

# RWU Happenings

## ***All Members Invited to the 6th Biennial RWU Convention in Chicago April 5th - 6th***

Railroad Workers United will conduct our 6th Biennial Convention on April 5th & 6th, 2018. It will be our tenth anniversary! All RWU members in good standing are invited to attend the two-day event, planned at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, a short drive west of Chicago and very close to the airport.

In addition to standard business including bylaws amendments, nominations, and elections of the Steering Committee and discussion of resolutions and policies, the Convention will host numerous workshops, presentations and panel discussions. And when the Convention adjourns Friday evening, there

will no doubt be plenty of time for socializing, as we join 2500 labor activists from across the country and around the world for the Labor Notes Conference. Traditionally, many of the RWU Convention participants stay on for this one-of-a-kind labor education conference that features over 100 workshops on just about every imaginable subject of concern to working people and their labor organizations.

To register for the RWU Convention and/or the Labor Notes Conference, see the RWU website Home Page and click on the banner across the top of the page.

## ***RWU Takes Part in the Worker Solidarity Action Network***

***Shelly Burke, RWU Solidarity Member***

RWU Member Mark Burrows and I officially represented RWU at a conference in Chicago on October 6 - 8th. The conference included representatives from various industries, both domestic and international. At the conclusion of the weekend, the Worker Solidarity Action Network (WSAN) was initiated. The common theme uniting the group is "An injury to one is an injury to all." WSAN has adopted various boycotts, including Driscoll Berries which has refused to bargain and pay a living

wage to berry pickers in Mexico and taken stands in solidarity with a number of key workers' struggles including those fired by the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and striking workers at Strom Engineering. Of special significance for railroad workers is the WSAN endorsement of the RWU campaign in support of the scapegoated Canadian railroad workers. WSAN assisted RWU in putting together a series of pickets at Canadian consulates at key cities across the U.S. in early January (see Article on Page 1).

## ***"Union Officer Salaries & Expense Report" Published by RWU***

Ever wonder just how much money your top union officials make? Well, RWU has put together a comprehensive listing of all rail union officer salaries and expenses for the last fiscal year from all of the rail unions in the United States. The information comes courtesy of the U.S. Department of Labor (DoL) and is public information, available to anyone by simply check-

ing the DOL website. But for convenience sake, we thought we would compile the complete listing and put it all in one nice, neat package for railroad workers to take a look at. It is on our website at [www.railroadworkersunited.org](http://www.railroadworkersunited.org).

Too much? Too little? Just about right? You be the judge.