One of our initial efforts back in the summer of 1995 has been to publish an online newsletter called the "Railroad Workers United (RWU) Newsletter." This newsletter is distributed electronically to our subscribers and is available on our website, RailroadWorkersUnited.com. It contains articles and news items about labor issues, as well as information about upcoming events and meetings. The newsletter is updated regularly and is an important resource for our members and supporters.

RWU has also been involved in several lawsuits against railroads. In one case, the RWU filed a lawsuit against a railroad company for violating the Railway Labor Act by unilaterally changing the terms and conditions of employment. The company was ordered to backdate all changes to the contract, and the case was settled out of court.

In another case, RWU represented a group of workers who had been terminated without just cause. The company was ordered to reinstate the workers and award them back pay.

RWU has also been active in advocacy for workplace safety. In one instance, we worked with members of the Teamster Canada Rail and Transportation (TCR) union to develop a model for workplace safety in the rail industry. The model includes training and education for workers, as well as policies and procedures to protect workers from hazards.

In conclusion, RWU continues to be an active and effective voice for railroad workers. We are committed to protecting workers' rights and safety, and to fighting for fair treatment and justice for all railroad workers.
### Newsletter

**Railroad Workers United Conducts 5th Biennial Convention in April, 2016**

On March 31st & April 1st, Railroad Workers United conducted our 5th Biennial Convention in Washington, D.C. Nine new resolutions were adopted on a wide array of subjects of concern to the organization, including but not limited to: (a) Build solidarity among railroaders in ever larger and wider circles, among and between: (x) railroad workers of all crafts and all unions, regardless of carrier or contractor; (b) railroad workers of the U.S., Canada, Mexico and other nations; and (c) railroad workers, passengers, other worker and social movements, concerned communities, organizations, and between: (a) railroad workers of all crafts and all unions, regardless of carrier or contractor; (b) railroad workers of the U.S., Canada, Mexico and other nations; and (c) railroad workers, passengers, other worker and social movements, concerned communities, organizations, and between: (a) railroad workers of all crafts and all unions, regardless of carrier or contractor; (b) railroad workers of the U.S., Canada, Mexico and other nations; and (c) railroad workers, passengers, other worker and social movements, concerned communities, organizations, and communities, environmentalists and others. As RWU grows and develops, we have come to a deeper understanding of all that solidarity and alliance building is critical in order for railroaders to achieve our goals and objectives.

### Resolutions in 2016

- **Supply Chain Research:** International Solidarity, presented by an RWU Solidarity Member and RWU member; Building the Labor – Community Alliance, co-presented by an RWU switchman and an RWU Solidarity Member; If you Care About Railroad Safety, presented by a recently retired Amtrak member; Building Solidarity with Railroad Workers Around the World, presented by various international railway workers; Reviving the Strike, presented by the author of a book by that title; Railroaders and a “Just Transi- tion”, presented by a leader of the Labor Network for Sustainability.

### Ongoing Campaigns

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### Finances

At the January 2016 meeting of the Steering Committee, RWU reported a total of $47,162.00 in assets. Throughout 2016, our assets ranged between $14,683.31 and $24,745.96. As of December 2016, the large majority of new members now join RWU as “Solidarity Members”. RWU is currently active in freight traffic and resultant furloughs, because of the lower profile of activity last year (no conferences, no contract fights) and might also be the result of the decline in freight traffic and resultant furloughs, insecurity and demoralization in the indus-

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### Resolutions

- **Opposition to CP Takeover of NS:** Presented by a $15/hour minimum wage Resolution.
- **Support for a “Just Transition”**
- **Inconsistency Upon RWU’s Independence and Autonomy**
- **Support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership**
- **Support for Railroad Worker Whistleblow- ers**
- **Support for a Worker - Passenger Alliance**
- **Solidarity with Other Worker & Social Movements**
- **Position on the U.S. 2016 Elections**

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