

# **ATDA ratifies the national mediated collective bargaining agreement**

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio, November 28 — The American Train Dispatchers Association (ATDA), a partner union of the Collective Bargaining Group (CBG), announced on November 27, 2017, that nearly two-thirds of its members voted for ratification of the national mediated collective bargaining agreement.

The final tally showed that over 62% of the membership voted in favor of ratification. ATDA members who ratified the contract work for the following: Belt Railway Company of Chicago; BNSF Railway; Conrail; CSXT; Indiana Harbor Belt; Kansas City Southern; Norfolk Southern; and Wisconsin Central.

The ATDA's bargaining team consisted of President Leo McCann, Secretary-Treasurer Ed Dowell and Vice President Rory Broyles. As part of the CBG, they reached a tentative agreement with the nation's freight rail carriers on October 6, 2017, following over two and a half years of bargaining.

The six unions comprising the CBG include: the American Train Dispatchers Association; the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (a Division of the Rail Conference of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters); the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen; the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders,

Blacksmiths, Forgers, and Helpers; the National Conference of Firemen and Oilers / SEIU; and the Transportation Division of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers. Collectively, the CBG unions represent more than 85,000 railroad workers covered by the various organizations' national agreements.