorsement of President Barack Obama for reelection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Legislative Board unanimously and strongly urges the Advisory Board to adopt a resolution of endorsement of President Barack Obama for reelection; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Advisory Board take such other actions as it deems appropriate to persuade the membership of the importance of re-electing President Obama.

Adopted this 26th day of July, 2012.

FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

/s/ D. R. Pierce
Chairman

/s/ E. L. Pruitt
Vice Chairman

/s/ J. P. Tolman
Secretary

CONCURRING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

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NASLBC Region 1 Chairman

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NASLBC Region 2 Chairman

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NASLBC Region 3 Chairman

C. L. Runion,
NASLBC Region 4 Chairman
Collective bargaining rights are under attack again

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n anti-union bill currently making its way through Congress would give the rights of workers to bargain collectively under the guise of high wages.

The cynically-named Rewarding Achievement and Incentivizing Successful Employees Act, or RAISE Act, would amend Section 9(a) of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) to allow employers to ignore what they agree to in collective bargaining agreements. Introduced by Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) as S. 3221, the bill would take away employees’ rights to negotiate the terms of their employment in a fair process for granting wage increases. The dubious logic behind the bill is that employers are benevolent and generous supporters of their workers, and should be allowed the free rein to reward favored employees with higher raises. In reality, the legislation would give employers the ability to discriminate against employees by arbitrarly showing favoritism to one worker over another.

This legislation undermines the fairness that collective bargaining agreements bring to the workplace, opening another avenue for discrimination based on race or gender.

In a letter to all members of the Senate Transit Committee, FAS President James P. Hoffa wrote: “Make no mistake, the goal and purpose of this legislation is to end collective bargaining… Nothing in the bill pays back benefits or...
Brother Jim L. Dayton was re-elected Chairman of the Union Pacific-Western Region General Committee of Adjustment during the Committee’s quadrennial convention held June 26-28, 2012, in Boise, Idaho.

Brother Dayton was first elected General Chairman at the Board’s quadrennial convention in June of 2008. A member of BLE Division 236 (Portland, Ore.), Brother Dayton hied out with the Union Pacific Railroad in April 1976 as a B & B Carpenter. He transferred into engine service as a fireman in April 1977 and joined BLE Division 236 in November 1977.

Also elected during the quadrennial session were:

- Steve J. Leysom (Division 766, Las Vegas, Nevada), who was reelected to his second term as First Vice-Chairman;
- Will C. Wallace (Division 362, La Grande, Ore.), who was elected by acclamation to his first term as Second Vice-Chairman;
- Raymond Letter (Division 349, Salt Lake City, Utah), who was elected by acclamation to his first term as Third Vice-Chairman;
- Tom Preston (Division 236, Portland, Ore.), who was reelected by acclamation as Secretary-Treasurer; and
- Chad Holoh (Division 766, Las Vegas), who was elected by acclamation as Alternate Secretary-Treasurer.

BLET National President Dennis R. Pierce represented the National Division at the meeting, along with Vice President Mike Tomblin. Both men addressed the group regarding various matters of national importance.

“On behalf of the National Division, I congratulate and thank these Brothers for their participation in the Organization,” President Pierce said. “I know Brother Dayton and his team will continue doing an excellent job of representing our Brothers and Sisters who work for the Union Pacific Railroad.”

Representatives from the Brotherhoods Relief & Compensation Fund (BRCF), Locomotive Engineers & Conductors Mutual Protective Association (LECMPA) and Rail Marketing Services each addressed the group regarding job insurance and disability issues. Union Pacific Railroad Employees Health System (UPREHS) President Dell Butterfield gave a presentation on the status of the association, its plans for addressing changes under the new national agreement, and the effect of the new national health care law on UPREHS.

BLET International Vice-President (1987-1991), and Vice General Chairman at-Large and Second Vice-Chairman of UP-WR GCA (1991-2000), Brother Dayton also served as a regional mobilization coordinator for the BLET International from 1991 to 2000, and he was Chairman of the Bylaws Committee during the BLET’s Second National Convention in Reno, Nevada, in 2010.

The Union Pacific Western Region GCA consists of 20 different divisions with more than 1,000 locomotive engineers and trainmen throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Nevada, employed by the Union Pacific, Eastern Idaho, Portland & Western, and Willamette and Pacific, and Portland Terminal railroad companies. Earlier this year, the GCA successfully completed negotiations with three railroads and obtained agreements that were effective in March, May and July 2012.

BLET National President Dennis R. Pierce announced today that the results of a study regarding railroad worker fatigue management, sleep, and sleep disorders have been made publicly available.

