BLE approves Procedural Agreement to govern Teamster talks

The BLE Advisory Board and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters’ General Executive Board have approved a procedural agreement that will govern the merger process up to and including the submission of an agreement for ratification.

The Procedural Agreement calls for the creation of a Rail Conference in the Teamsters Union and establishes Joint Committees to determine the rules of the merger. The agreement establishes a Merger Committee, which will be made up of co-chairs appointed by each union, and four subcommittees covering constitution and bylaws, legislative department, finance, and Canada.

The work of the Joint Committees will be completed in six months. At that time, the Merger Agreement will go to each organization for approval according to each organization’s Constitutional requirements.

BLE President Don Hahs will serve as the BLE co-chairman and Teamster General President James Hoffa will serve as the Teamsters’ co-chairman on the Merger Committee. The members of the subcommittees were not appointed as of press time.

“This agreement protects the interests of both organizations and will keep us focused on reaching an agreement to submit to the membership under the provisions of Section 1(e) of the BLE Constitution and Bylaws,” President Hahs stated.

The agreement also establishes time frames for completing the different tasks that will be a part of the overall process.

“We are pleased with our progress and are looking forward to welcoming our BLE brothers and sisters into the Teamsters Union,” said Teamsters General President Hoffa. “By joining together, we will strengthen our ability to represent workers across the transportation spectrum.”

In the meantime, the Procedural Agreement calls upon the BLE and Teamsters to “cooperate on all matters of mutual interest including, but not limited to, legislation, organizing, representation and issues pending before the National Mediation Board.”

Full text of the BLE-IBT Procedural Agreement is available on Page 7 of this issue.
BLE NEWS

BLE questions remote control safety at rally

In temperatures over 100 degrees, several hundred people attending the BLE’s International Western Convention in Kennewick, Wash., rallied against the unsafe use of remote control technology in the railroad industry.

BLE and GIA members, their families, members of the Teamsters, members of other labor unions and concerned citizens participated in the informational protest, held to educate the public about the potential dangers and job losses associated with the use of remote control locomotives.

BLE International President Don Hahs told the crowd that the BLE International Division was fighting a legal battle in the courts and through arbitration to support the union’s position that the most trained and qualified member of the train crew should operate the new technology.

President Hahs was joined by several high-ranking Teamster officers, led by Teamster International Vice President Al Hobart. Vice President Hobart led a delegation of members from Teamster Local 174 (Seattle, Wash.), who offered a tractor-trailer that served as the backdrop for the speakers.

Local 174 Business Agent Manny Loya drove the rig from Seattle to Kennewick.

Other speakers included General Secretary-Treasurer William C. Walpert, International Vice-President & U.S. National Legislative Representative Raymond Holmes, International Vice-President and National Legislative Representative-Canada George Hucker, Kennewick Mayor Jim Beaver, and Mike Roswell, Rail Safety Manager of the Washington Utilities Transportation Company.

The rally organizers were led by Kent Confer of the BLE’s National Mobilization Team. Jeff Cheney, a member of BLE Division 236 (Portland, Ore.), Confer and Cheney thanked Brother Will Amaya, IWC 2002 Chairman, for helping coordinate the event with the IWC and the hotel.

U.S. railroads could avoid potential safety hazards and improve operating efficiency by using federally-certified locomotive engineers in Remote Control Operations. Locomotive engineers are the most highly-trained, skilled and experienced employees in the railroad industry. However, the railroads insist on using employees with limited training and experience in remote control operations, while eliminating the jobs of many locomotive engineers.

The crowd braved temperatures of more than 100 degrees to participate in the BLE’s rally.

Wade Mobley, Vice Local Chairman of BLE Division 821 (Kamloops, B.C.).

The two primary organizers of the event were Kent Confer, BLE Division 623 (McCook, Neb.) and Jeff Cheney, BLE Division 236 (Portland, Ore.).
At the microphone is General Secretary-Treasurer Bill Walpert, addressing the crowd during the BLE’s rally in Kennewick, Wash., on July 23. In the background, from left, are: Raymond Holmes, BLE Vice-President & U.S. National Legislative Representative; George Hucker, BLE Vice-President & National Legislative Representative-Canada; and Don Hahs, BLE International President.

