



Convention Summary

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WEDNESDAY JULY 29, 2009

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Bob Scardelletti Delivers Keynote Address



International President Bob Scardelletti Delivers Keynote Address

In a stirring and passionate address to the delegates of this Convention, International President Bob Scardelletti inspired the room with his view of not only the current state of this great union but the future as well. His topics included the Carmen Convention's unity, the strong quality of TCU even in these tough economic times, important contracts in the last five years and the affiliation and upcoming full merger with the IAM. Many delegates expressed how moved they were by the determination and passion President Scardelletti delivered in his remarks.

Beginning with the previous day's events Bob Scardelletti said, "I am extremely proud that our Carmen have reached this level of unity."

Receiving thunderous applause when saying about the Amtrak contracts, "we would not accept one penny less than full back pay."

He pointed out that the economy is not strong and yet, "this July 1st the highest wage increase in the country went into effect...4-1/2 percent for our freight and Amtrak members."

Speaking about the important decisions made in the past five years he proudly

said, "As part of the IAM we are now one of the strongest, most effective and most feared unions in America."

Training of local reps, the cornerstone of his presidency, will continue at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center. "We have a training facility that we can call our own...there is no better union dollar spent than the one that educates our local reps."

Looking forward into the future of TCU and filling the room with optimism Bob Scardelletti delivered the motivation to not only move this Convention forward but to move TCU forward as well.