RWU Resolution to Diversify RWU Membership

Whereas, one of the primary goals of Railroad Workers United is to build an organization of ALL railroad workers in North America; and

Whereas, RWU will fall far short of achieving its objectives if sectors of rail labor are not included; and

Whereas, to date, the membership base of RWU has been drawn disproportionately from the ranks of T&E workers on the Class I carriers in the U.S.; and

Whereas, while RWU counts track workers, signal maintainers, dispatchers, yardmasters and the shop crafts among its ranks, their numbers are too few; and

Whereas, all the above mentioned crafts are employed by the same rail carriers as the trainmen and engineers and often face similar or even identical problems and issues;

Therefore be it resolved that Railroad Workers United redouble its efforts to ensure that railroad workers who are not in the T&E craft are proportionately represented among the membership of RWU; and

Be it further resolved, that every effort will be made to reflect this in the composition of the RWU Steering Committee and other committees; and

Be it finally resolved that RWU will publish articles of interest and pursue campaigns and other efforts that are of concern to railroad workers of the non-operating crafts.

This Resolution adopted at the Fourth Biennial RWU Convention
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