

Teamsters Timeline, 1850-1949

1850 - 1949 | [1950 - 1971](#) | [1972 - 1984](#) | [1985 - present](#)

1850

San Francisco draymen organize to regulate their charges.

1867

Chicago hack owners and drivers organize to stabilize hack fares.

1899

Formation of the Team Drivers International Union, John Callihan as President. Headquarters at 213 Franklin Street, Detroit, MI.

1902

Chicago locals form the Teamsters National Union.

1903

Amalgamation convention is held at Niagara Falls, NY, Cornelius Shea as president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. IBT headquarters established at 147 East market Street, Indianapolis, IN.

1904

August: 350 delegates meet in Cincinnati and vote to lay aside most of the IBT's funds for organizing and bargaining. Shea as GP, E.L. Turley as GS-T.

1905

Chicago Teamsters strike Montgomery Ward; strike is broken.

Convention empowers GP Shea to appoint representatives and organizers where needed; office of General Auditor established with George W. Biggs as first auditor. Thomas L. Hughes elected GS-T.

1906

A breakaway group forms the United Teamsters of America.

1907

Dan Tobin is elected General President, membership at about 20,000, three International office staff.

1909

Name changed to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers to reflect the union's expanding jurisdiction.

1910

Beginning of shift from horse team cartage to motor transport.

1910-1914

IBT seeks to organize bakery and confectionary wagon drivers.

1912

IBT convention delegates decide to hold the convention every three years; also, convention entertainment had to be union members; first transcontinental delivery of merchandise by motor truck.

1915

Decision is made to hold IBT convention every 5 years.

1917

Tobin is elected AFL Treasurer.

Teamsters represent women laundry workers; black women laundry workers receive same pay as white workers.

1919

Tobin is one of the two American delegates to the International Labor Conference in Amsterdam (the other is Samuel Gompers).

1920

IBT votes to affiliate with the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress and with the AFL Building Trades Department (not seated until 1928).

1921

IBT reaches 75,000 members.

1925

Four full-time organizers are on IBT payroll.

1927

The Union Labor Life Insurance Company is established with Tobin on its Board of Directors.

1928

Tobin resigns position of AFL Treasurer; IBT is seated as member of the AFL Building Trades Department.

1931

Detroit Kroger warehouse "strawberry strike," JRH as spokesman for the strikers.

1932

Tobin serves as chairman of the FDR campaign labor division. IBT reaches 75,000 members.

1933-1935

JRH successfully organizes truckers who hauled automobiles out of Detroit and across the country.

1934

Teamsters launch strike in Minneapolis; it lasts for 11 days of violent confrontation with police and National Guard.

1935

Convention delegates vote to outlaw membership in the Communist Party for IBT members.

Motor Carrier Act passed by Congress.

JRH appointed business agent of Local 299, Detroit.

1936

General maritime strike in San Francisco. IBT supports longshore and warehouse strikers.

JRH farmed out to Farrell Dobbs in Minneapolis to help organize over-the-road drivers.

1937

Western Conference of Teamsters established, headquartered in Seattle, with Dave Beck as chairman.

North Central District Drivers Council formed (Farrell Dobbs).

1938

New York City teamsters strike for 40-hour work week with no reduction in wages, Mayor LaGuardia serves as mediator, Teamsters agree to a 44-hour week.

Motor Carrier Safety rules added to Motor Carrier Act.

Membership at 360,700.

1939

Central States Area Agreement negotiated by JRH.

1940

Fourteen fulltime organizers are on IBT payroll; the term "Stablemen" is eliminated from the IBT full name, Warehousemen added.

1941

JRH appointed negotiating chairman of CSDC.

1942

JRH elected president of the Michigan Conference of Teamsters.
IBT establishes a research department (David Kaplan, director).

1943

American unions agree to abide by a No-Strike Pledge for the duration of the War.
Tobin appoints JRH a trustee of the IBT.
Membership at 534,000.

1944

Southern Conference of Teamsters formed.

1945

JRH elected president of Local 299.
October: IBT launches a campaign to reinstate daily milk deliveries that had been limited to every other day during the war.

1946

JRH becomes president of Joint Council 43.
Judge George Murphy begins grand jury investigation of JRH and the Detroit Teamsters unions.

