

Annual NARR Meeting

On September 23rd and 24th, 2010, General Chairman Nowlin attended the annual meeting of the National Association of Railroad Referees (NARR) in Chicago. Several other UTU General Chairmen and Officers as well as some BLET Officers were also in attendance.

The NARR meetings included seminars on the Dunlop II Report, the Referee's Corner, legal issues, Ethics (Moderated by Dr. Francis X. Quinn), updates from the NMB, Arbitrator updates, etc.

The General Chairman also held meetings on a variety of issues with other UTU Officers, Arbitrators and Carrier Officers. In addition, 17 Awards that had been pending on our territory were finalized.

During remarks by Mr. Roland Watkins, Director of Arbitration Services for the National Mediation Board, recognition was given for "Arbitrator Orientation" programs held with UTU and UP during 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2010 (none was held in 2009) as well as one with UTU and CSX this year. It was noted that these programs have added 91 new Arbitrators for cases in the Railroad Industry. Our General Committee participated in the programs in 2007, 2008 and 2010.

Mr. Watkins thanked the UP and the CSX and expressed "a very, very special thanks to the United Transportation Union" for these programs.