Support for W&LE Workers

Whereas the single employee crew issue is one of the most important questions facing rail labor, and specifically the BLET; and

Whereas, both SMART and the BLET are supporting federal and/or state legislation to stop the practice of single employee train crews; and

Whereas the workers on the Wheeling & Lake Erie (W&LE), members of BLET #292 have been fighting against single employee crews for a number of years now; and

Whereas the engineers and trainmen on the W&LE have gone on strike to defend the two-person crew and oppose the W&LE use of single employee crews; and

Whereas it is vital that these brothers and sisters win this struggle and demonstrate to the W&LE -- and the other rail carriers as well -- that union labor will not accept train operations with a single employee; and

Whereas the outcome of this struggle of these brothers and sisters will have a direct impact on engineers and trainmen and all railroad workers throughout North America; their fight is our fight!

Therefore be it Resolved that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen (BLET) assembled at Convention, October 2nd, 2014 in Las Vegas, NV pledge our unwavering solidarity and assistance to the members of Division #292 to win this fight; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the union encourages all BLET members and all railroad workers -- especially those in geographical proximity -- to join the picket line, to bring material aid and assistance and otherwise support the workers on the W&LE as necessary in the coming months and years in order to ensure victory.