

**For consideration of Alphonse Russo Jr. to the Surface Transportations**  
**Board's Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council**

Al Russo Jr. began his career as a railroad electrician with Amtrak after graduating as an Electronic Technician from the Connecticut School of Electronics near his hometown of New Haven, CT. He joined the IBEW in 1980, when he accepted a position with Amtrak as an electrician working in the mechanical department. In 1999 he was hired by Metro North Commuter Railroad.

A dedicated and motivated union activist, Russo eventually served as Local 747's registrar for the Committee for Political Education and rising quickly through its leadership ranks, achieving the position of local union's President and Chairman in 1998. Throughout his tenure there, he consistently and faithfully advocated on behalf of his fellow members to ensure the protection of their craft. He also served on the Metro North Labor Coalition and was recognized by the commuter railroad's managers as a fair adversary when it came to dealing with work related rule disputes, grievances, and other collective-bargaining concerns.

In 2013, Russo was appointed by IBEW's then-International President Edwin Hill to serve as an International Representative in Washington, D.C., and on May 1st 2020 President Stephenson appointed Al as the Director of the Railroad Department where he continues to fight on behalf of the union's entire railroad branch as it faces numerous challenges — including the unfortunate ongoing layoffs stemming from the Class I Railroads' embrace of Precision Scheduled Railroading.

Director Russo has extensive experience in the rail industry and can serve immediately upon appointment. Russo earned an Associate of Science Degree in Business Management in 2004 from Albertus Magnus College.

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