RWU International Steering Committee
2018 - 2020

The Railroad Workers United International Steering Committee (ISC) is the body that meets regularly throughout the year and makes the day-to-day decisions of the organization. Once again, the members present at the 6th Biennial Convention in Chicago on April 5 - 6th, 2018 opted to set the size of the ISC at eleven (11) members. The three (3) new Trustees are listed as well.

Aaron Dixon - Co-Chair
Machinist, UP, IAM #27, Kansas City, MO
Aaron has worked for UP as a diesel mechanic for 11 years, is President of his local and active in the All Rail Crafts Coalition. This is his first term as RWU Co-Chair.

Ross Grooters - Co-Chair
Engineer, UP, BLET #778, Des Moines, IA
Ross has worked for Union Pacific for 14 years, as a conductor and engineer. He previously served as an Alternate to the ISC. This is his second term as Co-Chair.

Bernie Mahoney - Co-Chair
Signal Maintainer, CSX, BRS #16, Port St. Lucie, FL
Bernie has worked for CSX as a signal maintainer for five years. He was appointed to fill a vacancy on the ISC in 2017. This is his first term as RWU Co-Chair.

Ron Kaminkow - General Secretary
Engineer, Amtrak, BLET #51, Reno, NV
Ron hired out with Conrail in 1996, then NS, and has worked as an engineer 19 years in Milwaukee, Chicago and Reno. This is his 6th term as General Secretary.

Hugh Sawyer - Treasurer
Engineer, NS, BLET #316, Atlanta, GA
 Hiring out as a brakeman in 1991, Hugh has been a conductor and engineer, and has served RWU in various capacities. This is his third term as Treasurer.

Joe Mulligan - Organizer
Engineer, KEOLIS, BLET #57, Kingston, MA
Joe has more than 20 years experience as a conductor and engineer on short lines, regionals, commuter and Amtrak. This is his first term as RWU Organizer.

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James Wallace - Recording Secretary
Conductor, BNSF, SMART #305, Lincoln, NE
James has worked as a BNSF conductor for seven years in both the Midwest and on the west coast. This is his fourth term as Recording Secretary.

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Adam Haslag - Steering Committee
Electrician, UP, IBEW #1832, Kansas City, MO
Adam has twenty years as an electrician, the last ten of those with the railroad. He serves on the local E-Board and is active with ARCC. This is his first term on the ISC.

Will Young - Steering Committee
Machinist, UP, IAM #27, Kansas City, MO
Will has worked as a heavy equipment mechanic for 14 years and on the railroad for seven. He serves as LC and is active in ARCC. This is his first term on the ISC.

Dan Stroup - Steering Committee
Engineer, CN, BLET#188, Superior, WI
Dan has worked for CN - and before that CSX - for 7 years as a conductor and engineer. He served as Recording Secretary. This is his first full term on the ISC.

Jon Flanders - Trustee
Machinist, CSX, IAM #1145, Selkirk, NY
Jon worked on the railroad for 25 years before retiring in 2013. A founding member of RWU, he served previously as Co-Chair. This is his first term as Trustee.

Ed Michael — Trustee
Engineer, UP, BLET #724/UTU #979, Salem, IL
Ed retired after 41 years with UP, MP and C&EI. He is a Founding member of RWU and has served as Co-Chair. This is his first term as Trustee.

Chet Whyers - Trustee
Conductor, UP, UTU #979, Salem, IL
Chet is retired after working for UP and MP for 43 years. He served as RWU Treasurer for 6 years. This is his first term as Trustee.