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#### **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

With the first Quarter of the year coming to a close we have a few things to celebrate.

This years Apprentice Turnout dinner will be on May 30th. That night 12 Inside Wireman and 5 Sound and Communication Installers will be graduating from our apprenticeship programs. Congratulations to our new Journeyman and Installers for all their hard work and commitment. Michael Alvarez, Zachary Beason, Drew Crider, Gary Cruz, Walter Duran, Jeremiah Lesmeister-Neckel, Tyler Lightfoot, AJ McNally, Patrick Murray, Jerrick Page, Lennathan Pak, Bryce Perez, Ryan Roos, Lou Saephan, David Troxell, Isaac Westphal and Thomas Young. We wish them all the best as they start a new chapter in their careers.



Congratulations also goes out to two members that recently passed their EPRI Part B. Travis Butcher and Justin Martinez worked with Kevin Ryan to successfully pass their tests. As part of our Training Directors plan to increase the number of Instrument Techs this year, Greg offered the Part A class. Next year Kevin will start working with those that are ready to take the Part B. Greg's plan is to hold Part A classes every other year and to have Part B testing the years in between.

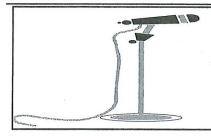
The beginning of this year saw a couple of long-time active members step down from their positions. Both Jerry Phillips and Jeff Lucot retired after decades of service to our Local and its Members.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, after 21 years of service, Jeff Lucot retired as an Inside Wireman Health and Welfare Trustee. Jeff's leadership was an important voice for our Inside Members and their families. He worked many years to get the best coverage possible for them. During his time Jeff also served the Local as President and Treasurer. Thank you Jeff for all your years of service. Replacing Jeff on the Inside Health and Welfare Trust is Joe Buhowsky. Joe

has been a member of our Local since 1998. Thank you Joe for being willing to take on such an important position.

Jerry Phillips has been involved with many things that have helped our Local be successful. One of them is being the President of Skillcraft. At the Annual meeting this January, Jerry retired after two decades as President. Jerry's hard work and dedication has kept our Hall looking as good as it did the day it opened. Everyone who comes to visit our building shares how impressed they are with how great it looks. Jerry may no longer be the President of Skillcraft but he is continuing on as the Building Manager. He will still be looking after our Hall and keeping it looking great. When you see Jerry please thank him for everything he has done for our Local.





# SOUND AND COMMUNICATION UNIT NEWS



#### Installer/Technician Upgrade Classes

Nor Cal S& C JATC has added the following classes for the Summer of 2019. For detailed information on dates, times, and locations for these classes and other classes offered, please visit our website: www.norcal-jatc.com., click on Installer/Technician, then classes.

#### **ONLINE**

VDV/ Fire Life Safety State Test Prep: Zero Continuing Education Hours

FOA Certified Fiber Optic Technician (CFOT): 20 Continuing Ed. Hours

Fiber 101 – Intro to Fiber Optics (5 hours)

Fiber 102 - Cables, bandwidth, attenuation (5 hours) PREQ 101

Fiber 103 - Termination, splices, connectors (5 hours) PREQ 102

Fiber 104 – Testing, transmission, networks (5 hours) PREQ 103

OSHA 10 /OSHA 30 Certifications: 10/30 Continuing Education Hours

BLENDED (Online/Classroom/ Hands- On) Class Hours 5pm - 8pm

Note: Must complete online training content BEFORE attending in class skills session.

FOA Certified Fiber Optic Technician (CFOT): 12 In - Class Cont. Ed. Hours

Fiber 105

Hands- on and FOA exam @ TTC, PREQ Fiber 104

6/18, 6/20, 6/25, 6/27

Adult First AID/ CPR/ AED: 4 Continuing Education Hours (2 online, 2 in-class)

CPR	Technology Training Center	5/29
CPR	Sacramento	6/10
CPR	Santa Rosa,	6/11
CPR	Santa Rosa	7/17
CPR	Sacramento.	7/18
CPR	CPR Technology Training Center	
CPR Sacramento		8/26
CPR Technology Training Center		8/27



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#### CLASSROOM/HANDS- ON:

Class Hours 5pm - 8pm

Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS): 6 Continuing Education Hours

DAS	Technology Training Center	8/13, 8/15
DAS	Santa Rosa	8/20, 8/22
DAS	Sacramento	8/27, 8/29

