

## TCU/ARASA 5101

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Date: May 25, 2010

John Blomstedt opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and with the Association Prayer, and called meeting to order.

Present were Local Officers, General Chairmen, District Chairmen and other members.

A motion to waive the reading of the previous meeting minutes was made by Terry Levine, second by Mark Barrios. Motion passed.

FST John Blomstedt gave the financial report. A motion to pay the bills was made by Ray Labbee, second by Mark Barrios. Motion passed.

International representative Ricky Brown was present to inform members about the IAM Educational Fund. This Fund is used to help furloughed members obtain skills for different jobs when it is obvious that they will not be recalled to their original job. Due to the high number of furloughed members, the fund is low, and the International is asking for help. Discussion followed. LC mark Barrios made a motion for Lodge 5101 to donate \$5000 dollars to the IAM Educational Fund. Second by Randy Bridge. Motion passed.

Discussion on further transfer of financial duties to newly appointed Financial Secretary Treasurer John Blomstedt. DC Terry Levine made a motion to change all Lodge financial accounts to show Financial Secretary Treasurer John Blomstedt, President Pat Carrow and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Paul Pesce as the authorized Lodge representatives to handle the accounts. Motion second by Ray Labbee. Motion passed.

Reminder – Do Not use lotus notes for Lodge correspondence.

Vice-President Ron Neblett reminds all members who use a carrier provided cell phone that it is not to be used for personal business or inappropriate correspondence or pictures.

A reminder from the TCU Grand Lodge, members who are on sick leave still have to pay monthly dues to the TCU Grand Lodge in the amount of \$72.00 per month. Payment should be mailed monthly to TCU, P.O.Box 79891, Baltimore, MD 21279-0891. Failure to pay dues could result in a \$300 reinstatement fee and back dues to retain seniority.

**Reminder that all issues should be forwarded to the respective Vice-General Chairman before the monthly meeting.**

Discussion followed on the rise in discipline cases involving supervisors, many resulting from rules violations. Members are empowered by the carrier to invoke all rules necessary to make the workplace safe and to "Stop the Line" if the workplace is not safe. The carrier is reactive in this regard. It is up to us, the Supervisor, to be proactive in the safety of our people and ourselves. Do not short cut processes and rules to get the job done.

Any claim, grievance or contract violation needs to be supported with facts, in writing, such as the date or dates of occurrence, times, witness names etc. to be forwarded to your Local or District Chairman.

Motion to adjourn by Ray Labbee, second by Mark Barrios. Motion carried.

Total attendance at meeting = 30

Seniority rosters are available for Union Pacific employees at the UP website;  
<https://employees.www.uprr.com/emp/index.shtml>.

Start at the employee's homepage, click on the links in the following order;

Departments,

Operating,

Timekeeping Operations,

Non-Operating

Mechanical Department Seniority Rosters.

Three links are listed, January 1<sup>st</sup> which is the current roster, May 1<sup>st</sup>, which is outdated and a Protest which is list of additions and deletions. Click on January 1<sup>st</sup> to view the current roster in a pdf format. You will need to page through to find your current roster.

Member Benefit Specialist Randy Bridge wants to remind members who are going on Leave Of Absence that Supplemental Benefits are available from AETNA. IMPORTANT - There is a 60-day time limit to apply for benefits. Claims made outside the 60-day time limit have been denied.

The next Regular Lodge meeting will be held on June 22, 2010 at 7 P.M. CST.

The number is 1-877-773-7962, id number 563306#.

You will need to give your name for introduction.

Agenda items known at this time for the next meeting will include discussion and/or voting on the following items:

Review of previous meeting minutes

Financial report

Old Business

Reports from General Chairman, Vice-General Chairman Car, Vice-General Chairman ES, and Vice-General Chairman Loco.

New business

To add additional agenda items or to obtain information as to what may have been added during the month, please contact the Recording Secretary.

Contact your District or Local Chairman for details on any items that you are interested in.