



BROTHERHOOD OF MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYEES DIVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

For immediate release
October 21, 2009

BMWED REPRESENTATIVES MEET TO FINALIZE NATIONAL BARGAINING DEMANDS

Cincinnati, OH – BMWED National Division President Freddie Simpson convened a meeting today for the purpose of reviewing membership surveys and finalizing bargaining demands that will be served on the nation's freight railroads in November. The national contract with most freight railroads will expire January 1, 2010 and the next round of bargaining will begin.

National Division officers and representatives from the twenty-three federations that make up the BMWED attended the meeting.

“We have surveyed our members and have heard their response. Our bargaining demands will reflect the genuine concerns of our membership,” said BMWED National Division President Freddie Simpson. “We look forward to an earnest and productive round of bargaining that provides a fair wage and health and welfare package and one that resolves those issues that are currently adversely affecting our members.”

The BMWED represents the 35,000 men and women who build, maintain and inspect the nation's railroads.

###