Audio Visual: 15 Continuing Education Hours

A/V Technology Training Center 6/17, 6/19, 6/24, 6/26, 7/2

Video Security Systems (CCTV): 12 Continuing Education Hours

CCTV Technology Training Center 6/3, 6/5, 6/10, 6/12

Fire Alarm: 18 Continuing Education Hours

FA Technology Training Center 7/1, 7/3, 7/8, 7/10, 7/15, 7/17

FA Technology Training Center 8/12, 8/14, 8/19, 8/21, 8/26, 8/28

#### Meters and Relays: 12 Continuing Education Hours

Meters	Santa Rosa	6/17, 6/19, 6/24, 6/26
Meters	Technology Training Center	7/9, 7/11 , 7/16, 7/18
Meters	Sacramento	8/13, 8/15, 8/20, 8/22

#### NFPA 70 Code Essentials: 6 Continuing Education Hours

NFPA 70	Santa Rosa	7/9, 7/11
NFPA 70	Sacramento	7/22 , 7/24
NFPA 70	Technology Training Center	8/6, 8/8

#### NFPA 72 Code Essentials: 6 Continuing Education Hours

NFPA 72	Sacramento	7/1, 7/3
NFPA 72	Santa Rosa	7/8, 7/10
NFPA 72	Technology Training Center	8/20, 8/22

Security and Access Control: 12 Continuing Education Hours Security Technology Training Center 6/4, 6/6, 6/11, 6/13

Note: Online course registration password is: norcalsciatc

TTC = Technology Training Center in San Leandro, CA.



# TRAINING CENTER

The following classes will be offered for Inside Wireman towards your required 32 hours of Continuing Education:

#### **FOREMAN NAME CALL CLASS**

Starts Monday, June 3, 2019 at 5:30PM 2 nights a week (Monday & Wednesday Nights) Class runs for four weeks (32 hours)

Call the Training Center at 925/372-7083 to sign-up for any classes. Most classes must have a 15 student minimum to hold the class. Once the student minimum is met, we will notify you of the start date.

#### CALL NOW TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!!!!

#### **CERTIFICATION CHANGE**

The State of California Electrical Certification Unit has updated the time frame for submitting renewal forms. Due to the current State backlog on processing renewals you can now submit your renewal up to 12 months in advance of your expiration date.

### **DON'T LET YOUR CERTIFICATION EXPIRE!**

Based on member's recent reports and an instructor who has taken the current test, it is much more difficult now. Don't put yourself in the position of having to take the test again. Check the termination date on your card, get your 32 hours of continuing education classes and renew early.

#### KNOW YOUR AGREEMENT



Article II, Section 12 – The Employer shall have the right to call foreman by name provided:

- i. The employee has not quit or been terminated for cause from their previous Employer within the past 30 days.
- ii. The Employer shall notify the Business Manager in writing of the name of the individual who is to be requested for employment as a foreman. Upon such request, the Business Manager shall refer said foreman provided the name appears on the highest priority group.
- iii. When an employee is called as a foreman, they must remain as a foreman and be paid at the foreman rate for 960 actual work hours or must receive a reduction in force.
- iv. Effective January 1, 2017: The individual must have completed the 32-hour Foreman Training Course through the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee.

The 32- hour class can be taken at the Training Center. Call for the time when the next class will be held. The 32-hours can also be used as continuing education for your State Electrical License requirement. Taking this class is the first step in being able to get a foreman call-out off the books. Without this class you cannot get a foreman call-out from the books.

#### **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Falls continue to be the number one cause of work-related injuries and deaths; all of which are preventable. We need to stop and ask ourselves common sense questions that sometimes are forgotten while focusing on completing a task. Here are a few reminder questions to ask yourself to help prevent falls.

When working on a ladder- Is this the right ladder for the job? Do I have 3 points of contact? Can I complete my work while facing the ladder and without over reaching?

When working on scaffold- Ensure it is inspected by competent person before use. For fixed/ stationary scaffold is the green tag present? Are all guardrails complete? Is the footing stable? Is the scaffold plumb and level?

When working on aerial devices- Am I properly trained to use this equipment? Am I wearing proper fitting fall protection? Keep both feet firmly on the floor of the basket. Do not use items such as rails, toe boards, planks or ladders to alter your work position.

Although these are limited working scenarios, we hope that these reminders help build confidence in making the safest decision.

As the temperature is rising, it could be helpful to add the Heat Safety Tool app to your phone provided by OSHA-NIOSH. It is available free of charge and may help you prevent heat related illness and injuries.

SAFETY

Please contact Doug Rodriguez or Cheyenne Lucero for any safety concerns on your jobsite.