From left: Teamsters International Vice-President Al Hobart and BLE International President Don M. Hahs, following a BLE rally to educate the public regarding the potential safety hazards of remote control locomotives. Even though the temperature in Kennewick reached 110 degrees that day, more than 200 people turned out for the BLE’s rally.

The tractor trailer, provided by Teamster Local 174 out of Seattle, Wash., provided the backdrop for the stage.

With microphone: Raymond Holmes, BLE Vice-President & U.S. National Legislative Representative, with President Hahs in the background.
The Canadian flag was escorted by bagpipers into the hall during opening ceremonies. The bagpipe players are, from left: Dan Anderson of BLE Division 898 (Jasper, Alberta) and Bob Gallaher of Division 821 (Kamloops, B.C.).

From left: Tim Donnigan, General Chairman of the Union Pacific-Western Region, with Ira Happe and Bonnie Leake, both members of BLE Division 766 (Las Vegas, Nev.).

From left: Steve Halbrook, President of BLE Division 94 (Gillette, Wyo.); Melna Bennett; and her husband Greg Bennett, Secretary-Treasurer of Division 94 (Gillette, Wyo.).

From left: Richie Prevo, Legislative Representative of BLE Division 647 (Phoenix, Ariz.) and Britt Steffield, Local Chairman of BLE Division 647.

From left: Bruce MacArthur, Union Pacific-Northern Region General Chairman, Lee Pruitt, BLE International Vice-President; and Gil Gore, Union Pacific-Southern Region General Chairman.
Members of the Grand International Auxiliary (GIA) had a successful trip, recruiting at least three new members. Ladies attending a GIA workshop are pictured here. Seated, from left: Linda Lee, Victoria Linkletter, Virginia Linkletter, Sherry McGunigal, Ruthanna Lee, Onita Wayland, and Kim Linkletter. Standing, from left: Barbie Lynch, Serenna Hogan, Toni Coleman, Diane Fender, Lynne Weninger, Janice Hahs, Brenda Hayes, and Paula Priest.

From left: Walt Webster, Utah State Legislative Board Chairman; BLE Vice-President & U.S. National Legislative Representative Raymond Holmes; and Pat Whelan, Legislative Representative and President of BLE Division 349 (Salt Lake City, Utah).

From left: Randy Saunders, Local Chairman of BLE Division 5 (Los Angeles); International President Don Hahs; and Jim Booth, Local Chairman of BLE Division 28 (Tucson, Ariz.).

From left: International Vice-President Dale McPherson and Phil Bailey, Local Chairman of BLE Division 236 (Portland, Ore.).

General Chairman D.W. Hannah (Union Pacific Western Lines), lower right, is the lucky winner of the drawing for a hand-made afghan. The money raised by this raffle was donated to the GIA’s scholarship fund.

Sellar B. Nugent, Secretary-Treasurer of the Oregon State Legislative Board, is presented with a 30-year membership pin by International President Don Hahs. Brother Nugent has held his current office for 10 years, previously serving as Local Chairman of Division 664 for six years and Legislative Rep. of that same division for four years. Currently, he is a member of Division 277 (Portland, Ore.).

From left: Michael Coleman of Division 123 (Phoenix, Ariz.) discusses work/rest guidelines with George Hucker, BLE Vice-President & National Legislative Director-Canada, and Dan Anderson, Chairman of the Alberta Provincial Legislative Board.

LEFT: Ronnie Lee, Secretary-Treasurer of Division 126 (Bakersfield, Calif.), and Dean Altringer, Secretary-Treasurer of the North Dakota State Legislative Board and S-T of Division 160 (Harvey, N.D.).

IWC 2003 — Sparks
Sparks, Nevada
June 1-5, 2003
See Page 8 for more details.
The United Transporta-

tion Union, which removed it-

self from the AFL-CIO for the

purposes of raising the Broth-

erhood of Locomotive Engi-

neers, was evicted from yet

another union hall be-

cause of its non-affili-

ate status.

On June 7, UTU

Local 528 was evicted from the International

Brotherhood of Elec-

trical Workers’

(IBEW) union hall in Chicago

following a successful informa-
tional campaign and rally by

members of BLE Divisions 96, 404 and 405.

