**BYLAWS OF LOCAL No. 94**

**BROTHRHOOD OF RAILROAD SIGNALMEN**

**Preamble**

We, the officers and members of Winton Local Lodge No. 94, Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, being duly constituted by a charter from Grand Lodge of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen granted, established, and confirm the following Bylaws. These Bylaws, or any subsequent revisions, to become effective when, and if, approved by the President.

**ARTICLE I**

**Meetings and Jurisdiction**

**Section 1**. This Local shall be known by the name of Winton Local Lodge No. 94, Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen. The Jurisdiction shall be over the following Signal Seniority Districts on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company: Akron Division; Ohio Division; Chicago Division; Toledo-Indianapolis Division; St. Louis Division, East End; St. Louis Division, West End; Newark Division; and New Rock Division.

**Section 2**. The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the third Saturday of January, April, July, and October of each year at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Savings Time, whichever is being observed in Baltimore, Maryland. If the regular meeting falls on a holiday weekend, the meeting will be advanced one week. The meeting locations to be decided at the April meeting for the following year.

**Section 3**. A special meeting of this Lodge may be called if five or more members in good standing sign a petition requesting the special meeting, or as otherwise provided in Section 61 of Article II of the Constitution.

**Section 4**. The Lodge shall, on or before January 1 of each year, furnish all members in good standing a schedule of date, place, and time of meetings for that year.

**Section 5**. A change in time, date, or place of a regular meeting shall not be considered except upon written request signed by at least five members in good standing clearly setting forth the reason therefore, and then only when presented to the Lodge not later than the preceding regular meeting.

**Section 6**. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and Ritual.

**ARTICLE II**

**Officers and Their Duties**

**Section 1**. The officers of this Lodge shall be only those provided for in the Constitution.

**Section 2**. All of the officers of this Lodge shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the Constitution. Chaplain and Sergeant-at-Arms are to be appointed at each meeting by the presiding officer.

**Section 3**. The duties of the officers of this Lodge shall be all of those enumerated in the Constitution and these Bylaws.

**Section 4**. The Financial Secretary shall also be secretary of the Delinquent Committee.

**Section 5**. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to recommend the salaries and allowances of the Local 94 Lodge officers.

Only the Local President, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Local Chairmen will receive allowances and travel expenses for attending regular meetings.

In the event of their absence at a regular meeting, the substitute officers will receive the allowances and travel expenses of the position filled.

Officers who hold more than one position will only be entitled to salaries, allowances, and travel expenses for one office of the offices held.

Trustees will receive travel expenses when conducting an audit.

In the event a special committee must be formed to perform union business, the officers attending the special committee meeting shall be entitled to travel expenses.

**Section 6**. No member shall be authorized to collect dues except the Financial Secretary.

**ARTICLE III**

**Dues**

**Section 1**. The dues for membership in this local shall be payable quarterly or annually in advance. Dues will be an amount equal to the quarterly per capita tax, per member, established by Grand Lodge and the General Committee, plus an amount equal to one hour at the National Signalman’s rate for use by the Local.

**Section 2**. Local 94 shall pay to Grand Lodge a per capita tax per member, per quarter, as established by the Constitution.

**Section 3**. Local 94 shall pay to the General Committee a per capita tax per member, per quarter, as established by the General Committee. This tax is to be paid as required by Article II, Section 35, of the Constitution.

**Section 4**. If the disbursements exceed the receipts and there is not sufficient funds available to meet the demand of the Constitution and these Bylaws, each member may be equally assessed to cover the necessary amount.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Membership and Initiation Fees**

**Section 1**. Applications for admissions into this Lodge must be in accordance with the Constitution.

**Section 2**. The initiation fee for membership shall be $250.00

**Section 3**. The Reinstatement fee shall be according to the Constitution.

**ARTICLE V**

**Suspension and Expulsions**

**Section 1**. All suspensions or expulsions must be announced by the Local President in the first regular meeting following the date of suspension or expulsion.

**Section 2**. A member failing or refusing to pay his dues quarterly in advance, except members subject to a dues check-off agreement, shall be considered as delinquent and not maintaining membership after the expiration of the first calendar month from the beginning of the quarter for which dues are payable.