The website — titled “Railroader’s Guide to Healthy Sleep” (www.railroader-sleep.org) — is the result of a collaborative project that began in 2010 between BLET, Harvard Medical School, the WGBH Educational Foundation, and the UTU. The final product reflects anonymous survey results from numerous BLET and UTU members.

The website gives members information regarding how to obtain better sleep in hopes of improving their quality of life. The website also contains videos and numerous other tools to help railroaders stay safe on the job, including instructions on how to listen to your body clock and how to recognize sleep apnea, and has an interactive feature that allows you to test your reaction time.

The website is sponsored by the Federal Railroad Administration and produced in partnership with WGBH Educational Foundation and the National Transportation Systems Center. President Pierce thanked all BLET members who participated in the survey process, as well as National Vice President Steve Bruno and Director of Regulatory Affairs Vince Verna for their assistance on the project.

“Encourage BLET members to visit the website, especially since they had a hand in the creation of its content,” President Pierce said. “Although we know the true solution to fatigue requires an accurate lineup, it is our hope this new website will benefit our members who want more information concerning how to obtain better sleep given the challenges and barriers to quality sleep presented by working for the railroads.”

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D.B. Kenner elected Chairman of Montana State Legislative Board

Brother D. B. Kenner was elected by acclamation to serve as Chairman of the Montana State Legislative Board during the Board's quadrennial meeting in Billings, Mont., June 12-13, 2012. Brother Kenner, a member of BLET Division 195 (Forsyth, Mont.), is a BNSF locomotive engineer. He first joined the Brotherhood on September 1, 2004. Immediately prior to his election, Brother Kenner served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Montana State Legislative Board.

Incumbent Chairman Craig A. Gilchrist did not seek reelection after having served the Board for 12 years, winning elections in 2008, 2004 and 2000. However, he was elected to continue serving as 2nd Vice Chairman, allowing him to devote more time to his family as he prepares for retirement.

Also elected by acclamation were the following officers: 1st Vice Chairman James S. Covan, Division 262 (Missoula, Mont.); Secretary-Treasurer Kris Melone, Division 504 (Great Falls, Mont.); 2nd Vice Chairman Craig A. Gilchrist, Division 298 (Glendive, Mont.); and Alternate Secretary-Treasurer Barry E. Green, Division 180 (Glendive, Mont.).

Three members were elected by acclamation to serve on the Audit Committee, including: W.C. (Cory) Holmes, Division 392 (Harve, Mont.); Joe A. Courtney, Division 699 (Whitefish, Mont.); and Barry E. Green, Division 180.

BLET National President Dennis R. Pierce expressed regret that he was not able to attend the meeting, but thanked Chairman Kenner and all officers of the Montana State Legislative Board for their dedication to the Brotherhood. President Pierce also thanked outgoing Chairman Gilchrist for his passionate dedication and outstanding service to the Brotherhood over the past many years.

Representing the National Division at the meeting were: First Vice President E. Lee Pruitt; National Secretary-Treasurer William C. Walpert; Vice President and National Legislative Representative John P. Tolman; Special Representative David B. Ditzel; Special Representative and Coordinator of Education and Training Ken N. Kroeger; and Special Representative Rick A. Olson.

Additional special guests included: Cory L. Runion, Chairman of the Wyoming State Legislative Board; and Al Ekbal, Executive Secretary of the Montana State AFL-CIO.

Members of the Board conducted business for the good of the Order and discussed strategy for the upcoming elections, including local and state elections in Montana as well as the national elections coming up in November.

The BLET’s Montana State Legislative Board was founded on May 17, 1904.

GC Warren Dent reelected by acclamation to serve UP-Southern Region GCA

General Chairman J. Warren Dent Jr. was reelected by acclamation to the office of General Chairman at the Union Pacific-Southern Region General Committee of Adjustment meetings in Fort Worth, Texas, from May 31-June 1, 2012.

This will be Brother Dent’s first full term as General Chairman. He was elected to the office of 4th Vice General Chairman at the GC’s quadrennial convention in 2008, and assumed General Chairman duties in 2009 following the promotion of outgoing General Chairman Gil Gore to the BLET Advisory Board. Brother Dent is a Union Pacific locomotive engineer and member of BLET Division 187 (Fort Worth, Texas). He first joined the Brotherhood on September 1, 1975.

The following officers were also elected: 1st Vice Chairman Dana L. Marlow, Division 179 (Parsons, Kan.); 2nd Vice Chairman Dan H. Underwood, Division 139 (Houston, Texas); 3rd Vice Chairman James Logan Jr., Division 620 (Fort Worth, Texas); 4th Vice Chairman Scott P. Alexander, Division 523 (Chickasha, Okla.); and Secretary-Treasurer Megan C. Mead, Division 197 (San Antonio, Texas). Brothers Marlow, Underwood and Alexander were elected by acclamation. Sister Mead was reelected by acclamation.

