

# *International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*



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## **2023 – FIRST QUARTER REPORT**

### **ALL LOCAL UNIONS SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 2**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In their March News Release, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) noted that benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act are generally higher than those under the Social Security Act, especially for railroad employees who have 30 or more years of creditable railroad service. These higher benefits can be attributed to the additional retirement taxes paid by employers and employees covered under the RRA. The average age annuity being paid by the RRB at the end of fiscal year 2022 to career rail employees was \$4,020 a month, and for all retired rail employees the average was \$3,210. The average age retirement benefit being paid under social security was approximately \$1,650 a month. Spouse benefits averaged \$1,160 a month under railroad retirement compared to \$810 under social security. The RRA also provides supplemental railroad retirement annuities of between \$23 and \$43 a month, which are payable to employees with railroad service prior to October 1981 who retire directly from the rail industry with 25 or more years of service. Further information can be found online at [www.rrb.gov](http://www.rrb.gov).

### **First Quarter System Council Staff Activity**

- Throughout the first quarter, the System Council staff prepared submissions for upcoming arbitration PLB's.
- Negotiated and finalized the "Sick Day" Agreement with UPRR.
- Attended a meeting with UPRR to discuss implementation of the Sick Day Agreement.
- Visited the UPRR West Colton, CA locomotive facility and met with members of

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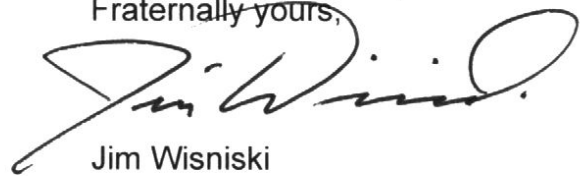


LU 889.

- Appealed and processed 25 UPRR Subcontracting notices.
- Attended claims conference meetings with UPRR to discuss outstanding discipline and subcontracting cases.
- Attended the monthly meeting of Omaha LU 618.
- Attended a meeting with UPRR Telecom personnel to discuss several issues of concern.
- Attended the monthly meeting of Los Angeles LU 889.
- Attended shopcraft General Chairman's meeting with UPRR Mechanical Department personnel.
- Attended monthly business meetings with UPRR.
- Appeal and progress outstanding cases with UPRR and KCS.
- Assisted members and local unions with various concerns and issues throughout the quarter.

In solidarity,

Fraternally yours,

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Jim Wisniski  
General Chairman