



# SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 6

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

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

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**Vice Chairman**

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**Secretary-Treasurer**

General Chairman's Report – September 2024

Brothers and Sisters:

General: updated locals and social media regarding CSX and NS agreement proposals; office administration; SC 6 staff meetings; meeting with RR Director Russo regarding carrier proposals; meeting with RR Department and FMCP for changing union official insurance; SC6 save the date notification to locals for 2025 convention; FMCP insurance meeting; banking issues regarding stolen checks from post office; RR Department meeting regarding carriers' agreement proposals – SC6 suggested filing a counter proposal

CSX: reported Rockport subcontractor electrical safety issues; Scheduled PLB 6964 session; Notified LU 774 regarding initial claim flaws; Labor Relations meeting regarding CSX proposal

Norfolk Southern: NS rejected my counter for scope language update to be included in the proposed agreement; call with Communication Manager Hearn regarding cameras; NS meeting requested H&W costs in proposal; Carrier proposal meeting with RR Department; Notification of new CEO Mike George; Communication meeting various issues; STL issue Chicago;

Florida East Coast: Signal members contract negotiations;

New England Central Railroad: Contacted carrier regarding dates for Section 6 negotiations

Conrail: received response, Conrail to follow traditional Section 6 process

Alabama State Docks: new agreement in place

Active Claims: 11 new NS cases were opened this month. 21 new CSXT cases were opened this month. FEC 1 case opened. In addition to normal calls and information requests, the Council is now currently handling 68 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: Norfolk – pier safety meetings all shifts;

In Your Service,

Tom Owens  
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### **Vice Chairman Report September 2024**

#### **Travel:**

- 1) Travelled to National Association of Railroad Referees (NARR) meeting in Chicago, IL.

#### **Meetings:**

- 1) Attended weekly SC #6 meetings. (Teams)
- 2) Attended meeting with NS Labor Relations. (Comm)

#### **Claims, Appeals and Submissions:**

- 1) Submitted subcontracting claim for JLS. (AESS Mods at KLV)
- 2) Assisted Local 813 Local Chairman with filing claims. (4 claims)
- 3) Assisted Local 2273 Local Chairman with filing claims. (2 claims)
- 4) Assisted Local 2172 with drafting claim and self-advancement letter.
- 5) Settled 4 claims with NS Labor Relations. (Comm)
- 6) Progressed submissions on NS. (12 cases)
- 7) Updated and added numerous files to SC #6 Award bank.

#### **Member Issues:**

Assisted Local 311 with questions regarding supplemental sickness, disability, medical insurance, comm meal allowances, comm overtime, START handling, and proof of disability forms.

Assisted Local 513 members with Rule 29 questions and START questions. (3 cases)

Assisted Local 632 member with LSE questions.

Assisted Local 813 with questions regarding STL, SGL, WGL, Rule 17, overtime issues, holiday overtime issues, early upgrades, disability, subcontracting, sick days, filling comm vacations, and potential NS TA.

Assisted Local 1024 member with subcontracting issue.

Assisted Local(s) 312, 1142, 1865, 2172 and 2269 members with TA proposal questions.

Assisted Local 2273 with questions regarding sick days, FMLA, subcontracting, at work injuries, fraud alert and potential NS TA questions.

**Vacation:** None



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### **Assistant General Chairman Report September 2024**

#### **Meetings:**

- 1) Travelled to Jacksonville, FL to visit the CSXT NOC building with LU 862 Pres. Colangelo.
- 2) Attended weekly Teams meeting with SC6 staff.

#### **Claims, Appeals and Submissions:**

- 1) Appealed Local 311 claims (5) OTCS, 770 claim (1) craftline, 774 claims (3) craftline, 862 claims (5) overtime distribution and Discipline 2<sup>nd</sup> Rule G (Kinsh) Assisted Local 784 with securing Waiver for Rule G (Johnson), secured Local 865 with Waiver for Derailment (Blay).
- 2) Assisted Local 544 (1), 770 (8), 774 (3), 1108 (1) and 1984 (1) with initial claims. Local 544's claim was craftline, 770's claims were overtime distribution (6), apprentice/journeyman rate (1), craftline (1), 774's claims were craftline and seniority issues (3), Local 1108 claim were craftline manager performing (1), and Local 1984 claim was no notice subcontracting (1).
- 3) Settled no notice subcontracting claim for Local 862 for installation of composite cabling.

#### **Member Issues:**

Assisted members of Local(s) 544, 549, 770, 774, 784, 862, 865, 870, 1923, 1984 with questions on Contract, LTI, RRB, Sick Days, pay rate, Rule G, Recall Notices, Per Capita, Rosters, etc.

Discussed Rule disputes and claim opportunities with Local(s) 544, 770, 774, 1108, 1984.

Took part in several conversations with the officers from Local 871 of FEC Railway. We discussed the appeal processed for Rule G case.(Martinez) Also, discussed the process of appealing several claims they filed. Worked on language interpretation on special projects for future negotiations. Served missed time limit letter for overtime claim. (Fisher) Negotiations ongoing with their Dispatchers, Signals and Communication workers. Next planned in person meeting is scheduled for 10-10-24.