We've had a very busy year so far and the need for skilled workers will only grow. Current statistics show that to address California's residential construction needs, we must add at least 200,000 new workers to the construction industry. We are continuing to bring in unrepresented State Certified Electricians who are filling our unfilled calls. These new members show they belong here with their ability to easily pass our 9th District Journeyman Exam. Please contact the hall if you know of any unrepresented electricians that can help us fill our current calls and grow our market share.

We are continuing to build relationships with non-signatory contractors based out of Contra Costa County. We're listening to contractors to find out their concerns about becoming signatory. We've also been encouraging these contractors to speak with NECA to make sure their questions get answered and they feel confident this is the right decision for all. So far we've had great success in bringing confident contractors into our joint family.

We are all in this together and the success of each of us individually creates more success for our Union. More success for our Union creates more success for each of us individually. Unions at their core are made up of people who live and work within a community. As members of our communities, it's our duty to let everyone—our friends and neighbors, our elected officials in city and county government—know what we do and why it's important that we do it. We are the experts in our field: we can't expect people to know why it's essential that we install and maintain all electrical systems in all applications unless we educate them. We have to find our voice and we have to control our message because being a Union member isn't just about a card, it's about what that card stands for.

As a refresher from our Constitution, we as members of the IBEW aim:

- 1. To organize all workers in the entire electrical industry in the United States and Canada, including all those in public utilities and electrical manufacturing, into local unions,
- To promote reasonable methods of work,
- 3. To cultivate feelings of friendship among those of our industry.
- 4. To settle all disputes between employers and employees by arbitration (if possible).
- To assist each other in sickness or distress,
- 6. To secure employment,
- 7. To reduce the hours of daily labor,
- 8. To secure adequate pay for our work.
- 9. To seek a higher and higher standard of living.
- 10. To seek security for the individual,
- 11. And by legal and proper means to elevate the moral, intellectual and social conditions of our members, their families and dependents, in the interest of a higher standard of citizenship



### Communications Committee

In an effort to keep our members up to date through technology and social media, Local 302 has formed a Communications Committee with Melissa Vaughn as the Chairperson. The Committee will be reviewing our Website, Facebook Page and other forms of communication so we can successfully get information out to you in a timely and efficient manner. If you'd like to participate in this endeavor send an email to cc@ibewlu302.com.

#### **20 YEAR PIN**

Kevin M Alderman John P Anderson Nathan P Andrews David J Asselin Jason T Blackwood Ray E Broomall Carl M Buccellato Tracy D Corsen Frank A Cruz Aurelian Dobrota Corey W Eagle Robert L Gaut Greg J Gilman Ashley T Hall Eric G Hoye Steven E Jelich Eric C Kohlmever Jeremy B Majors William S Mendoza Shane P Miller Adib S Musawwir Levi Nicula Steven M Pymm Gregory B Reppert David E Roe II Tim S Rose Scott G Sanders Allan P Sanderson Peter K Smith Tirzah A Vernon Jose Villalba Tyson A Wagner Dale S Zanki Salvador Zepeda

#### **25 YEAR PIN**

Cliff L Bagot
Scott A Barreuther
Bruce D Boles
Loran L Briggs
Pericles H Cortessis
Ray A Deardorff
James A Gillies
Randy D Irwin
Robert P Isaacson
David M Kuchins
Carol A Larson
Kenneth J Lawhorn

#### 25 YEAR PIN CONTINUED Luis E Mauricio Alice F Wood Richard D Eisenbeis

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#### **30 YEAR PIN**

Michael M Basterash Mark A Bolles Dino M Boschetti Leo J Cid Gerald D Ebersole Mike S Fogelsong Steven R Fonken Mark F Gaede Michael Gobbell Jaime L Gonzalez Philip D Haupt Robert T Pangilla Andrew B Robertson Kenneth R Robinson Mario G Rose Chris J Wright

#### **35 YEAR PIN**

Kevin B Baxter
Curtis E Branson
Dennis A Camera
Jeffrey A Critch
Al DiPrima
Steven E Dockham
Steven E Harvey
James A Keesler
John L Matyja
David D Pearson
Sergio E Raya
Anthony Solak Sr

**40 YEAR PIN** Jeffrey L Burke Stanley W Cooper Steve L Crosley Mark D Daykin David H Dewey William L Duncan Dennis R Hulsey Jack B Kish Patrick L Mateicek Donald L McClelland Aaron D Melgoza John A Rosalez Stephen G Seehafer William Serna Mark B Sever

