

Donald E. Grissom

Assistant General President/Brotherhood Railway Carman Division
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Mr. Grissom has 41 years of railroad experience, which includes inspecting and repairing freight cars, as well as re-railing and derailment investigations. His current position is Assistant General President of the Brotherhood Railway Carman Union (BRC). He has attended the National Transportation Safety Board classes in Northern Virginia and has participated in derailment and rail fatality accident investigations. He has been appointed by the Secretary of Transportation to be a voting member on the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee since 2011.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Grissom started his railroad career on the C & O Railroad in Grand Rapids, MI in August, 1981. In February, 1982, Mr. Grissom transferred to Richmond, VA, which later became CSX Railroad. He has served a 3 year apprenticeship program in air brake and inspection of freight cars. He also held the position of derrick operator for the wreck crew and held Commercial Driver's licensed line-of-road repair job.

In 1983, Mr. Grissom was elected to the Local Chairman position for the Brotherhood Railway Carman Union Local Lodge 183 in Richmond, VA. He was reelected to that position for 4 consecutive terms. In 1988, he was appointed to the C & O Joint Protective Board 90. In 1990, he was appointed to the General Secretary/Treasurer position for Board 90. In 1992, he was elected to Vice General Chairman and later became General Chairman on September 1, 1995. In 2011, he was appointed to the General Vice President position of the BRC. On September 1, 2018, he was elected to the position of Assistant General President of the BRC.

Mr. Grissom is currently handling contract negotiations for numerous freight, commuter and project shops throughout the United States. He was also the Labor Member for the BRC at the National Railroad Adjustment Board Second Division from 2011 to August 31, 2018, and currently handles Public Law Board arbitration cases on Alaska Railroad, Amtrak, TTX, Keolis and TASI. He has participated in President Emergency Boards 219, 248 and 249.