The eviction in Chicago

marks the second time in less

than six months that the UTU

has been evicted from a union

hall because of its non-affiliate

status.

On February 20, the AFL-

CIO affiliated unions compris-
ing the Western Nebraska Cent-
lral Labor Council voted unani-

mously to adopt a resolution

evicting the UTU from its head-

quarters in Alliance, Neb.

“UTU leadership is hoping to

accomplish a hos-
tile takeover of the

BLE by convincing the

National Mediation

Board to eliminate the

historical operating

crafts in the railroad

industry,” according

to literature distributed by

the BLE divisions as part of their

informational drive against the

UTU. “This reckless plan is

bad for Rail Labor and could

potentially affect other trades.

“The UTU has lost credibil-

ity as they do the bidding of

railroad management to

achieve industry goals of re-

 mote control operation and a

substandard collective bar-

gaining agreement that drags

down the rest of Railroad La-

bor.” The AFL-CIO, including

the IBEW, has condemned the

BLE in its fight to preserve operating

crafts.”

The BLE’s highly success-

ful campaign was organized by

Chicago-area Local Chairmen

Doug Davidson (Division 96),

Paul Fressenbecker (Division 404) and Sean McGovern (Di-

vision 405).

As a result of anti-union tactics by the UTU International, two UTU

subordinate bodies have been evicted from their offices in union

halls operated by AFL-CIO

affiliates. In March, UTU

representatives were evicted from

the Western Nebraska Central

Labor Council’s headquarters in

Alliance, Neb. In June, UTU Local

528 was evicted from the IBEW

Union Hall in Chicago.

Photo Left: Dan Lauchart, Div.

405; Jim Stacey, Div. 96; and Dale

Kneupfer, Div. 96.

Photo Right: Tom Cuellar, Div. 96.

Members of BLE Divisions 96, 404 and 405 conducting their informational campaign and rally outside the IBEW Union Hall in Chicago.

HELP WANTED — POLITICAL & LEGISLATIVE STAFF ASSISTANT

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Washington, D.C. office

The National Legislative Office of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is seeking a full-time Political and Legislative staff assistant. In accordance with Section 7 (g) Legislative Board-G. of the BLE Constitution & Bylaws (Page 179), the applicant must be an active, dues-paying BLE member in good standing in order to be considered for this position.

Applicants must be a team player willing to work in a broad area of legislative, political, and regulatory activities. Duties will include tracking and analyzing legislation, attending political events, as directed, and other activities that affect the interests of our membership.

Individual must possess experience and skill in written and verbal communication, use of multi-media equipment, and be able to handle a diverse range of time-sensitive assignments, some of which may involve time spent outside normal office hours. Individual will assist in coordinating legislative efforts to adopt or amend federal laws. This will require meeting with elected officials, their staff, and others who may have an interest in the proposed legislation. Individual will prepare reports on those meetings for the VP and NLR.

Individual will prepare for publication to the membership — promotional material for specific legislative issues, candidates, or voting
dates relating to locomotive engineers’ interest, to BLE Washington DC office or to the computer network for members, as directed by the VP & NLR.

Please submit your resume along with samples of letters, papers or other documents you have prepared for distribution on subject
ings. Please mail submissions to:

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NEWS BRIEFS

President Hahs

issues call for voter

registration drives

In a letter to secretary-
treasurers and legislative rep-
resentatives of all BLE divi-
sions in the United States,
President Don M. Hahs asked
divisions to conduct voter reg-
istration drives this summer in
order to increase voter turnout
in the November congressional
elections.

In late June 25 letter, Presi-
dent Hahs emphasized the ex-
treme importance of a strong

Voter turnout to support union-
friendly candidates.

“We were fortunate to have

a one-vote majority in the U.S.
Senate last year, which re-

sulted in rail labor being able
to obtain passage of the legis-
lation that improved Railroad Retirement benefits,” Presi-
dent Hahs said. “Senate Major-
ity Leader Tom Daschle guided
this legislation through the
Senate and to the desk of the
President. He would not have
been able to do so without a

labor-friendly Senate.”

