



BROTHERHOOD OF  
**Sleeping Car Porters**

Headquarters:

239 WEST 136th STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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4231 MICHIGAN AVENUE

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A. L. TOTTEN

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BENNIE SMITH

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General Secretary-Treasurer  
ROY LANCASTER

Chicago, Ill.  
Sept. 22, 1929.



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The roll call found all Members present, A. Philip Randolph, Ex. Officio President, Roy Lancaster, ex officio, Sec. Treas. M.P. Webster, first vice pres., A.L. Totten, sec. vice pres., Bennie Smith, third vice, pres. E.J. Bradley, fourth-vice pres., S.E. Grain, fifth vice pres., P.L. Caldwell, sixth vice, pres., C.L. Dellums, seventh vice pres.

M.P. Webster was elected, by acclamation, President of the Board.

P.L. Caldwell was elected as Secretary, of the Board by Majority vote.

Mr. Caldwell and Webster, immediately took over their respective duties.

By mutual consent, it was decided that, the territory over which the Brotherhood claims jurisdiction, should be divided into Seven Zones, to be supervised by respective Vice Presidents.

The Zones include the following districts.

**Eastern #1.**

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Richmond, V.A.  
Norfolk, V.A.  
Philadelphia, P.A.

**Western #2.**

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**Pittsburgh Western #3.**

Detroit, Mich.  
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**Mid Western #4.**

St Paul - Minneapolis, Minn.  
Kansas City, Mo.  
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Wichita, Kan.

Oklahoma City, Ok.  
Omaha, Neb.  
Denver, Col.

**South-Mid-Western #5.**

St. Louis, Mo.  
Memphis, Tenn.  
Little-Rock, Ark.

Louisville, Ky.  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

**OUR GOAL:**

More wages; better hours; better working conditions; pay for overtime; pay for "preparation" time; abolition of "doubling out," conductor's pay for conductor's work when in charge and manhood rights.

## Far Western #6.

Oakland- San Francisco, Cal.  
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South- Western<sup>K</sup> Texas- Div.

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## The Assignments to Zones for Supervision

Zone #1 - A.L. Totten - S.E. Grain.  
 Zone #2 - M.P. Webster.  
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 Zone #7 - To be provided.  
 Texas Div. L. Hampton - Field Organizer.

A motion failed to carry, that local officials, should make their reports to Zone Supervisors, but it was provided that they should, report to secretary- treasurer.

The P.P.B.A., Matter was turned over to the special committee and Pres, Gen'l Organizer, for decision and immediate action.

The Question of salaries was discussed from many angles, That of the Pres., and General Organizer, against his will, was by acclamation increased from \$150.00 Per Mo. to \$200.00 Per Month.

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The Vice President's at \$150.00 Per Month.

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