



# SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 6

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

**Tom Owens**  
**General Chairman**

**Shannon Spotswood**  
**Vice Chairman**

**Mike Stacks**  
**Secretary-Treasurer**

General Chairman's Report – September, 2021

Brothers and Sisters:

Vacation: September 6-12

PLB 5332: Arbitrator Parker has not published her decisions as of this date regarding these cases.

National Negotiations: The next round of bargaining is set for the week of January 17, 2022. The latest rounds seem to have produced no significant movement.

New Local Affiliations: I received this notification from RR Department Director Russo – “As you are aware, System Council 9 at my recommendation to President Stephenson, are to be dissolved and its affiliated local unions moved to other existing System Councils. My recommendation calls for System Council 9's affiliated unions to be divided among System Councils 6, 7 and 16. I have consulted with President Stephenson and recommended that Local Union 186, 311, 544, 549, 747, 770, 774, 784 (for CSXT and ConRail), 813, 862, 865 (for CSXT), 870, 1024, 1047, 1108, 1142, 1625, 1923, 1985, 2149, and 2271 be moved to your jurisdiction. As part of the consolidation process, the SC-6's Executive Board would have to approve the affiliated local union moving into SC-6. If approved by your Executive Board the next step in the consolidation process is to send a letter to President Stephenson that indicates the Executive Board's agreement to the consolidation.”

Our Executive Board met and accepted the new affiliations unanimously. Per our instructions, I then forward the following message to IP Stephenson – “I have been advised that Railroad Department Director Russo has recommended that System Council 9 be dissolved and its affiliated railroad local unions reassigned to other IBEW System Councils. I am writing to express System Council 6's support for Director Russo's recommendation. As you know, the Railroad Industry is currently suffering from mass layoffs that have reduced the number of members in each IBEW Railroad System Council. Consolidating the local unions currently affiliated with System Council 9 into System Councils 6, 7, and 16 will streamline operations and allow the IBEW to continue to provide our members with the excellent representation they expect and deserve. System Council 6's Executive Board has met and has approved the realignment plan and this letter. System Council 6 stands ready to welcome Local Unions 186, 311, 544, 549, 747, 770, 774, 784 (for CSXT and Conrail), 813, 862, 865 (for CSXT), 870, 1024, 1047, 1108, 1142, 1625, 1923, 1984, 2149, and 2271, and to actively represent their members.”

Active Claims: 12 new NS cases were opened this month. Additionally, the Council onboarded a further 49 cases from CSXT. In addition to normal calls and information requests, the Council is now currently handling 107 active cases. Any issue that involves disciplines/claims advanced to the Council, letter responses, medical delay documentation, RRB benefit issues, health insurance issues, etc., generate a case file with the Council.

Agreement servicing: With the expansion of the Council, the General Chairman's office is now tasked to advance appeals on the covered properties totaling 10 separate agreements.

Forced Overtime: This continues to be an ongoing issue at several locations across different properties. With our successful tracking project involving LU 311 resulting in 4 recalls based off of our information, I continue to recommend that locals struggling with this issue to track monthly (OT calls accepted, OT calls forced, member name, date, shift).

New Locals Outreach: Beyond the letter writing involved, I have individually contacted each new LU President and Local Chairman by phone. This remains an ongoing process due to missed calls, no voicemail available, etc.

Travel: Roanoke, VA – attended 813 LU meeting; Altoona, PA – shop walk through, attend 2273 office meeting

In Your Service,

Tom Owens  
General Chairman