

# BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS & TRAINMEN

## GENERAL COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT Canadian National - Wisconsin Central Ltd Including former DM&IR, DWP and EJ&E Railways

## General Chairman's Report - May 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is a condensed synopsis of the General Committee's activities for the month of May 2019.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- With Local Chairmen, BLET National, and Labor Relations regarding various time claims, contract interpretations and discipline issues.
- With CN Labor Relations regarding ADR Mediation/Arbitration, LMRC meeting, First Division Arbitration, codified agreement and excessive discipline.
- With BLET National Division concerning ADR Mediation/Arbitration, CBA issues, Discipline cases.
- With CN General Managers and Superintendents regarding discipline policy, assignment changes at Kirk Yard, familiarization trips and excessive discipline issues.
- Discuss issues of mutual concern with CN-IC GC Evans, IHB GC Burns and CP GC Semenek.
- Also received 139 phone calls in the month May 2019 discussing various issues with Labor Relations, Timekeeping, Managers, Local Chairmen and Members.

## Handled various issues regarding, but not limited to:

- o General Office Duties: Telephone and Correspondence Communications
- Contract issues
- GTS claims
- First Division Cases
- Discipline appeals
- o Discipline issues
- Investigation assistance

- National Health & Welfare Plan assistance
- o The Hartford, Lincoln Financial, Principal and AFLAC Insurance
- o Retirement assistance
- o Legislative Wisconsin
- o FMLA Assistance
- Mediation/Arbitration (ADR)
- BLET Auxiliary
- o GCA Website ongoing maintenance
- o Future LMRC meeting
- o FELA
- Retaining membership to be a member in good standing
- o Prior right assignments
- o Bessemer New York Dock claims
- o Shortage of regular assignments
- Codified Agreement
- Template claim book
- Stay local on Friday
- Voluntary furloughs
- o Boot camp training
- o Job bids
- o Remote control assignment at Gladstone, MI
- o Familiarization trips
- o Member transferring to the GTW

### **DISCIPLINE:**

In May 2019, this office received three (3) new discipline case from the Local Chairmen for the following Divisions:

- Division 173 1
- Division 174 1
- Division 520 1

In May 2019, this office submitted one (1) discipline appeals to Labor Relations for the following Division:

Division 174 – 1

In May 2019, this office scheduled one (1) discipline appeal for conference to Labor Relations for the following Division:

Division 174 – 1

#### **ARBITRATION:**

Docket No. 49795

The following Dockets requested for hearings before the Division with the Referee present were held at the headquarters of the First Division of the National Railroad Adjustment Board, Thursday, April 25, 2019 for the purpose of considering evidence that has been submitted, hearing argument, and rendering an award for the following cases:

Case NRAB-00001-180537	Case NRAB-00001-180538	Case NRAB-00001-180539
Docket No. 49786	Docket No. 49787	Docket No. 49788
Case NRAB-00001-180540	Case NRAB-00001-180541	Case NRAB-00001-180542
Docket No. 49789	Docket No. 49790	Docket No. 49791
Case NRAB-00001-180543	Case NRAB-00001-180544	Case NRAB-00001-180545
Docket No. 49792	Docket No. 49793	Docket No. 49794
Case NRAB-00001-180546		

As of this time, a decision has not been rendered for the abovementioned cases.

The following Dockets requested for hearings before the Division with the Referee present were held at the headquarters of the First Division of the National Railroad Adjustment Board, Friday, April 26, 2019 for the purpose of considering evidence that has been submitted, hearing argument, and rendering an award for the following cases:

Case NRAB-00001-180547	Case NRAB-00001-180548	Case NRAB-00001-180549
Docket No. 49796	Docket No. 49797	Docket No. 49798
Case NRAB-00001-180550	Case NRAB-00001-180551	Case NRAB-00001-180552
Docket No. 49799	Docket No. 49800	Docket No. 49801
Case NRAB-00001-180553	Case NRAB-00001-180554	Case NRAB-00001-180555
Docket No. 49802	Docket No. 49803	Docket No. 49804

Case NRAB-00001-180556

Docket No. 49805

As of this time, a decision has not been rendered for the abovementioned cases.

# REMEMBER THAT IN CONRACT ISSUES THE BURDEN OF PROOF LIES WITH YOU

#### **TIME CLAIMS:**

In May 2019, this office received one hundred-nine (109) new time claims from the Local Chairmen of the following Divisions:

- Division 163 9
- Division 173 11
- Division 174 84
- Division 188 3
- Division 209 2

In May 2019, this office appealed one hundred-five (105) Step 3 time claims to Labor Relations for the following Divisions:

- Division 173 11
- Division 174 81
- Division 184 1
- Division 188 10
- Division 209 2

In May 2019, this office scheduled ninety (90) time claim to conference at next LMRC for the following Divisions:

- Division 163 13
- Division 173 26
- Division 174 19
- Division 188 31
- Division 209 1

In May 2019, there was one (1) time claims paid at the Step 2 level by the Superintendent for the following Division:

Division 188 – Call window pay – Article 8 (1)(C) - paid \$92.22

### MEETINGS - OUT OF TOWN MEETINGS

5/6-8/2019	New Orleans, LA	Attend WGCA meeting
5/21-22/2019	Madison, WI	Attend WSLB meeting

#### **MEETINGS - IN TOWN MEETINGS**

5/19/2019	Attend Division 209 meeting.
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Fraternally yours,

John Reynolds

John Reynolds General Chairman, CN-WC BLET