



# SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 6

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

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General Chairman's Report – October, 2022

Brothers and Sisters:

National Negotiations: I have contacted the Carriers where our members employed regarding timelines for the payment of retroactive backpay and bonuses. Norfolk Southern has implemented the wage increases effective October 1 with the intention of payouts before the end of the month. CSX is in the midst of implementing a new payroll system on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Compliance should occur before the November 28<sup>th</sup> deadline within the implementing agreement.

Railroad Department Meeting: Due to Covid issues in 2020 & 2021, this meeting was the first conducted by Director Russo since he assumed office. I highly encourage all local unions to send an attendee to this meeting yearly to obtain training and become more familiar with the overall operations of the railroad department. Our legal counsel covered responsibilities regarding expenses, reporting, and duty of fair representation. Our IBEW designated legal counsel for FELA/Whistle Blower did an interactive skit regarding the handling of a case with questions and answers. Representatives from all of our insurance providers gave presentations and were available to address individual questions on a case-by-case basis.

Agreement & Furlough: Per request by the Railroad Department, I have submitted updated status information to them regarding Agreements being negotiated and current furlough status. System Council 6 has an upcoming section 6 notice for Alabama State Docks.

Active Claims: Fourteen new NS cases were opened this month. Thirteen new CSXT cases were opened this month. In addition to normal calls and information requests, the Council is now currently handling 105 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.

Travel: Myrtle Beach – Railroad Department Meeting, General Chairmen Meeting; Cincinnati – CSX Communication Investigation; Birmingham – NS Electrician Investigation;

Pan Am Negotiations: Meetings set to resume in November.

In Your Service,

Tom Owens  
General Chairman