



**Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division
of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters**

NORTHEASTERN SYSTEM FEDERATION

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TO: All Active Members in Good Standing of the Northeastern System Federation – Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

RE: Northeastern System Federation (NESF) System Elections

Qualifications

In accordance with Article II, Section 1 (b) of the By-Laws of the Northeastern System Federation, “*Any member of the Northeastern System Federation meeting the twenty-four (24) months continuous good standing requirements of Article II, Section 4(a)(1) of the IBT Constitution and paragraph 4.9 of the Merger Agreement between BMW and IBT who has established at least twelve (12) months’ seniority on any of the railroads and in one of the departments thereof, coming within the jurisdiction of the System Federation and who has at least twelve (12) months’ continuous membership in the Local Lodge in which he holds membership at the time of election and a member in good standing at the time assuming office is eligible to be a candidate and hold an office’s position on the Joint Protective Board, For Local Lodges in existence for less than 24 months, eligibility to office shall be governed under the provisions of Article II, Section 4(b) of the IBT Constitution.*”

Nominations

In accordance with Article II, Section 2 (b), Paragraph 2 of the NESF By-Laws, “*The Offices of General Chairman, Vice Chairman, Assistant General Chairman and Executive Committee shall be filled by direct rank and file election. **A nomination period shall commence on May 15** of each Convention year. Eligibility for nomination shall be enumerated in Article II, Section 1(b) of these Bylaws. Any eligible member of the System Federation can declare himself/herself a candidate for the positions of General Chairman, and Vice Chairman-Secretary-Treasurer or for Vice Chairman or Assistant General Chairman or Executive Committee member as per the groups listed below by sending a letter nominating himself/herself **certified mail, return receipt requested** to the System Federation Office. **All such nominations shall be received in the Federation Office by May 30, of the Convention year. If May 30, of the Convention year falls on a Sunday, then all nominations shall be received by May 31, of the Convention year. Any nomination received after May 30 of the Convention year, or May 31 should May 30 of the Convention year fall on a Sunday, shall not be valid.**”*

Groups

- 1.) National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak)
CSX Transportation Incorporated (CSX)¹
- 2.) Maine Central Railroad Company (Pan Am Railways – ST/GTI)
Portland Terminal Company (Pan Am Railways – ST/GTI)

¹ CSX Membership transferred to CRSF-BMWED in 2015

- 3.) Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company (Canadian Pacific Railway)
New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation (NYS&W)

Note: *Group 3 also includes Norfolk Southern members who hold seniority on former D&H/CP property between Danville, PA and Schenectady, NY*

Elections

In accordance with Section 2 (b), Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the NESF By-Laws, "**On July 1** of the Convention year, the Federation shall send to all members **in good standing of the Federation as of June 1** of the Convention year a ballot which includes each position and each candidate for that position, together with a stamped, return address envelope designed to guarantee that the vote is by secret ballot. Members shall mark the ballots as they choose and mail them back to a mail box rented by the Federation which shall not be opened until the day of the count. All ballots shall be received by **July 24** of the Convention year.

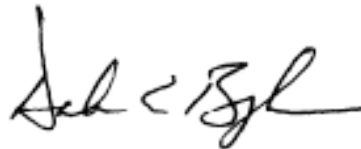
If July 24 of the Convention year falls on a Sunday then all ballots shall be received by July 25 of the Convention year. On July 24 of the Convention year at 1:00 PM (July 25 of the Convention year at 1:00 PM in the event that July 24 falls on a Sunday), the General Chairman, together with any and all candidates for the offices of General Chairman, and/or Vice Chairman and/or Assistant General Chairman and/or Executive Committee wishing to be present shall go to the mailbox and take all ballots that have been placed in the mailbox. The General Chairman, together with all candidates for the office of General Chairman, and/or Vice Chairman and/or Assistant General Chairman and/or Executive Committee shall bring the ballots directly to the offices of the Federation where the votes will be counted. The victor shall be the individual who receives the most number of votes for the position for which he/she ran.

Except for the offices of General Chairman and Vice Chairman/Secretary-Treasurer, the other offices enumerated in Section 2 (a) of this Article II, shall be filled by electing them from each of the following groups of railroads (Listed above).

Those elected to the above-referenced positions will assume office on November 1, 2017.

If you have any questions concerning the upcoming nominations or elections or if you do not have a copy of the NESF By-Laws, please do not hesitate to call the System Office at (607)-217-5333.

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General Chairman