

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

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RE: GC Report, August 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am pleased to notify you of the launch of our System Council website (ibewsc6.org). I have worked with the SC6 Officers to build this framework for the benefit of our members. "To be the most effective, efficient, and expressive labor organization in the freight rail industry" is our vision statement. The mission is to be effective in representing our members, efficient in representing our members, and expressive in communicating to our members. This website will be the primary vehicle in our effort to be expressive in communicating to our members. As we grow in our communication process, this site will expand to express information and messages that our members need. As we go forward, your feedback is needed and appreciated in this development.

Another exciting development is the addition of Vice Chairman Shannon Spotswood as a full-time officer. This change will be implemented in January, 2019. Under our By-laws, the Executive Board established a full-time rate for the Vice Chairman in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our representation. No special dues assessment was implemented as a result of this change. The average ratio for other IBEW System Councils is approximately 668 members per full-time position. Before this change, our Council was structured to represent approximately 1350 members with one full-time position.

Additionally, the System Council No. 6 bylaws set forth an automatic per capita increase that corresponds with raises obtained in the National Negotiations. The per capita increases for the July 1, 2016 raise and the July 1, 2017 raise will not be implemented at this time and held in abeyance. The July 1, 2018 per capita increase of two dollars has been implemented. The next scheduled pay increase is July 1, 2019.

Week of August 01, 2018 – Vacation

Week of August 08, 2018 – monthly report, financial reports & review, 311 Local Chairman call, LU 656 payroll & bulletin issue, NS payroll dues deduction issue, LU 318 insubordination issue & differential research, LU 1142 overtime issue, LU 2271 Start handling – vehicle, LU 1047 case appeal – overtime, LU 2273 backpay inquiry, shop average inquiry, SC6 Executive Board meeting, LU 2273 discipline issue, LU 311 Local Chairman & President call, LU 1863 by-law issue, LU 311 retiree backpay inquiry, LU 656 President call, IO call & research over NS journeyman rate of pay, LU 311 & 312 letters – journeyman rate of pay, LU 312 President call, LU 813 member board case consultation, LU 1865 Rule G incident, Railroad Coordinating Council call – GC Owens was appointed Vice Chairman, LU 1863 meeting, LU 2273 Start research, IR 6th district letter on rate history

Week of August 15, 2018 – LU 312 Student upgrades, Communications overtime claim, LU 2273 medical hold claim, website project, Road Electrician abolishment & research issue, LU 2273 medical hold case consultation, LU 1865 member bulletin issue, LU 813 discipline appeal, Labor Relations call – Communication issues, LU 311 discipline waivers call, LU 2172 membership issue, LU 1863 Cincinnati electrician shortage issue, Labor Relations calls – Cincinnati electrician shortage issue, Overtime appeal, website project

Week of August 22-31, 2018 – Communication systemwide radio claim, LU 2273 member Railroad Retirement Board issue, LU 656 resolved electrician pay shortage, radio claim, LU 1863 road electrician issue, LU 1142 job bulletin issue, travel to Chattanooga, Saturday LU 311 member outing & travel to Knoxville, Travel to Chicago, IBEW Membership Development Meeting, Travel to Fort Wayne, Communication Training Meeting, Travel to Knoxville

In Your Service,

Tom Owens
General Chairman