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RBMN Promotes Two to Vice President

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April 1, 2019 - Reading & Northern announces the promotions of Daren Geschwindt to Vice President Distribution Services and Dustin Berndt to Vice President of Motive Power.

Dustin Berndt joined the Reading & Northern (RBMN) in 2000, when he started working in the locomotive shop. In 2012 Dustin was named Assistant Vice President Motive Power in recognition of his hard work and dedication to improving RBMN's locomotive fleet. During his tenure in the locomotive shop, Dustin has seen the Reading & Northern's locomotive fleet grow from fifteen engines when he was hired in 2000 to the forty plus locomotives his shop now manages on a daily basis. Along with the engine house crew of seven mechanics and two electricians, Dustin ensures the safety and efficiency of the locomotive fleet through scheduled inspections and routine maintenance in addition to identifying new locomotives for purchase as well as mechanical upgrades to the Reading & Northern's fleet.

Dustin was born and raised in Oley, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Oley Valley High School, and the Berks Career and Technology Center in Oley. Dustin is married to Denise Berndt, and he has two sons, Dylan and Devin. Dustin is interested in how locomotives and aircraft operate and he likes being involved with and attending his son's sports activities.

Dustin reports to Executive Vice President of Operations Tyler Glass.

Daren Geschwindt started working at the Reading & Northern twenty-five years ago in 1994 when he was hired as an Assistant Traffic Clerk. During his career Daren worked on the Transportation side of the railroad working as a dispatcher and a conductor from 1996 through to 2001. In 2001 he also received his engineer license and was promoted to Manager of Operating Rules and Safety. Two years later he was named Director of Operations Compliance and then in 2009 he became Assistant Vice President of Operations Planning.

In 2012 Daren returned to the commercial side of the company when he was appointed Assistant Vice President Customer Service Operations. In 2016 he was asked to take on a number of special assignments including the transition to becoming an interline railroad and managing the transload operations as Assistant Vice President Merchandise Traffic. In that capacity Daren also was point on the acquisition and restoration of service to RBMN's new Ransom Warehouse as well as trucking operations for the company.

In his new position as Vice President Distribution Services, Daren will be managing the Reading & Northern's transload operations, including the warehouse as well as overseeing the operations of the Reading Railroad Transfer, LLC.

Daren graduated from Hamburg Area High School in 1994 and is married to Ann Geschwindt, and has three sons, Tyler, Travis, and Connor. Daren's interests include railroad history, genealogy, transportation and nature photography, and attending his children's sporting and school events.

Daren reports to RBMN President, Wayne Michel.

In announcing their recent promotions, Michel said, "It is always a pleasure to promote home-grown talent. Dustin and Daren have been with us for the better part of the last two decades. They have both shown tremendous growth. Dustin proved himself both a master mechanic and an excellent supervisor. As our locomotive fleet grew, Dustin grew with it. Now we have close to fifty locomotives and we have a superb leader in Dustin.

Daren is an example of our efforts at cross-training. Daren has moved back and forth over his career between the commercial and transportation sides of the company. That varied experience makes him an invaluable part of our company's future. His recent efforts in managing our warehouse and transload business have shown he is capable of taking on great challenges and succeeding.

With Daren and Dustin as our two most recent examples of RBMN-trained and developed management we know we are on the right track for a great future.."

Reading & Northern Railroad, with its corporate headquarters in Port Clinton, is a privately held railroad company serving over 70 customers in nine eastern Pennsylvania counties (Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Wyoming). It has expanded its operations over the last 30+ years and now handles well over 30,000 carloads of freight and 120,000 excursion train riders over 340 miles of track. Reading and Northern operates both freight services and steam and diesel-powered excursion passenger services, owns almost 1,300 freight cars, and employs over 200 dedicated employees. Reading & Northern has repeatedly been honored as one of the premier railroads in the nation.