

Brothers & Sisters,

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Personal and membership thanks to each and every officer or member that ever ran for office worked on our issues and belonged to our union. Our participation makes the union strong and preserves our way of life.

December Division meetings are complete. We have visited at least once each Division meeting in 2008 on behalf of our committee and will continue to do so through out the new year. The 2009 Division meeting schedule includes visits by National V.P Brother Marcus Ruef to the Local Divisions, NJT labor/management meetings and EUMA.

Brother Ruef is the IBT BLET National Representative designated to represent the Teamster Passenger Rail Coalition. His schedule of work on all our behalf is mind boggling and he is one talented individual. We are blessed to have his attention and commitment. We will take full and careful advantage of his dedication and office in the new year.

Each Division is requested to submit to the GCA and maintain the following:

*The accurate elected Division officer contact list name, address, phone #s & email.

*Accurate Division Mobilization in excel format.

*A Division mentor committee, mentor support contact list with #s and an initiation ritual for new members.

Our committee is in the process of setting up training for Division officers and committee representatives. With elections less than one year away a division officer may resign and be replaced without an election (see constitution for details). Check each division officer intent to run for office/do their JOB and line up replacements as needed. When training becomes available we need you to submit the names of members who will be here and benefit most by this training.

The tasks we have outlined for the local Divisions are important and serves each Division member by allowing the General Committee to do it's J-O-B. When necessary the GCA will hire and pay someone to do it, but the duty/job is really basic Division duties. We need these things completed within the first quarter of 2009.

Each Division Local Chairman sits on the GCA and votes on how to best to do our JOB. See you at the 09 meeting.

Happy Holidays,

R. Darcy
General Chairman
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