BLE secretary-treasurers and legislative representatives are asked to hold voter reg-
istration events at summer fes-
tivals, shopping center parking
lots, or any place with a con-
stant flow of people.

A list of Congressional en-
dorsements for this fall’s elec-
tions will be published in an

upcoming issue of the Locomo-
tive Engineer Newsletter. •
PROCEDURAL AGREEMENT between INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS and INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) and the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE) agree to follow the process set forth in this Procedural Agreement with respect to a potential merger between the two Unions.

1.1 Preliminary Period. During a six-month Preliminary Period, IBT and BLE will form a Joint Merger Committee and various subcommittees which will produce a Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT. The Constitution and Bylaws of the BLE shall be submitted to the IBT for approval. The Joint Merger Committee and the subcommittees will establish the procedures required to produce the Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT.

1.2 The Unions have determined that the Merger Agreement and the Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference should be formed in a six-month Preliminary Period. IBT and BLE will form a Joint Merger Committee and various subcommittees which will produce a Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT. The Constitution and Bylaws of the BLE shall be submitted to the IBT for approval. The Joint Merger Committee and the subcommittees will establish the procedures required to produce the Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT.

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1.4 The Committees and Subcommittees may use such staff and assistance from each Union as they may judge necessary to follow the processes set forth in this Procedural Agreement with respect to a potential merger between the two Unions. This process will provide that as much of the BLE's rules, procedures, and methods as is consistent with the requirements of the IBT Constitution. The Unions therefore have agreed to form the following joint committee and subcommittees with the members and purposes set forth below:

1.4.1 Merger Committee. The Merger Committee will be composed of co-chairs appointed by each Union and the members of the subcommittees. The Merger Committee shall have the primary purpose of producing a Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT.

1.4.2 Constitution and Bylaws Subcommittees. The Constitution and Bylaws Subcommittees shall be composed of eight (8) members from each Union and will have the primary purpose of providing the Merger Committee with suitable Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT.

1.4.3 Legislative Subcommittees. The Legislative Subcommittees shall be composed of four (4) members from each Union and will have the primary purpose of advising the Merger Committee concerning the appropriate organization of the BLE Legislative Board within the IBT and within the IBT Rail Conference.

1.4.4 Finances. The Subcommittee on Finances shall be composed of four (4) members from each Union and will have the primary purpose of advising the Merger Committee concerning the appropriate dues and per capita structure for the BLE as the Rail Conference.

1.4.5 Other Unions. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, the Brotherhood of Licorice Workers, and the Brotherhood of Railway Operating Employees are required to be represented on the subcommittees. The Merger Committee shall have the primary purpose of producing a Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT.

1.5 The Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT shall be effective until the Merger Agreement has been approved by both the IBT and the BLE. The approval of the Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT shall be required by the IBT Constitution.

2.1 Approval Period. The Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference will be submitted to the IBT and the BLE for approval. Approval of the Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT will be required by the IBT Constitution.

2.1.1 Approval of the Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT shall be required by the IBT Constitution.

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2.2 Cancellation. Either the IBT by action of its General Executive Board or the BLE through the action of its Advisory Board may cancel these merger procedures at any time before the approval process begins. The Merger shall also be cancelled if either Union fails to approve the Merger Agreement. In addition, the Merger Agreement shall include a provision that allows either Union to cancel the Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT. The IBT and BLE shall promptly and expeditiously seek approval of the Merger Agreement and Bylaws through the procedures required by their respective Constitutions and the Approval Period will continue until the approvals are properly obtained. None of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement and Rail Conference Bylaws will be effective until the Merger Agreement has been approved by both the IBT and the BLE.

3.1 Cooperation. During the Preliminary Period and the Approval Period, the IBT and the BLE will cooperate on all matters of mutual interest including, but not limited to, legislation, organizing, representation and issues pending before the National Mediation Board.

3.2 Merger. Upon approval of the Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference, the BLE shall merge into the IBT. The Unions will promptly and expeditiously seek approval of the Merger Agreement and Rail Conference Bylaws through the procedures required by their respective Constitutions and the Approval Period will continue until the approvals are properly obtained. None of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement and Rail Conference Bylaws will be effective until the Merger Agreement has been approved by both the IBT and the BLE.

