

## *Local Lodge 754 Learns How to Write Effective Claims and Grievances*



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### ***Local Lodge 754 Long Island Railroad Grievance Writing Training***

Through the years it has become very difficult to win claims and grievances on the Nation's Railroads. In February, Local Lodge 754 President, Local Chairman, Shop Stewards and Committeeman learned how to better refine claims and grievances so that they have a better chance at winning them. Pictured from right to left above are Jeff Liuzzi, Oscar Valle, Richard Torres, Gerry Meigel, David Negus, Billy Hunt and Jimmy Kelton.

This Local submits a fair number of claims and grievances each year but they struggle with winning them as most do. We evaluated several recent claims to see where we may be able to make improvements. Next, we established a foundation by which to build better claims, including how to document information and how to gather useful evidence. Using their contract, the NMB website for prior awards and Microsoft Word, everyone that attended, learned to use these tools and then we drafted examples of how to write better claims and grievances.

The results are a group of IAM members that can better police the contract and that know now what to include in a winning claim or grievance. If your Local is having the same troubles, please consider having a similar class at your location. For help, contact District 19 Educator, Andrew Sandberg at

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