1947

Congress passes Taft-Hartley Bill, Truman vetoes it but Congress overrides the veto (Hartley cited JRH as reason for introducing the bill).
New card index system replaces old ledger-based bookkeeping methods at International and locals.
December: Membership reaches million mark.
At convention John English is elected GS-T; IBT convention denounces Taft-Hartley.
Dave Beck named Executive VP.

1948

International office staff at 25, Secretary-Treasurer's office modernizes, installs new machines and methods of control.
September: National Warehouse Conference formed.
October: National Conference of Fruit, Vegetable and Produce Industries is formed; National Automotive, Petroleum and Allied Trades Division formed.
November: National Truckaway and Driveaway Conference formed; National Conference of Brewery and Soft Drink Workers formed.
Formation of the National Laundry Drivers Division, National Dairy Conference and the Miscellaneous and the Retail Delivery Conference.

1949

January: IBT trade divisions meet to kick-off national organizing drive.
April 1-15: National over-the-road checking drive takes place.
Formation of the National Cannery Conference, National Bakery Drivers Conference, National Conference of Federal, State, County, Municipal and Public Service Employees, National Conference of Chauffeurs and Taxicab Drivers, and the National Conference of Building Materials and Construction

Drivers.

Central States and Southern Conferences win employer-supported health and welfare plans.

Teamsters Timeline, 1950-1971

[1850 - 1949](#) | [1950 - 1971](#) | [1972 - 1984](#) | [1985 - present](#)

1950

April 17-19: Second annual organizing conference is held in Chicago.

June 18-23: Second National Truck Check held.

Membership at 1.2 million.

1951

May 13-18: Third national Truck Check held.

1952

May 11-16: fourth national Truck Check held.

October: JRH quits as Trustee and becomes 10th VP.

October 13-17: 16th convention held in Los Angeles; Dan Tobin steps down as IBT General President; Dave Beck is elected his successor. Convention approves moving IBT headquarters to Washington DC and endorses Adlai Stevenson for president. KTTV (LA) covers convention proceedings, it is the first union convention to be televised.

1953

January: International office is moved to Washington DC, temporary offices rented from NALC, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, space in the Bowen Building – IBT Washington office – is also used; Einar Mohn is transferred from San Francisco to serve as assistant to Beck; national research and statistical division and publicity and promotion division are established, a national legislative division is planned; trade conference and division offices opened in Washington.

"Operation Newark," an organizing drive for NJ brewery workers is a success, seen as a model for future organizing efforts.

April: Central States Conference officially launched, JRH as chairman.

June 14-19: National Truck Check.

August: Montgomery Ward organizing drive begins.

October: Eastern States Conference launched.

1955

President's Advisory Committee on a National Highway Program issues "A 10-Year National Highway Program", Beck is a member of this Committee.

June 5-10: seventh National Safety Truck Check.

First conference of Teamster lawyers held.

November 4: New headquarters building is dedicated at 25 Louisiana Ave NW.

AFL and CIO merge to form AFL-CIO.

Ward organizing drive ends successfully.

1957

McClellan Committee hearings begin, among others Dave Beck and JRH are called to testify. Beck steps down as IBT General President; on October 4, convention elects JRH as GP.

December: IBT expelled from AFL-CIO. JRH is brought to trial on a NY grand jury wiretap indictment, ends in hung jury.

1958

January: IBT put into receivership by a federal court and a three-man Board of Monitors is assigned oversight; JRH stays on as "provisional president", new IBT election set for 1959; JRH sets up a 3-man Anti-Racketeering Commission: former Senator George Bender, F. Joseph Donohue, and Judge Ira Jayne.

Wiretap charge retried, JRH acquitted.

August: representatives of the Teamsters, NMU and ILA hold a Conference on Transportation Unity in Washington.

Office of Public Relations and Publications established.

Membership at 1.5 million.

1959

McClellan Committee ends its investigations.

Landrum-Griffin Act is passed by Congress.

May: IBT convention elects JRH president by overwhelming vote.

Legislative and Political Action Department established.

1960

Twenty-two general organizers are on IBT payroll.

First area-wide bakery contract won in New England.

February: National Over-the-Road Freight Study completed.

March: DRIVE launched at rallies in several locations across the US.

IBT Executive Board endorse neither Kennedy nor Nixon.

Membership at 1.7 million.

1961

Attorney Robert F. Kennedy launches Justice Department campaign against organized crime with JRH a specific target ("Get Hoffa").