**Section 3**. A member failing or refusing to pay assessments or fines as directed by the Lodge shall be considered delinquent and not maintaining membership at the expiration of the second calendar month following the month in which the assessment was levied or the fine imposed.

**Section 4**. A member known to have been off work for an extended period on account of bona fide personal illness or injury, or one known to have been under unusual financial burden, shall not be suspended for non-payment of dues or assessments until it has been definitely determined by the Lodge that he was financially able to pay dues or assessments. In the absence of such proof the Lodge shall give every possible consideration, consistent with the Constitution and these Bylaws, to taking such action as may be necessary to place the distressed member in good standing.

**ARTICLE VI**

**Sick Committee, Honorary, and Retired Members**

**Section 1**. In event of death of a member, also honorary and retired members, of Local No. 94, the respective Local Chairman will arrange to send flowers or make a contribution to a memorial, the cost and expense to be determined at the regular scheduled April meeting, and make a full report to the Financial Secretary.

**ARTICLE VII**

**Attendance**

**Section 1**. All members are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings, and no member who has attended less than 50% of the regular meetings of Local 94 between February 1 of the Convention years shall be elected as delegate to represent this Lodge at any Convention.

1. A majority vote of the members present at the regular January meeting of the Convention year shall determine whether it desires to be represented at the Convention, and whether it will send one, two, or more delegates.
2. Nominations for delegates to the Convention will be made at the regular January meeting of the Convention year.

c) Alternates will not be designated for a particular delegate position. The order in which they are chosen to fill a delegate vacancy will be determined by the number of votes they receive in the election procedure.

d) Members will not be compensated for lost wages while attending a Convention.

**Section 2**. Any officer of this Lodge or any member of its Local Grievance Committees who absents himself from four successive meetings of the Lodge or their respective committee may be summoned in writing by the Recording Secretary, when summoned to appear before a meeting of the Lodge to answer for such absences. Such summons shall clearly state the offense, date of such meeting, and any other data necessary to apprise the officer. If in the opinion of the majority of the Lodge, said officer fails to present good and sufficient answer for such absences, his office or membership on such committee may be declared vacant.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Committees**

**Section 1**. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise provided for.

**Section 2**. No member shall decline to serve on a committee unless he is then serving on two other committees or is otherwise excused by the Lodge.

**Section 3**. In appointing committees, the first appointee shall, unless otherwise agreed to at the time of appointment, serve as chairman.

**Section 4**. Each committee shall have the power to make such rules and regulations that are necessary for its government and to expedite its work, provided however, that such rules and regulations must always be in harmony with the Constitution and these Bylaws.

**Section 5.** No committee shall be discharged until all debts contracted by it are paid.

**ARTICLE IX**

**Intoxicating Liquors**

**Section 1**. At no time shall intoxicating liquors be allowed in a regular meeting, nor shall they be paid for from Local 94 funds.

**ARTICLE X**

**Bonding of officers**

**Section 1**. The Financial Secretary shall be bonded for the sum recommended by the Constitution and approved by the Trustees, the Lodge to bear the expense of same.

**ARTICLE XI**

**Repealing Clause**

**Section 1**. All former Bylaws in conflict, or inconsistent with these Bylaws shall be and are hereby repealed. All cases not herein provided for shall be decided by the Lodge in accordance with the rules and regulations of this Brotherhood contained in the Constitution.

**Section 2**. Should any provisions of these Bylaws conflict with the Constitution of the Brotherhood, the provisions of the Constitution shall prevail.

**ARTICLE XII**

**Who Shall Receive a Copy of These Bylaws**

**Section 1**. Each member in good standing shall receive a copy of these Bylaws. New members shall receive a copy after receiving the obligation.

**Section 2**. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to have sufficient copies of these Bylaws on hand to cover all needs.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**Amendments**

**Section 1**. No amendments, alterations, or additions to these Bylaws shall be made unless by a proposition offered in writing at a regular meeting and signed by at least five members in good standing. The same to lay over until the next regular meeting when it shall be taken up for final action.

**Section 2**. These Bylaws shall be printed in suitable form.

All amendments, alternations, or additions shall be printed in suitable form, and a copy of the Bylaws mailed to members in good standing as promptly as possible.

This is to certify that Winton Local Lodge No. 94, Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, adopted the foregoing Bylaws on July 15, 2017.

Approved: Signed:

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