The following alternate officers were also elected: 1st Alt. Vice Chairman Ty M. Paz, Division 775 (Victoria, Texas); 2nd Alt. Vice Chairman Fernando M. Paz, Division 187 (Fort Worth, Texas); and Alt. Secretary-Treasurer Scott J. Piekarski, Division 187 (Fort Worth, Texas).

Visiting dignitaries included: National President Dennis R. Pierce; First Vice President E. Lee Pruitt; National Secretary-Treasurer William C. Walpert; National Vice President Michael D. Twombly; and Special Representative Jim Bradford.

“I offer my congratulations to these hardworking officers and thank them for their service to the Brotherhood,” President Pierce said. “I have every confidence Brother Dent and his team of officers will continue doing an excellent job of providing the best representation possible for our membership.”

The Union Pacific Southern Region GCA consists of 29 BLET Divisions representing approximately 1,800 active members. 
Triennial elections for BLET Divisions will be held later this year, with nominations being held at each Division’s first regular meeting in September of 2012. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters Constitution provides that members are eligible to run for election only if they are “in continuous good standing . . . and actively employed in the craft . . . for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months prior to the month of nomination” (IBT Constitution, Article II, Section 4(2)(c)).

In general, “continuous good standing” means the timely payment of dues for each of the 24 months during the applicable period together with no interruptions in active service during that period. This includes all dues — National Division dues, General Committee of Adjustment dues, Division dues and State Legislative Board dues. In order to be eligible to be a candidate for division office, a member must have paid full dues to a BLET division from August 2010 through July 2012. Members in active duty in a reserve component of the military or the National Guard for a period lasting more than 30 days but not more than 24 consecutive months are deemed to maintain their continuous good standing without the payment of dues.

If you are a Division Secretary-Treasurer, you will also serve as an election official for your Division. A package of election material, including a revised edition of the National Division’s “On the Right Track” publication was mailed in mid-July. This publication also will be made available to all members on the BLET website.

Because determinations of eligibility to run for office may involve an interpretation of the BLET Bylaws, any eligibility questions must be submitted, in writing and via a signed letter, to National President Dennis R. Pierce.
**SELECTED TRANSPORTATION NEWS ITEMS**

**HERITAGE SHOWCASE**: An aerial view of Norfolk Southern’s Heritage locomotives from their “family portrait” at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, N.C., on July 4, 2012. Norfolk Southern produced a Heritage fleet of locomotives as part of the company’s 30th anniversary this year. Each locomotive in the heritage fleet had a unique paint scheme honoring the various predecessor roads that were merged to form the Norfolk Southern, which was formally created on June 1, 1982.

**Photo courtesy**: Doug Broedel

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**BLET members ratify six-year contract with Grand Trunk Western**

Members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen ratified a new six-year collective bargaining agreement with CN’s Grand Trunk Western (GTW) property on June 13.

The agreement governs rates of pay and work rules for over 200 locomotive engineers. More than 70 percent of members returned ballots with better than 70 percent voting in favor.

The new agreement includes general wage increases totaling 18.6 percent, retroactive to August 1, 2010, as well as an improved away-from-home-meal allowance. It also provides a $1,000 bonus/claim settlement payable to all active engineers, and 26 additional days off for ex-board Engineers along with an increase in the GEB Weekly Guarantee.

BLET National President Dennis R. Pierce commended the negotiating team of General Chairman John Karakian and Vice President Willard Knight for their hard work in negotiating the agreement.

“I want to congratulate our GTW members for their outstanding participation level in the ratification process,” President Pierce said. “This is an excellent contract, especially in light of the fragile economy in which it was negotiated, and one that will continue to benefit all GTW engineers and their families now and for many years to come.”

General Chairman Karakian said: “Our General Committee was indeed fortunate to have the expertise and assistance of Vice President Willard Knight. In addition, I would be remiss if I did not give a special thank you to President Pierce and his entire staff, whose services and support throughout negotiations were invaluable and enabled us to reach the very best agreement possible. And, last but certainly not least, none of this could have been accomplished without the patience, understanding and support of the Local Chairmen and the membership. So, a real sincere thank you to you all.”