February: Judge Letts rules favorably on IBT motion seeking new convention. Canadian Over-the-Road

Freight Study published.

July: 18th IBT convention held in Miami, JRH reelected president.

August: Airline Division established; IBT and Mine, Mill and Smelter sign mutual assistance pact.

September: DRIVE launches major membership campaign. JRH meets with Bakery and Confectionery Executive Board to discuss merger.

DRIVE sets up Women's Auxiliaries in 16 states.

1962

March: Laundry Workers vote to affiliate with the IBT.

May: JRH indicted on charges of accepting illegal payments from an employer in violation of the Taft Hartley Act (Test Fleet case), JRH acquitted in December.

June: Canadian Conference disbanded and Canadian locals join US regional conferences bordering their provinces of operation.

November: membership at 1.7 million.

1963

JRH indicted for jury tampering in the Test Fleet case.

IBT Executive Board, General Organizers, Joint Council presidents and representatives of freight locals meet in Washington to formulate plans for a national freight contract in 1964.

1964

January: JRH signs National Master Freight Agreement. Jury tampering trial begins in Chattanooga, TN.

March 12: JRH sentenced to eight years in federal penitentiary.

April: JRH goes on trial in Chicago for defrauding Central States Pension Fund relating to Sun Valley, FL, real estate development project, receives five year sentence (13 years total).

Computers introduced in S-T's operations (payroll, mailing lists, out-of-work benefit forms).

June: Kroger signs a national contract with IBT warehouse locals.

Teamster locals launch Hoffa defense fund drive.

1966

U.S. Supreme Court reviews the case, upholds conviction, Earl Warren dissenting (Byron White and Abe Fortas withdrew).

IBT convention delegates approve establishment of the James R. Hoffa scholarship program.

1967

January: JRH files new motion with Supreme Court on new evidence, Court decides not to reconsider its decision.

March 7: JRH begins serving his 13 year sentence in Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary; Frank Fitzsimmons begins serving as "caretaker" president.

1968

July 23: The executive boards of the IBT and UAW agree to establish an Alliance for Labor Action. IBT membership hits 2 million.

1969

January: Pan American World Airways clerical and cargo employees vote to affiliate with the IBT.

February: John F. English dies.

May: GEB arrives the establishment of the Teamster Labor Institute; Alliance for Labor Action holds founding convention in Washington DC.

October: JRH applies for parole, is denied.

Joint Council 42 in partnership with UCLA's Institute of Industrial Relations get Labor Department approval to launch the Transportation Opportunity Program (TOP).

1970

January: GEB approves restructuring of trade divisions, eliminating and/or consolidating a number of divisions (see IT 2-70), from almost 20 to 7 major divisions.

May: IBT joins Operating Engineers and Laborers in setting up a national committee to resolve disputes among them that cannot be resolved at the local level.

September: Canadian Teamsters meet in Winnipeg to devise means to better coordinate Teamster activities in Canada.

1971

JRH resigns as General President.

June 21: Frank Fitzsimmons becomes General President at a special meeting of the GEB.

July: Fitzsimmons elected GP at 20th IBT convention, Dave Beck in attendance.

August: JRH's parole application is denied.

October: Fitzsimmons named to Nixon's Pay Board.

December: President Richard M. Nixon commutes JRH's sentence; he is freed on December 23.

Teamsters Timeline, 1972-1984

[1850 - 1949](#) | [1950 - 1971](#) | 1972 - 1984 | [1985 - present](#)

1972

January: Ray Schoessling replaces Harold Gibbons as director of the Central States Conference. IBT joins with the National Automobile Transporters to launch a program of voluntary compliance with OSHA mandates.

March: S-T Thomas Flynn dies, Murray W. Miller succeeds Flynn.

May: Fitzsimmons awarded Silver Anniversary Medal by State of Israel.

July: GEB endorses Richard Nixon for president; various forms of active campaign support follow (such as Northern California Labor for Nixon Committee).

August: IBT and Brewery Workers announce procedures that will lead to merger; IBT launches "America on the Move" – a traveling 40-foot van that makes information on drugs and the environment available to the cities it visits.

1973

October: Department of Safety and Health established at IBT, R.V. Durham as director.

November: Brewery Workers convention approves merger into IBT.

1974

Einar Mohn retires as director of the Western Conference, M.E. 'Andy' Anderson replaces him.

