

# 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 - September 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- With Local Chairmen, BLET National, and Labor Relations regarding various time claims, contract interpretations and discipline issues.
- With CN Labor Relations regarding National Handling, LMRC meeting, claims for arbitration, and excessive discipline.
- With BLET National Division concerning National Handling, Section 6 Notice, Attachments "A" and "B", CBA issues, discipline cases.
- With CN General Managers and Superintendents regarding Engineers being set back as conductors, Electronic Ops Manual and excessive discipline.
- Discuss issues of mutual concern with CN-GTW GC Karakian, CN-IC GC Evans, IHB GC Burns and CP GC Semenek.
- Also received 133 phone calls in the month September 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
- o GTS claims
- First Division Cases
- Discipline appeals
- Discipline issues

- Investigation assistance
- National Health & Welfare Plan assistance
- The Hartford, Lincoln Financial, Principal and AFLAC Insurance
- Retirement assistance
- Legislative Wisconsin
- FMLA Assistance
- Mediation/Arbitration (ADR)
- BLET Auxiliary
- GCA Website ongoing maintenance
- o FELA
- Prior right assignments
- Bessemer New York Dock claims
- Shortage of regular assignments
- Voluntary furloughs
- Member transferring to GTW
- Calling procedures
- Seniority placement
- PTC trainers being used to pilot crews
- Critical incidents
- Mobilization
- o Manager returning as an engineer
- o Transfer of Division membership
- o Electronic Ops Manual
- National Handling
- o Section 6 Notice, Attachment "A" and Attachment "B"
- o Displaced out of home terminal
- o GEB rest days
- Vacation issues
- Reinstatement from arbitration
- o Leave of absence dismissal
- o Engineers being set back as conductors
- o Seniority relinquishment

#### **DISCIPLINE:**

In September 2019, this office received one (1) new discipline case from the Local Chairman for the following Division:

• Division 173 – 1

In September 2019, this office scheduled two (2) discipline appeals for conference to Labor Relations for the following Divisions:

- Division 175 1
- Division 520 − 1

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

#### **TIME CLAIMS:**

In September 2019, this office received eighty (80) new time claims from the Local Chairmen of the following Divisions:

- Division 174 76
- Division 188 4

In September 2019, this office appealed seventy-six (76) Step 3 time claims to Labor Relations for the following Divisions:

- Division 174 73
- Division 188 3

In September 2019, this office scheduled fifty-four (54) time claim to conference at next LMRC for the following Division:

- Division 173 4
- Division 174 37
- Division 175 1
- Division 184 3
- Division 185 1
- Division 188 8

### **MEETINGS – OUT OF TOWN MEETINGS**

9/4/2019	Attend meeting with the Carrier and Smart-TD General Chairman concerning the Electronic Ops Manual in Proctor, MN
9/11/2019	<ul> <li>Attend meeting in Cleveland, OH with the National Division concerning being placed back into National Handling, Health and Welfare and Section 6 Notice.</li> </ul>
9/17/2019	Met with BLET-VP Ruef concerning CBA issues and Section 6     Notice in Bloomingdale, IL
9/18/2019	Met with Cornerstone concerning CNWC Voluntary Group Insurance Plan in Bloomingdale, IL

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9/8/2019 • Attend Division 209 meeting.	9/8/2019	Attend Division 209 meeting.
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Fraternally yours,

John Reynolds

John Reynolds General Chairman, CN-WC BLET