



SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 6

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

Tom Owens
General Chairman

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General Chairman's Report – December, 2019

Brothers and Sisters:

Travel: Minneapolis, MN – PLB 5332 held with arbitrator; Atlanta, GA – investigation; Roanoke, VA – Council banking and LU officer's meeting

Furloughs: Conferenced all claims on property with Labor Relations. All claims through November 05, 2019 were addressed with the Carrier denying our position. It was agreed to list the claims for a Public Law Board.

Board Cases: The cases were heard at Public Law Board 5332 on December 3, 2019. The arbitrator should render his decision within 60 days.

Claims Conference: After PLB 5332 was held, I conferenced our open claims with Labor Relations. As information, LU 813 had furnished facts regarding the improper payment and off day assignment for Training Gang Leaders at their point. Following our meeting, Labor Relations researched the information and contacted the point to address improprieties.

Insurance: The enrollment period has been extended through January 31, 2021 for the Cornerstone Supplemental Insurance. The System Council No. 6 was heavily involved with the formulation of this endeavor. Our members should have received enrollment forms by mail. The Supplemental Disability will extend benefits for up to five years after Aetna coverage ends. Additionally, the life insurance benefit does not require medical information for coverage.

Charlotte Roadway Shop: Due to management at the shop wanting to reassign positions contrary to the Charlotte 10-hour work day Agreement, Local Chairman Faulkner and I have begun discussions to modify the Charlotte Agreement between the IBEW and the Carrier.

PTC Certification: On December 10, 2019 shortly after an informal meeting with the NCCC, a conference call was held with labor attorney Larry Mann, ATDA President, Leo McCann, , BRS President, Jerry Boles, and IBEW Rep Russo to discuss the withdrawal of Certification of Signal Employees and Certification of Train Dispatchers. The issue of discussion surrounded the Carrier's resistance to labor and the fact that they were setting us up to fail. It was decided it would be best to wait until a new presidential administration comes into office. With that being said, on December 18, 2019 President Stephenson along with the presidents of the ATDA and the BRS signed a joint letter requesting the withdrawal from Certification, addressed to FRA Administrator Batory.

Vacation: December 23 – 31

Transfer Requests: Furloughed members and possibly interested working members should fill out a transfer request and submit it via the new email system. It is my understanding that if a member marks “any” as the transfer point requested, he or she will receive email notifications for all available points when offered. If the member receives such notification, there is a 24-hour response window if interested in applying. A non-response to a position does not remove the member from future notifications.

Section 6 Notices: The finalized notice is available on our website, ibewsc6.org.

In Your Service,

Tom Owens
General Chairman