



# **On The Move**

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## **Brown Retains Presidency in Local 234 Election**

The American Arbitration Association counted all the votes late into Friday evening. When it was over and done, President Willie Brown, Executive Vice President Brian Pollitt, Recording Secretary Avignon Dent, Treasurer Joe Coccio and Vice Presidents Will Vera, Bill Bannon and Darryl Mack, along with the seven at-large Executive Board candidates who ran with them, won the election. President Brown's vote total of 2051 was the highest received by a Local 234 presidential candidate in a contested election since 1996. We thank the members who participated in the election and the candidates who worked hard to advocate their points of view. Now it's time for us to come together to fight for a good contract.

### **“SOLID 234” Meeting, Saturday, 10:00 a.m., at the Union Hall**

With the election over it's time for the *entire membership* of Local 234 to come together to fight for pension reform and other important contract issues. In addition, we have to resist SEPTA's hardline bargaining positions, which call for deep cuts in our pension and health benefits, while refusing to address a host of non-economic issues that would make our jobs less stressful.

A meeting of the “Solid 234,” a network of union loyalists, is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, at 10:00 a.m. at the Union Hall. The purpose of the “Solid 234” is to educate, organize and unify the members in the fight for a good contract. All interested members are encouraged to attend. You'll get an update on the status of the negotiations and the chance to be on the front lines in the contract fight. The current CTD contract expires at midnight October 31, 2016.

### **History of Mass Transit Workers in Philadelphia**

*Running The Rails* is an informative history of the struggles of transit workers in Philadelphia from the late 1880's. The book's author, James Wolfinger, will be speaking on the subject at the Union Hall on Sunday, October 9, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. *Running the Rails* brings to life the epic battles waged by Philadelphia transit workers for good benefits and decent pay over the fierce resistance of management, including resort to violence and smear campaigns against the unions fighting for the rights of transit workers. The book covers the remarkable General Strike of 1910 in which the Philadelphia community and the entire labor movement came to the aid of transit workers striking for a livable wage. Come and learn about our history.

# **WE MUST AND WE WILL!**