

**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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### ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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

The Allied Federation will provide two (2) \$1500.00 scholarship awards to qualifying participants beginning with the fall semester of 2010. Each award will be granted to the dependant of a member of the Allied Federation with one designated to the Southeast Region and one designated to the Southwest Region.

To be eligible to apply for the 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 the scholarship is September 7, 2010.**

### ALLIED FEDERATION WEBSITE

We encourage all our members to go to our website, [www.alliedfed.org](http://www.alliedfed.org). The website contains a lot of pertinent information, such as, the Federation Bylaws, property agreements, System Officer's names and addresses, as well as important telephone numbers. The website also contains links to other sites. We are continuing to add new agreements as they are signed.

## SECOND REGULAR NATIONAL DIVISION CONVENTION

The Second Regular National Convention was held in Las Vegas, Nevada the week of June 21 and was a huge success. All of the National Division Officers were reelected by acclamation. This is a great tribute to our leaders, especially our National Division President Freddie Simpson. I believe this was the first time in the history of our brotherhood to have all officers reelected by acclamation. This should clearly illustrate to the carriers, especially during national bargaining, the solidarity of our officers and members and the confidence we have in our leadership.

## NATIONAL BARGAINING

National Bargaining has started and the Rail Coalition is working. The main focus so far has been on health care. Our committee has presented its BMWED craft specific issues concerning a number of issues. One of those issues is the membership's need for an increase in travel allowance. Seventy-five (75%) percent of the membership surveyed listed this as the most important issue, ahead of wages and a variety of other issues.

There have been a number of bargaining sessions held including the most recent meetings, July 14 and 15. Please watch the BMWED *Journal* for future updates.

## VICE CHAIRMAN MALCOLM DAVISON RETIRED

On April 30, 2010, Vice Chairman Malcolm Davison retired after more than thirty years of allegiance and service to this Union. Brother Davison's knowledge and experience will be sorely missed.

## ALLIED FEDERATION SYSTEM OFFICERS:

Dennis R. Albers - General Chairman  
Terry Miracle - First Vice Chairman/Secretary Treasurer  
Bill Palmer - First Vice Chairman  
W.G. (Bubba) Foehr - First Vice Chairman  
Jeffery T. Finch - Vice Chairman  
Larry Wright - Vice Chairman  
Len Buckley - Vice Chairman  
Larry Phillips - Vice Chairman  
Roy Griffith - Vice Chairman  
David Lopez - Vice Chairman  
Andrew Shelton - Vice Chairman  
Russell Farmer - Vice Chairman  
Nate Trawick - Vice Chairman  
Scott Niswonger - Vice Chairman  
Brian Thies - Vice Chairman  
Pete Amaro - Vice Chairman

## KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILROAD UPDATE

The membership should be proud of their efforts to enforce the KCS Agreement. With your help, we have tripled the time claims filed against KCS for violating 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).

This resulted in a change from \$64.57 to a new rate of \$66.53 daily per diem rate.

## **UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD UPDATES**

### ***TOTAL SAFETY CULTURE COORDINATOR POSITIONS***

I have mailed copies of this agreement to each Union Pacific member within the Allied Federation. As was stated in a letter dated September 19, 2009, Union Pacific has two different standards for safety, one for the members on the north end and another for those working on the south end.

With this agreement for Safety Coordinator positions covering both the north end and the south end, we are moving a little closer to being treated more equally with the members on the north end and moving closer to reaching a safety agreement on the south end, as well

As was stated in the General Chairman's letter to the membership dated September 19, 2009, the Union Pacific Total Safety Culture Program is **voluntary**, and if a Union Pacific Officer instructs you to observe employees and you do not wish to participate in direct observation but are given a direct order, follow the Carrier Officer's instructions and after work, immediately contact a system officer.

### **New UP Interaction Voice Response and UPI Track Computer Bidding System**

Interaction Voice Response and UP I Track Computer Bidding System is in operation on the Union Pacific. If you are having any problems, please contact a system officer so we can address these problems with Union Pacific management.

Remember to save your confirmation number should you need to prove you did bid on the position.

## **CSX UPDATE**

There is one rule violation CSX is most fond of when charging our members and assessing discipline;

### **CSXT Operating Rule General Rule A**

“Employees must know and obey rules and special instructions that relate to their duties. When in **doubt** as to the meaning and application of any rule or instruction, **employees must ask their supervising officer for clarification.**”

If in doubt, **DO NOT GUESS**, ask your supervising officer.

## **JOB PROTECTION INSURANCE**

It is still our position that our members should ask questions before purchasing “red board” or “run-off” insurance and 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.

**Read the policy and be careful what you buy.**

**JUST A REMINDER!**

**ALL TIME CLAIMS SHOULD BE SENT  
TO THE HENDERSONVILLE OFFICE  
Mail -or- Fax 615-338-0209**

**WE HAVE INCLUDED A COPY OF THE  
TIME CLAIM FORM FOR YOU TO MAKE  
COPIES.**

**WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER**



**CLAIM FORM - ALLIED FEDERATION 615-338-0027**

Mail to: 315 West Main St., Suite 20, Hendersonville, TN 37075

OR FAX TO: 615-338-0209

Print this form at the WEBSITE: ALLIEDFED.ORG

Time Limits start on the date of occurrence (violation).

Submit this form **WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VIOLATION** to insure time limits are met.

**WHO is claiming?**

Claimant Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Railroad \_\_\_\_\_ Division Engineer \_\_\_\_\_

Headquarters \_\_\_\_\_ Gang No. \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Work Hours \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. to \_\_\_\_\_ P.M. Check one (\_\_\_\_) 5-8 hr days (\_\_\_\_) 4-10 hr days

Seniority dates: Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

List any additional claimants:

Name	Employee No	Seniority Date	Position	Telephone

**WHAT did the company do that violated the Agreement? BE SPECIFIC.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**WHEN did the violation occur?**

Date(s) of violation \_\_\_\_\_

Time: (From) \_\_\_\_\_ (To) \_\_\_\_\_ Total hours involved \_\_\_\_\_

Is this claim/violation continuing? (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_

**WHERE did the violation occur?**

Location (M.P.) \_\_\_\_\_ Railroad \_\_\_\_\_ Seniority District \_\_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**IF THIS IS A CONTRACTING OUT VIOLATION:**

Name of Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Contractor's employees \_\_\_\_\_

Time worked each day \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) worked \_\_\_\_\_

Type of equipment used \_\_\_\_\_

Explain what the contractor was doing \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Claimant \_\_\_\_\_