

## 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 - January 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is a condensed synopsis of the General Committee's activities for the month of January 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 and excessive discipline.
- With BLET National Division concerning ADR Mediation/Arbitration, CBA issues, Discipline cases.
- With CN General Managers regarding discipline policy, track authority violations, red light violations, issues with frontline managers and excessive discipline issues.
- Discuss issues of mutual concern with CN-IC GC Evans and CP GC Semenek.
- Also received 166 phone calls in the month January 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
- o Investigation assistance
- National Health & Welfare Plan assistance

- The Hartford, Lincoln Financial, Principal and AFLAC Insurance
- Retirement assistance
- Legislative Wisconsin
- Critical incidents
- o FMLA Assistance
- o Mediation/Arbitration (ADR)
- BLET Auxiliary
- GCA Website ongoing maintenance
- Future LMRC meeting
- Track authority and red light violations
- PLD's and SDV's allotments
- o FELA
- Seniority rosters
- o Issues with frontline managers
- o Carrier's medical department return to work issues
- o Prior rights
- o Engineer trainee training
- o Familiarization trips
- Local Chairman training
- o Random testing
- o Shortage of regular assignments
- o FRA decertification
- Retroactive pay
- Stay local before rest days

#### **DISCIPLINE:**

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

• Division 173 – 1

In January 2019, this office submitted three (3) discipline appeals to Labor Relations for the following Divisions:

- Division 163 1
- Division 173 1
- Division 188 1

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

#### TIME CLAIMS:

In January 2019, this office received thirteen (13) new time claims from the Local Chairmen of the following Divisions:

- Division 173 10
- Division 174 3

In January 2019, this office appealed nineteen (19) Step 3 time claims to Labor Relations for the following Divisions:

- Division 173 2
- Division 174 4
- Division 188 13

In January 2019, this office scheduled ten (10) time claims to conference at next LMRC for the following Divisions:

- Division 174 5
- Division 188 5

In January 2019, there was three (3) time claims paid at the Step 2 level by the Superintendent for the following Divisions:

- Division 173 1 Forced to work shover assignment with no utility Article 9 (D) paid \$452.50
- Division 174 1 COC protection Attachment "A" Paid \$452.50
- Division 188 Calling order at the away from home hotel Article 17(2)(F) Paid \$452.50

#### MEETINGS — Out of Town Meetings

1/9-1/11/2019	Bloomingdale, IL	<ul> <li>Met with BLET-VP Ruef concerning CBA issues, First Division cases.</li> </ul>
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#### **MEETINGS - In Town Meetings**

1/13/2019	•	Attend Division 209 meeting.
1/15/2019		Met with FVC Hau concerning CBA issues and up-coming LMRC meeting.  Met with the Local Chairmen from Division 185 and Division 209 for LC training.

Fraternally yours,

John Reynolds

John Reynolds General Chairman, CN-WC BLET