4.1 Merger. Upon approval of the Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference, the BLE shall merge into the IBT in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement.

5.1 Cancellation. Either the IBT by action of its General Executive Board or the BLE through the action of its Advisory Board may cancel these merger procedures at any time before the approval process begins. The Merger shall also be cancelled if either Union fails to approve the Merger Agreement. In addition, the Merger Agreement shall include a provision that allows either Union to cancel the Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT. The IBT and BLE shall promptly and expeditiously seek approval of the Merger Agreement and Bylaws through the procedures required by their respective Constitutions and the Approval Period will continue until the approvals are properly obtained. None of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement and Rail Conference Bylaws will be effective until the Merger Agreement has been approved by both the IBT and the BLE.

5.1.1 Cancellation of the Merger Agreement and Bylaws for the BLE as the Rail Conference within the IBT shall be required by the IBT Constitution.

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6.1 Senate confirms Fitmaurice, Hoglander to NMB

The U.S. Senate confirmed two new members to the National Mediation Board on August 1 — Edward J. Fitmaurice and Harry R. Hoglander. Fitmaurice, a Republican, comes to the Board from private law practice in Dallas, Texas. His experience as a labor lawyer includes 12 years of Counsel to Hicks and Associates, and working as an Associate with Kern, Woody and Maloney, representing underwriters at Lloyd’s. While also practicing law, Fitmaurice was a Domestic Captain, Co-Pilot, and Flight Engineer for Braniff International Airlines for 17 years. He is a former Captain of U.S. Marines, a graduate of Villanova Univer- sity and attended Southern Methodist School of Law. Hoglander, a Democrat, comes to the Board from his position as a legislative specialist in the office of Massachusetts Congressman John Tierney. His work in the airline industry includes six years as a labor representative to the United States Aviation Bi-Lateral Delegation. He has served as Master Chairman of the TWA Master Executive Council, Executive Vice President of the Air Line Pilots Association, and as a Captain for Trans World Airlines. Mr. Hoglander was a Captain in the United States Air Force, and is a re-tired Lt. Colonel in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. He is a graduate of Florida State University and the Suffolk University School of Law.

7.1 Fleming reelected at BMWE; Pickett at BRS

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engi-neers offers congratulations to Mae Fleming and Dan Pickett who were recently reelected President of their respective rail labor unions.

Fleming of the Brotherhood of Main tenance of Way Employees was reelected in June and Dan Pickett of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen was reelected in July.

Pickett was elected to his third full term as International President. Fleming was elected to his fourth four year term.

In a statement, Fleming said he was looking “forward to working with other rail labor unions to advance our common agenda.”

BLE President Don M. Hahs offered his congratulations to both men. “Working together, we can accomplish so much more for our members and that is my goal,” Hahs said. “And I know that I share this goal with both of these men.”
CN-IC deal emphasizes better quality of life

BLE members working on Canadian National’s former Illinois Central (IC) properties ratified a new labor agreement on August 1.

The agreement — modeled on one approved by BLE members on CN’s Wisconsin Central Division earlier this year — will be effective for five years and brings several changes to BLE members and their families.

The agreement is based on the hourly rate model ratified by BLE members on the Wisconsin Central Division of CN, which went in effect in April. In negotiating the agreement, CN committed to operating “meet and turn” (turn around road assignments) to the greatest extent possible. The turn around road service is intended to improve members’ quality of life. It should reduce the amount of time engineers spend away from home terminals while increasing the amount of time they can spend at home.

Outside of the quality of life improvements, the contract provides for substantial wage gains and fully paid hospitalization. BLE members will also benefit from major job security provisions in the agreement. For example, the new contract provides lifetime employment security for current working engineers. It also provides for same lifetime security to future engineers who accumulate 60 months of service.

Illinois Central’s former General Chairman John Koonce said the agreement contains a reversion clause, which will allow either party to opt out of the agreement after three years.

“Because the agreement departs from the traditional model based agreements, which isn’t necessarily a bad thing, but because it is different, we negotiated a provision that allows to scrap the agreement and go back to prior agreements that were in effect,” Brother Koonce said.

