



# Railroad Workers United

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## Railroad Workers United Resolution to Support One-Member-One-Vote Union Elections

**Whereas**, citizens in a free society expect and demand the right to vote for all official positions at the municipal, county, state and federal level; and

**Whereas**, in our unions, members would never accept that their local union leadership be decided in any other fashion than by one-member-one-vote of the general membership; and

**Whereas**, such a system of elections provides for greater accountability, greater membership participation and a greater more fuller democracy inside the union; and

**Whereas**, a number of International unions - including the Mineworkers (UMWA), Steelworkers (USWA) and Teamsters (IBT) utilize the one-member-one-vote elections for top union officers; and

**Whereas**, now the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) -- per constitutional amendment in 2006 -- has scheduled its first ever one-member-one-vote election; and

**Whereas**, there are elements within the BLET that have mounted an attempt to take away this newfound right;

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that Railroad Workers United support a one-member-one-vote election process for any and all elections to office for rail labor union officials; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that RWU encourage all rail union members to struggle to achieve such a system within their respective unions; and

**Be it Finally Resolved**, that RWU commend those activists who have been able to achieve such a democratic system inside their unions.

*This Resolution adopted by the members assembled at the RWU Second Biennial Convention Friday, April 23rd, 2010 in Dearborn, Michigan*