

## BRS Local 130 meeting minutes from October 14th, 2005

The brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen Local 130 was called to order on October 14, 2005 at 7:10 PM at the Courtyard by Marriott of Elmhurst in Elmhurst, Illinois.  
11 members were in attendance.

### Opening Prayer

Read by Leon Ferguson

### Roll Call of officers

Charlie Kocian, Tim Valentine, Manny Acosta and Dan Krieger were absent

### Reading of meeting minutes

Tom Humenik read the meeting minutes from July 8, 2005. A motion was made by Paul Niziolek to accept minutes as read. Seconded by Tom Jones. Motion carried.

### Reading of Bills and Itemized Statements

Motion to accept bills and Itemized statements as read made by Howie Merkin seconded by Tom Jones. Motion carried.

### Propositions for membership

Two new people were hired. One is at Crystal Lake crew and the other is at Western Ave.

### Obligations

None

### Report of Local Grievance Committees:

Howie Merkin – Claim for Dan Krieger not being called out-Paid. Joe Scott for improper person in on OT-Filed. Parenti-Appeal sent to Labor relations. Someone bid a job in Bain, WI, days off Friday and Saturday and the day before he started; the job was abolished and put back on as an Assistant Signalman. 5 days written notice required.

Charlie Kocian – Absent

Paul Niziolek – Nothing new

### Report of Special Committee:

None

### Communications:

There was a General Committee Meeting. Meeting Minutes will be posted on the web site.  
There was a discussion about a recent activation failure. The biggest problem that day was primarily bad communication between the people and when all was said and done, someone could have been killed. No matter how long it takes, the job must be completed safely. How would you feel if someone got hurt or killed?  
Signal Department personnel maintain ALL generators big or small.

### Unfinished Business

Elections

Ballots Printed 100

Ballots sent 84

Ballots spoiled 2

Ballots received 48

Ballots re-sent 2

Position	nominated	votes received (winner in <b>Bold</b> )
President	Manny Acosta	<b>36</b>
Vice President	Greg Ray	<b>34</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Ronald Pipkins	<b>33</b>
Recording Secretary	Tom Humenik	<b>36</b>
Financial Secretary	Paul Sclafani	<b>37</b>
Local Chairman	Howie Merkin	20
	Paul Niziolek	<b>30</b>
	Charlie Kocian	<b>30</b>
Trustees	Tom Jones	<b>31</b>
	Dan Krieger	<b>31</b>
	Reggie Cole	<b>31</b>
Grievance Committee	Joe Parenti	16
	Pete Grover	<b>32</b>
	Frank Luszczak	11
	Ron Childress	<b>21</b>
Grievance Committee	Lenny Grom	<b>32</b>
	Stony Omaye	7
	Hiram Boone	<b>33</b>

New members sworn in by Henry DePaepe.

#### New Business

A Local Bylaw committee was formed to review and update the local 130 bylaws. Members are Tom Humenik, Paul Niziolek and Howie Merkin.

#### Report of sickness of members

Kevin Connolly is still waiting for a liver transplant.

George Garner is off due to an aneurysm.

Bob Stipek status was unknown.

R.H.Talbert Jr. is off with Diabetes complications.

Bob Diehl is off work

Rick Hopson is off

Jeanette Spencer is off.

#### Members in distress or unemployed

None reported

#### Good of the union

The location of the next will be announced

#### Closing Prayer

Read by Leon Ferguson

#### Adjournment

Leon Ferguson motioned for adjournment.

Howie Merkin seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Humenik  
Recording secretary BRS local 130