

# *Association of Commuter Rail Employees*

*Local Division 9*

*Locomotive Engineers*

## Regular Meeting Summary

November 14, 2005

Meeting called to order at 11:11

Total members attending-16

Motion-Minutes –carried

Motion-Financial report-carried

### Committee reports

**Relief:** Timmy Lynch has applied for a disability as a result of his ongoing battle with cancer. Bruce Sullivan had ankle surgery due to a previous injury. Retired engineer Charles S Vreeland, father of member Charlie Vreeland, passed away. Christmas party will be December 15.

### Local Chairmen:

**NH:** (RR DeAndrus)

**HR:** (TR Cooper) Leaf season is here. All members should use extreme caution. A website ([WWW.UNIONOIL.COM](http://WWW.UNIONOIL.COM)) has been created for union members to receive discounts on many items.

**HD:** (JJ Potthast)

**GCT:** (RR Gunderman) A reorganization of the Operation Services Management Team is taking place. Gus & Dave will be co-deputy chiefs. Another newly promoted engineer had a signal violation in GCT. An engineer was taken OOS after a commuter e-mailed MN about a rough train ride. The download of the equipment showed the engineer greatly exceeding the speed for the rock cut at DV. The vacation pick issue has been resolved. Members will be making a wheel pick again this year.

**General Chairman:** (MF Doyle) Negotiating with MN over “their” new mandatory boot requirement. There seems to be a little confusion over the ballots for EB Trustees & BOA. Members may vote for 1 or up to the required amount of candidates. The Christmas & New Years holiday pay is being worked on. According to our CBA, a holiday will be on the date of national observance. This year, Sunday is the calendar holiday; Monday will be the national observance. The FRA regarding switches in manual block territory has issued an emergency order. A training class outlining these new regulations will be given to all affected employees.

**President’s Report:** (MB McCarthy) New furniture has been ordered for the lounge. Delivery is being held up until the leaking problem is resolved.

### Unfinished Business

**New Business** Matt Schiavi pointed out that very little instruction is given to new engineers when they mark up. GC MF Doyle will work with MN to utilize our Mentor program.

Adjourn 12:12