On March 31st and April 1st, Railroad Workers United conducted the organization’s 5th Biennial Convention in Chicago, IL. Nine new resolutions were adopted on a wide array of subjects of concern to the organization and to railroad workers in general. A dozen minor Bylaws Amendments recommended by the Steering Committee were approved. And there was ample time for socializing and networking among members and friends following each day’s floor session.

The general theme that ran through the Convention was one of building solidarity in ever larger and wider circles: (a) between railroad workers of all crafts and all unions, regardless of carrier or contractor; (b) between railroad workers of the U.S., Canada, Mexico and other nations; and (c) between railroad workers, passengers, other worker and social movements, concerned communities, environmentalists and others. As RWU grows and develops, we have come to a deeper understanding that all of this solidarity and alliance building is necessary in order for railroaders to achieve our goals and objectives.