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**Advisory Board 2012 Activity**

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

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**VICE PRESIDENT & NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN P. TOLMAN**: Assigned to: BLET Washington, DC office; BLET Security Officer; National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust (NRRIT); General Chairman Workshop, Chicago; Assist Doug Davidson with 1st Division awards book rewrite, NRAB, Chicago; Assist GC Reynolds w. shop, Chicago; Vacation; WC GCA mtg., Chicago; Hearings; CSX-E GCA mtg., Troy, Ala.; WGCA mtg. 2012, Las Vegas.

**VICE PRESIDENT WILLIAM M. KNIGHT**: Assigned to: All Divisions Pacific GCA’s (Eastern Division, Northern Region (former CNW), Western Division, Pacific Division); General Chairman Workshop, Chicago; Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) issues, CSXT; General office duties, paperwork, correspondence communications; Prepare Section 6 notice, Metra/CP, Chicago; Passenger Hours of Service presentation, Long Island RR; Northwestern Electric, Hoquiam, Wash.; Prepare Section 6 notice, Metra/CP, Chicago; Assist GC Reynolds w. shop, Chicago; McCormick-Roseville, Union Railroad; Birmingham Southern; Nevada Southern; Central Division Office, Cleveland; National Division Office, Cleveland; General supervision of Special Representatives; President, Teamsters Rail Recognition; National GCA’s (NRRIT); General office duties; Correspondence communications, Arbitration; assist GC Schumaker, Arbitration; CSXT; National Division Office, Cleveland; General office duties; Correspondence communications; Vice Chairman, full National Rail Board (NRB); Labor Member, 1st Division; Labor Representative, 1st Division; Labor Representative, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust (NRRIT); Labor Member, 1st Division; Vice Chairman, full National Rail Board (NRB); Labor Representative, 1st Division; Labor Representative, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust (NRRIT); General Chairman Workshop, Chicago; Assist Doug Davidson with 1st Division awards book rewrite, NRAB, Chicago; Assist GC Reynolds w. shop, Chicago; Vacation; WGCA mtg., Troy, Ala.; WGCA mtg. 2012, Las Vegas.

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**VICE PRESIDENT COLE W. DAVIS**: Assigned to: Dallas/Fort Worth; Western General Chairman’s Association mtg., Las Vegas; Assistant GC Moore, arbitration; Assistant GC Whitchurch, IC issues, Section Four notice, Cedar Mountain RR, Utah; Assistant GC Reynolds, arbitration; CSXT; General office duties, paperwork, correspondence communications; Metro North; New Jersey Transit; PATH; SEPTA; Metra; Union Railroad; Birmingham Southern; Nevada Southern; Central Division Office, Cleveland; National Division Office, Cleveland; General supervision of Special Representatives; President, Teamsters Rail Recognition; National GCA’s (NRRIT); General office duties; Correspondence communications; Vice Chairman, full National Rail Board (NRB); Labor Member, 1st Division; Labor Representative, 1st Division; Labor Representative, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust (NRRIT); General Chairman Workshop, Chicago; Assist Doug Davidson with 1st Division awards book rewrite, NRAB, Chicago; Assist GC Reynolds w. shop, Chicago; Vacation; WGCA mtg., Troy, Ala.; WGCA mtg. 2012, Las Vegas.

**VICE PRESIDENT STEPHEN J. BRUNO**: Assigned to: All Divisions Pacific GCA’s (Eastern Division, Northern Region (former CNW), Western Division, Pacific Division); General Chairman Workshop, Chicago; Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) issues, CSXT; General office duties, paperwork, correspondence communications; Prepare Section 6 notice, Metra/CP, Chicago; Passenger Hours of Service presentation, Long Island RR; Northwestern Electric, Hoquiam, Wash.; Prepare Section 6 notice, Metra/CP, Chicago; Assistant GC Reynolds w. shop, Chicago; McCormick-Roseville, Union Railroad; Birmingham Southern; Nevada Southern; Central Division Office, Cleveland; National Division Office, Cleveland; General supervision of Special Representatives; President, Teamsters Rail Recognition; National GCA’s (NRRIT); General office duties; Correspondence communications; Vice Chairman, full National Rail Board (NRB); Labor Member, 1st Division; Labor Representative, 1st Division; Labor Representative, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust (NRRIT); General Chairman Workshop, Chicago; Assist Doug Davidson with 1st Division awards book rewrite, NRAB, Chicago; Assist GC Reynolds w. shop, Chicago; Vacation; WGCA mtg., Troy, Ala.; WGCA mtg. 2012, Las Vegas.

**VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD J. HODEL**: Assigned to: Kansas City Southern (MidSouth Rail, SouthRail, Elgin, Joliet & Eastern; Elgin, Joliet & Eastern; Southern Region (New Orleans & Gulf Coast); Talleyrand employees.

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