January: An Organizing Department is established at IBT, with S-T Murray named director, Norman Goldstein and John Greeley as assistant directors. Roy Williams named head of National Freight Division (job had been vacant since the death of Thomas Flynn in 1972).

National Freight Joint Safety Committee formed as required by Article 16 of the National Master freight Agreement.

Membership at 2.2 million.

March: Al Weiss steps down as Director of Research, replaced by Norman Weintraub and Tony CieslaLocal 1973 chartered to cover 50,000 farm workers.

May: fully-staffed in-house Legal Department established, Legislative Department also established; DRIVE Ladies Auxiliary chapters abolished.

Fall: Department Government Relations established at IBT.

1975

January: Murray Miller resigns S-T and is replaced by Ray Schoessling. Teamsters National Black Caucus formed.

February: Teamsters National Emergency Economic Conference held in Washington, 700 delegates from across the country attend.

July 30: JRH disappears.

August: California law goes into effect allowing farm workers secret ballot elections, after a month of balloting majority of votes go to Teamsters.

October: Canadian Conference (re-)established with Edward Lawson as director.

1976

March 9: Canadian Conference holds founding convention in Toronto.

June: IBT holds 21st convention, Fitzsimmons re-elected, Schoessling as GST; nearly 100 changes to constitution made.

September: GEB conducts a member presidential preference poll via US mail.

October: Jackie Presser named vice president. National Safety and Health Conference held in Arlington Heights, IL.

1977

March: Teamsters and UFWA sign jurisdictional pact that provides Teamsters jurisdiction over all workers covered under the NLRA.

April: GEB launches an Energy Action program to monitor fuel use, allocation and price.
April 6: 2000 IBT member reps meet in Washington in conference to show support for Fitzsimmons and Schoessling, purpose to counter new spate of media attacks on IBT.
July: GEB authorizes new educational program for local reps.
October: GEB discusses Labor Law Reform Bill that passed House and sent to Senate.

1978

January: Teamster Labor Academy program is kicked off in Washington.
December: First National Master Agreement with Anheuser-Busch is signed. IBT becomes involved with the National Easter Seal Society's yearly fund-raising effort.

1979

New union stewards training program developed, coordinated by Research and Education Department (Arthur Kane, director). ICC moves to deregulate the trucking industry through its rulemaking authority.
November: Fitzsimmons announces boycott of Pittsburgh Plate Glass products.

1980

GEB endorses an IBT-wide Energy Action Plan.
April: new Industrial Trades Division formed, Joseph Konowe as director.
May: New IBT organizing manual becomes available; Research and Education Department staff hold first stewards' seminar in Canadian Conference, held for Local 1000, Stoney Creek, Ontario.
July: Jimmy Carter signs trucking deregulation bill (Motor carrier Act of 1980).
September 12: Josephine Hoffa dies in Detroit.
October: GEB endorses Reagan for president; International Association of Retired Teamsters holds founding convention in Washington DC.
November: Reagan and Bush visit IBT in Washington to thank the union for its support. Research and Education Department holds a series of stewards' training workshops around the country.

1981

May 6: Frank Fitzsimmons dies of cancer at the Scripps Clinic, La Jolla, CA.
June: 22nd Convention held in Las Vegas, Roy Williams elected GP.
July: Research and Education Department holds first regional stewards training program at Maricopa Community College, Phoenix, AZ.

1982

Summer: Research and Education Department develops new educational program on organizing.
Fall: Research and Education Department is split into two separate departments.
November 17: Harold Gibbons dies in Los Angeles two days after suffering a stroke during an IBT speaking engagement.
Winter: Williams "activates" ITRA – which had been dormant due to the deaths of Frank Fitzsimmons and Joe Knight, ITRA's first director, plus the 22nd convention.

1983

April: GEB elects Jackie Presser as GP following Roy Williams' resignation.

Summer: A new Newspaper Drivers Division is announced; Department of Retiree Affairs is formed, Norman Greene as director; Paul Locigno becomes Director of Government Affairs. Regional Coors boycott goes union-wide.

August: Presser addresses the ITU convention and invites ITU to merge with IBT.

October: ITU delegation visits IBT for tour and briefing of services.

1984

January: Organizing Department holds first National Organizing Conference in Washington DC, 250 attendees; IBT National Housing Program unveiled using federal grants with matching state funds to construct homes for Teamster retirees and handicapped people.

March: IBT and ITU reach tentative merger agreement.

