

**Allied Federation
of the
BROTHERHOOD OF MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYEES DIVISION
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS**

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NEWS LETTER

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THE FIFTH AND FINAL GENERAL WAGE INCREASE FOR ALL CLASS I RAILROADS UNDER THE CURRENT NATIONAL CONTRACT

Effective July 1, 2009 all rates of pay for members covered under the National Agreement will be increased by 4 ½ %. This is the final wage increase under the current Agreement.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Applications are now being accepted for the Allied Federation Annual Scholarship Award.

The Allied Federation Joint Protective Board has elected to add an additional college scholarship award to the two \$1000.00 scholarship awards already in place. There will now be three (3) annual \$1000.00 scholarships awarded, beginning with the fall semester of 2009. Each award will be granted to the dependant of a member of the Allied Federation with one going to each of the former federations, Allied Eastern, Missouri Pacific and Southern Pacific Atlantic.

The award going to the dependant of a member of the former Allied Eastern Federation has been named the Allen Baird Memorial Scholarship Award in memory and

appreciation for Brother Baird's years of service to BMWED.

To be eligible for a scholarship the applicant must be a dependant of an Allied Federation member and must be a high school senior enrolled, or planning to enroll in an accredited college or university, or be a full time undergraduate student enrolled at an accredited college or university.

This scholarship is based on grades and achievements. However, preference will be given to children of deceased members.

The deadline for filing for a scholarship is August 7, 2009.

ALLIED FEDERATION
WEB PAGE

For information about the federation merger and much more, please go to our website, www.alliedfed.org.

The website contains a lot of pertinent information such as: the federation Bylaws, property agreements (former Southern Pacific Atlantic System Federation agreements are being added soon), system officer's names and addresses, as well as important telephone numbers and much more. The website also contains links to other sites that may be helpful to members.

ALLIED FEDERATION SYSTEM
OFFICERS:

Dennis R. Albers - General Chairman
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KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN
RAILROAD UPDATE

I am very proud of the membership. With your help we have tripled the time claims filed against KCS for violation of the agreement. Keep up the good work. We need your help to enforce our agreement with KCS.

ADDENDUM 21 - KANSAS CITY
SOUTHERN AGREEMENT

(1) Carrier will allow a Per Diem allowance of \$32.00 per calendar day to each employee covered under Section 1 of Addendum No.8 and this allowance shall be increased (or decreased) on July 1 of each year, beginning

July 1, 1992, based on the annual percentage increase (or decrease) in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Wage Earner (CPI-W) for the preceding fiscal year (April 1- March 31).

2008 March CPI-W of 622.985 and subtract the 2009 March number of 617.239 the difference is (5.745). The percentage difference is .009%; subtracting this amount (\$0.59). This resulted in a change from \$65.16 to a \$64.57 daily per diem rate.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD UPDATES

UP Machine Operator Qualification Database

We have been meeting with the carrier and are close to making changes to the database. As soon as the changes are made, we will mail each member a copy.

New UP Interaction Vote Response

Starting in July, Union Pacific has committed to the distribution of material on a new interaction voice response for standardized bulletins and assignments to be in place by the Fall of 2009. This new system will allow you to bid 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will provide a confirmation number. In addition to bidding on the telephone, BMWED members will have the UP I Track computer bidding system.

Remember to save your confirmation number should you need proof that you bid on the position.

RULE 13 (f) MOP AGREEMENT

Please Remember;

“An employee returning from an absence must return to his former position if such position has not been abolished or a senior employee has not exercised displacement rights thereon. An employee returning to service after an absence of more than ten (10) days may, if he so desires, exercise displacement rights over junior employees assigned to positions bulletined during his absence, but such election to exercise seniority must be made within three (3) days after his return to service...”

CSX UPDATE

B&B Tentative Agreement

This tentative agreement is similar to the previous agreement concerning the contracting out of track subdepartment work. The new agreement is mostly for the purpose of resolving much of the issues concerning the contracting out of B&B work and will include the settlement of pending B&B claims. The areas covered are;

- 1) New Construction
- 2) Building Maintenance, Repairs and Remodeling
- 3) Building Demolition
- 4) Bridge Construction, Replacement, Maintenance and Repairs
- 5) Culverts
- 6) Scales
- 7) Turntables
- 8) Tunnels

- 9) Bridge and Building Structural Welding
- 10) B&B System and Zone Gangs
- 11) Environment Issues
- 12) Track Matting
- 13) Hiring

RULE 5(a) CSX AGREEMENT

“An employee returning to duty after leave of absence, vacation, sickness, jury duty, disability, or suspension shall return to his former position and may, **within five (5) days after his return to his former position, exercise displacement to any position in any classification advertised during his absence or may displace any junior employee promoted during his absence....”**

TRAINING FOR LOCAL SECRETARY-TREASURER AND LOCAL CHAIRMAN

The National Division will be scheduling a two-day educational seminar for local secretary-treasurer and local chairman. This is a great opportunity and I encourage each secretary-treasurer and local chairman to attend this educational seminar. If the local secretary-treasurer or local chairman cannot attend, maybe you can find an alternate, who would be interested in this educational seminar.

JOB PROTECTION INSURANCE

While some of our members purchase job protection insurance, sometimes referred to as “red board” or “run-off” insurance, it is

not recommended by the Allied Federation. If you feel you need this insurance, please take time to read and ask questions before purchasing a policy.

We have received a number of complaints from our members concerning these type policies.

Example: A member was terminated and the insurance provider refused to pay the first two weeks of the claim although our member felt the policy provided for that coverage.

The Union was successful in securing the member’s reinstatement after an arbitrator ruled that he should be returned to work in March 2009. However the Carrier disputed the finding and stalled the employee’s return to work until May 2009. Now, the insurance provider is requesting repayment of the funds for the disputed months he was not allowed to return to work.

Read the policy and be careful what you buy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE ATTEND YOUR LOCAL LODGE MEETINGS

WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A SAFE SUMMER