Rick Redek, BLE International Vice-President & Director of Arbitration, said he is confident the hourly rate agreement will benefit BLE members.

“The hourly rate agreement is not a ‘one-size-fits-all’ provision,” he said.

“Based on actual experience, the Wisconsin Central agreement, which is similar in nature, seems to be working out quite well. We don’t expect it to be any different on Illinois Central once the agreement is in effect.”

The three-year agreement took effect Aug. 1, 2002.

BLE announces grant for Local Chairman workshops

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has received a $32,000 grant from the North American Railway Foundation to support the training and education of its membership.

Specifically, the grant will be used to pay BLE divisions that participate in the Local Chairman Training Workshops provided by the BLE Education & Training Department. BLE divisions will be paid $85 per day, or $425 per week, for each of their representatives who successfully completes the five-day workshop.

“One of the BLE’s main objectives is to offer our members the best possible quality education and training available,” said General Secretary-Treasurer Bill Valpert, who heads the BLE’s Education & Training Department. “On behalf of the men and women of the BLE, I thank NARF for its generous assistance in helping the BLE achieve this goal.”

The per diem payments are limited to the first 75 who complete a five-day workshop. It is expected that the grant will cover the expenses of at least 25 workshops through the end of the year. A schedule of the next three Local Chairman Workshops (25 participants per class, or 75 total)

The next workshop is scheduled for October 13-18 at the George Meany Center in Silver Spring, Md. To register for the workshop, please contact Ken Kroeger of the BLE Education & Training Dept. at (216) 272-0986 or e-mail: <kroeger@ble.org>.

For more information on the Local Chairman workshops, or to register, please contact Ken Kroeger of the BLE Education & Training Dept. at (216) 272-0986 or e-mail: <kroeger@ble.org>.

Advisory Board July Activity

By action of the delegates at the Fifth Triennial Convention, summaries of BLE Advisory Board members’ activities are published monthly.

International President Don M. Wilde — International Office; General agreements with RRAs, BAs, etc.; National Railroad Arbitration Board (NRAB), General Office duties, paperwork; National negotiating team; BLE General Convention; National Board of Control; National Office Committee (NOC) with NARF; BLE General Office; BLE Decertification Helpline services; Director of Arbitration Dept; National Railroad Division of Arbitrating; BLE Financial and record duties; BLE National Convention, Kennewick, WA; BLE-GAAR Program.

Vice-President Joseph V. Wilkus — International Office; General agreements with RRAs, BAs, etc.; General office duties; BLE National Convention, Kennewick, WA.

Vice-President Merle W. Geiger Jr. — Local 213; Local 992; Local 1111; Local 1120; Local 1121; Local 1122; Local 1130; Local 1131; Local 1132; Local 1133; General office duties; paperwork.

Vice-President & U.S. Nat’l Legislative Representative Raymond A. Holmes — Assigned to following properties: KCS; Midsouth; South Rail; Gateway Western; Springfield Terminal; Tex Mex RR; Tennessee Valley RR; Midsouth; South Rail; Gateway Western; Springfield Terminal; Tex Mex RR; Tennessee Valley RR; Local 213; Local 992; Local 1111; Local 1120; Local 1121; Local 1122; Local 1130; Local 1131; Local 1132; Local 1133; General office duties; paperwork.

Vice-President & Alternate President Edward W. Radzinski — Assigned to following properties: KCS; Midsouth; South Rail; Gateway Western; Springfield Terminal; Tex Mex RR; Tennessee Valley RR; Local 213; Local 992; Local 1111; Local 1120; Local 1121; Local 1122; Local 1130; Local 1131; Local 1132; Local 1133; General office duties; paperwork.

Director of Arbitration Dept: BLE National Convention, Kennewick, WA; BLE-GAAR Program; BLE National Convention, Kennewick, WA; BLE-GAAR Program; BLE National Convention, Kennewick, WA; BLE-GAAR Program; BLE National Convention, Kennewick, WA; BLE-GAAR Program; BLE National Convention, Kennewick, WA; BLE-GAAR Program; BLE National Convention, Kennewick, WA; BLE-GAAR Program; BLE National Convention, Kennewick, WA; BLE-GAAR Program.