

BIOGRAPHY

JERRY C. BOLES

President – Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen

Jerry Boles began his railroad career in January 1977, as a B&B helper, for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. In November of 1977, Boles transferred to the Signal Department. He also worked one year on a Relief Signal Maintainer position, one year as the Signal Maintainer at Shattuck, Oklahoma, and was a Signal Maintainer at Littlefield, Texas, for 17 years before being appointed Grand Lodge Representative in 1997.

In his Union career he was first elected Second Vice President of Local 161 in 1981, Boles served in that capacity until his appointment to Local Recording-Financial Secretary in 1983 and served in that position until 1993. He was elected to serve Local 161 as Local Chairman in 1993, a position that he held until 1996 when he was elected General Secretary Treasurer of the ATSF/KCS General Committee and again as RFS of Local 161. He held both positions at the time of his appointment to Grand Lodge.

Retired President Dan Pickett appointed Boles to the position of Grand Lodge Representative in August of 1997, working in arbitration and developing a BRS website. He was promoted to Publications Editor in 1998. He was elected to and held the office of Vice President Headquarters from June 29, 2001, until he was elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer on October 10, 2011. Boles was reelected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation at BRS's Quadrennial Conventions in 2014 and 2018. Mr. Boles was subsequently elected President on January 15, 2019.