

# *International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*



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## **2024 – SECOND QUARTER REPORT**

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

An Executive Board position for System Council No. 2 was vacated due to Brother Dennis Bell's recent retirement. Therefore, pursuant to the System Council No. 2 bylaws, I appointed Brother Steven Fleming of Roseville, CA. Local 1682 to fill the Executive Board position vacated by Brother Bell for the remainder of the term. The appointment was then unanimously approved by the System Council Executive Board. We extend our gratitude to Brother Bell for his years of assistance and wish him the very best for a long and healthy retirement.

In 2020, the Union Pacific Railroad advised that they were discontinuing the Purchase of Services Agreement (PSA) between Chicago METRA and UPRR. As a result, numerous employees from each craft would be transferred from UPRR to METRA, including approximately sixty-five (65) IBEW represented employees currently employed by Union Pacific (Commuter Services). In November 2023, the IBEW finalized an implementing Agreement outlining the provisions and protection for the transfer of the IBEW employees. On June 3, 2024, the transfer was finalized and approximately 60 IBEW represented employees were transferred from UPRR to METRA (IBEW Local 214 to IBEW Local 134).

### **Second Quarter System Council Staff Activity**

- Processed UPRR Subcontracting Notices.
- Attended UPRR "Risk Reduction" meetings throughout the quarter.

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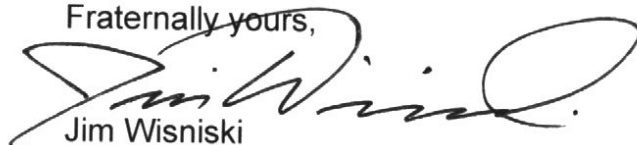


- Attended Dan Osborne campaign meeting.
- Attended a subcontracting claims conference meeting with UPRR.
- Attended the monthly meeting of Local 618.
- Attended the FRA Signal Certification meeting.
- Attended CPKC "Paid Sick Leave" discussions throughout the quarter.
- Attended General Chairmen Shopcraft Coalition meeting with UPRR Mechanical and Labor Relations Departments.
- Attended UPRR GCA meeting.
- Preparation and research for the 2025 System Council No. 2 Convention.
- Attended Brightline High Speed Rail groundbreaking ceremony.
- Assisted members of Denver Local 708 with recent furloughs.
- Assisted Chicago Local 214 Commuter Ops. members throughout the quarter with concerns for the upcoming transition to Chicago METRA.
- Attended the 2024 Railroad Retirement Board Seminar.
- Attended a discipline claims conference with UPRR.
- Attended a meeting with UPRR Mechanical Department personnel Mark Smith & Justin Hendrickson to discuss solutions for the current and future IBEW Apprentice program.
- Negotiated and finalized the following Agreements with UPRR:
  - Salt Lake City, UT start times.
  - Tucson/Phoenix, AZ monthly Electrician-Road
  - Herrington, KS monthly Electrician-Road
  - Texas Brazos Yard monthly Electrician-Road
- Participated in numerous conference calls and/or virtual conferences with UPRR and CPKC (KCS) throughout the quarter.
- Throughout the Quarter, the System Council staff remained busy assisting members and local unions with day-to-day concerns and the progressing of claims

and discipline appeals.

In solidarity,

Fraternally yours,

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Jim Wisniski  
General Chairman