June: Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters holds founding convention.

September: GEB endorses Reagan/Bush.

Fall: Retirees Affairs Department announces new program that will help retired Teamsters with car rentals, supplemental Medicare and eye care.

December: Producers Guild of America affiliates with IBT.

Teamster Timeline, 1985-present

[1850 - 1949](#) | [1950 - 1971](#) | [1972 - 1984](#) | 1985 - present

1985

January: Ray Schoessling steps down as GS-T, Weldon Mathis replaces him. "Buy American" program launched.

March: Human Services Department established, Fr. David Boilleau as director.

May: IBT establishes an Asian Pacific branch in Taipei, Taiwan.

July: Retirees Affairs Department begins volunteer medical and health care equipment loan program; first National Trades Divisions meeting held in Dearborn.

TeamCare is established by the Central States, Southeast and Southwest Health and Welfare Fund.

1986

February 13: Leadership Academy inaugurated.

March: Teamster history project inaugurated, Frank Gannon project director.

July: IBT holds Teamster Teacher Training Program at Cornell. 23rd convention held in Las Vegas.

Fall: Teamsters International Service Bureau Program set up at IBT, modeled on the Ohio Conference of Teamsters Family Services Program.

October: IBT kicks off a national drug awareness program, with Sylvester Stallone as spokesman.

November 14-16: First Teamsters Conference on Women in the Workplace held in Dallas; Jackie Presser leads an IBT delegation to England, Germany and Spain.

1987

February: IBT and TMI's Joint Committee on Industry Development hold a conference in Washington to discuss challenges and trends in the freight industry.

April 8-9: IBT hosts a conference of the Joint Council of Flight Attendant Unions.

August 3: Special leadership session is held in San Diego to address the rumored takeover of the IBT by the US Department of Justice.

September 15: 5000 Teamsters meet in Cincinnati to develop a plan of action to thwart a federal takeover of the IBT, a grassroots movement against takeover continues after the meeting.

October: GEB votes to re-affiliate with the AFL-CIO.

1988

IBT announces a boycott of Shell Oil for its role in maintaining apartheid in South Africa.

January: IBT begins an organizing campaign at Overnite Transportation plants in Ohio.

April: Atlanta-area Teamsters join "Jobs with Justice" march in Atlanta.

June 28: GEB releases a statement denouncing the filing of a RICO lawsuit by the department of Justice aimed at taking over the IBT.

July 9: Jackie Presser dies of cancer and heart disease; William McCarthy is chosen to replace him.

October: GEB endorses George H.W. Bush for president.

October 28: 2000 Teamsters meet in Chicago in a special leadership session to discuss the IBT's future in light of the RICO lawsuit.

1989

February: IBT joins with three other unions representing newspaper workers in the Newspaper Industry Coordinating Committee to combat union-busting in the newspaper industry.

March 14: IBT settles with RICO suit with Department of Justice, Edward Lacey named independent administrator.

April: Fifteen month long Ohio Overnite organizing campaign victorious.

June: Retiree Affairs Department publishes paper and distributes a petition supporting universal health care funding.

October 7: IBT joins AFL-CIO and 150 national and community organizations in a Housing NOW! March in Washington DC calling for decent, affordable housing.

1990

April: IBT launches national Overnite organizing campaign.

November/December: Strategic Planning Committee formed.

1991

January: GEB passes resolution in support of Persian Gulf War.

May 10: Weldon Mathis announces that he will not seek re-election as GS-T.

June: IBT holds its 24th International Convention at Orlando, FL, William McCarthy presiding; delegates nominate candidates for international office – Durham, Shea and Carey are candidates for GP; Leu, Liguoritis and Sever for GS-T.

August: IBT members participate in AFL-CIO Solidarity Day in Washington DC.

September: October and November issues of *The International Teamster* carry ads in support of or opposition to various people who are running for international office.

Various subcommittees of the Strategic Planning Committee formed; these include Organizing/Retention,

Restructuring, Women and Minority Affairs, Image Development, Benefit/Negotiating, and International. **November:** Ballots sent out to membership with December 10 deadline; November 2, International Teamsters Women's Caucus formed in Boston.

December: Ron Carey elected GP, Tom Sever as GS-T.

Diamond Walnut boycott launched as striking Diamond workers are permanently replaced.

1992

February 1: Carey inaugurated GP at IBT in Washington DC. **April/May:** Name of IBT magazine is changed from The International Teamster to The New Teamster. **July:** Carey establishes IBT Human Rights Commission; Household Goods, Moving and Storage Division established (split off from Building Material and Construction Division). **August:** Carey establishes a new Ethical Practices Committee, to be assisted by Decision Strategies, Inc. **September:** IBT endorses Bill Clinton for president.

1993

IBT establishes Teamster Privilege program offering credit cards and other benefits.

1994

February 18: A membership referendum ballot is mailed out to IBT members to vote for or against a dues increase to replenish the strike benefits fund and other IBT programs; increase rejected by a 3-1 margin.

March 4-6: Teamsters Women's Conference held in Chicago.

The four US area conferences are abolished.

1995

January: Warehouse Division wins national contract with Kroger grocery chain; The Teamster Leader begins publication.

March: The New Teamster is renamed Teamster.

April: Teamsters Warehouse Division News and Teamsters Brewery & Soft Drink Update begin publication.

July 13: Detroit newspaper strike begins, six unions involved including IBT.

September 15-17: Teamsters Civil Rights Conference held in Washington DC.

1996

July: International convention held in Philadelphia.

November: Ballots are mailed for International office election, Carey and JPH candidates for GP with December 14 deadline; Ron Carey is re-elected GP (beats JPH by close margin of 52/48%).

1997

March 22: Carey sworn in for second term as GP.

August: Striking UPS workers win new and better contract after (?) months on strike.

October: Carey's election win is reversed due to charges of use of IBT funds by his campaign; new election set for 1998; Carey takes leave to appeal disqualification, GS-T takes up GP's duties in the meantime; Independent Financial Auditor put in place.

1998

November 2: Ballots are mailed to membership with December 3 deadline, main contenders are Tom Leedham and JPH, JPH wins 54.5/39.3%.

1999

May 1: JPH inaugurated GP, his sister Judge Barbara Crancer administered oath of office.

Summer: National carhaul contract ratified.

October: New push against allowing unsafe Mexican trucks from crossing the border and driving US highways; Overnite strike begins in Memphis October 24th.

November: Anti-corruption task force formed composed of senior IBT staff with assistance from former assistant US attorney Ed Stier and Judge Harris Hartz.

December: Labor Research Association holds dinner honoring JPH, Clinton a speaker, his speech opposing unsafe Mexican trucking on US roads.

2000

January 19-20: JPH briefs joint council officers on anti-corruption measures in Chicago.

Spring: GEB authorizes James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund.

June 16: TNBC holds its 25th anniversary educational conference in Las Vegas.

September: GEB endorses Al Gore for president; Unity Conference held in Las Vegas.

October 23-26: First Teamsters CPA Conference held in Las Vegas.

November/December: First Unity Conference held in Las Vegas.

2001

June 25, 26: International convention begins in Las Vegas; resolutions included establishing a National Organizing Training Program; a Blue Ribbon Commission was created to examine how to better finance union activity; the separate national identity of Canadian Teamsters was acknowledged; Project RISE created.

September: NYC Teamsters help in terror attack debris cleanup.

October 21: Ballots are mailed to membership with November 12 deadline, JPH and Tom Leedham contenders for GP.

2002

January: JPH re-elected GP with 2-1 margin; GEB passes resolution to support the new Teamster capital Strategies Program the purpose of which is help members actively exercise their ownership and shareholder rights in pension fund and health and welfare trusts.

March: Independent Financial Auditorship lifted; IBT officers are sworn in at Teamster Women's Conference held in Chicago March 22nd.

April 30: A Special Convention is held in Las Vegas to approve the Blue Ribbon Finance Commission's report and findings.

September: New bilingual Welcome to the Teamsters handbook becomes available.

November/December: The Teamsters: Perception and Reality: An Investigative Study of Organized Crime Influence in the Union is produced, part of RISE program.

2004

January: Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen affiliate with IBT.

IBT endorses John Kerry for president

October 26: Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way employee's votes to affiliate with IBT.

2005

January: Graphic Communications International Union affiliates with IBT.

August: IBT disaffiliates with AFL-CIO and joins six other unions to form the Change to Win Coalition.

September: IBT lends major support to Hurricane Katrina disaster assistance efforts.

2006

June: IBT holds 27th convention in Las Vegas, NV.

November: Hoffa and Keegel are re-elected General President and General Secretary-Treasurer.