#### 45 YEAR PIN Nick L Aiello

Antonio A Silva

Richard C Smith

Gerald A Stein

Hershel G Barton Dennis L Beach James N Bielski Grover M Cleveland Charles E Fendley Ross D Jackman Roger A Lange James H Maki Ocean Allen A Peck Roberto R Salcido Joseph L Salvatore **Ernest D Sawyer** Donald A Snyder Charles F Trimble Donn M Valladao Gregory N Wees

#### **50 YEAR PIN**

Gerald A Bliss Jack D Brown Robert L Chaffin Larry R Doukas Lee R Dugas Richard D Eisenbeis Gregory F Engle Ronald J Gagliardi James T Helberg Thomas E Hoselton Troy E Johnson Steven V Layshot Uhl L Lichens Frederic D Miller Daniel G Morrow Peter J Murray William E Ose Frank A Puccio Robert M Smith John C Templer Robert L Van Pelt

#### 55 YEAR PIN

Clifford E Conyers
Carl E Cook
John R Finley
Ronald J Lee
Charles T McKimmy
Jack G Mitchell
Larry E Morris
Stephen J Pouliot
Gary C Whitlock

#### **60 YEAR PIN**

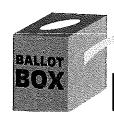
John H Numsen Nicolas Villalva

#### **65 YEAR PIN**

Richard E Beesley Roger F Raley Charles F Salmen Leo Schindler Robert E Swick

#### **70 YEAR PIN**

Sherman J Beals Glade E Gaffney Harold H Sloper



## Plug into Power

#### OUR VOTE, YOUR JOB

Tom Hansen, Business Manager/Financial Secretary

May 2019

Within the past month our Local has lost two very good friends with the passing of Ellen Tauscher and Leonard McNeil.

Ellen Tauscher ran for Congress when California, and Contra Costa County were not as Democratic as they are now. At that time the Bay Area had anti-union elected officials in many important positions.

In 1996 Ellen successfully ran for Congress against Bill Baker a longtime hater of unions. Her victory was an important step in turning the tide in favor of working people in Contra Costa County. After serving with distinction in Congress, President Obama nominated Ellen to the position of Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

It is no surprise that Ellen Tauscher was a great supporter of working people. Her father was a Shop Steward for the UFCW in her home town of Newark, New Jersey.

Leonard McNeil was not just an advocate for Labor he was a retired member of Ironworkers Local 378.

After his retirement, Leonard became involved in his community and was elected to the San Pablo City Council. While serving on the council he became the first African-American mayor in the history of that city. After his time on the council, Leonard was elected to the West County Wastewater District where he was an outspoken voice for labor. During his retirement Leonard also pursued a second career by becoming a College Professor at Contra Costa Community College.

Both Ellen and Leonard where thoughtful public servants who put working people first. We were lucky to have them as friends and they will be missed.

### **Concord Council Rejects Avaion Bay**

Our political work paid off in Concord when the council voted unanimously to reject a proposed apartment building and commercial complex, Avalon Bay. We, along with the MEPS Crafts, had meetings with the developer to come to agreement on a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). The developer refused to commit to a PLA to build the project. Instead, they made a verbal deal with the Carpenters that fell far short of what would be required in a PLA.

The council was under intense pressure to invest in this vacant city parcel and build this project. After hearing from many of our members, including members of the Plumbers, Sheetmetal and Sprinkler Fitters, the council believed the lack of local, well-paying labor jobs was not a good fit for Concord and rejected the proposed project. This was a hard-fought win and is reassuring as we move into negotiations on the Naval Weapons Station property.

#### The State of our Membership

We researched our members voting behavior and learned that only 74% of our members are registered to vote. However, a high percentage of members who are registered to vote almost always vote — 27%.

The 2020 primary election will be earlier than usual, being held on Super Tuesday in March, instead of the usual June election. To ready our membership for the election and to have an even larger influence on local elections that matter to our members and our livelihood, we will hold a voter registration drive later this Fall.

If you aren't registered to vote, expect to hear from a fellow member on the benefits of voting and why it is important to you and your brothers and sisters in the Local. Our recent victories in Concord and Richmond prove our collective power when we show up and vote — it means more local elected leaders willing to stand up for us and ensure we get local work.

### **Battery Energy Storage Systems**

A top priority for IBEW and the California Building Trades is to require the Contractors State License Board to protect public safety and require only licensed C-10 electrical contractors install batter energy storage systems.

Battery energy storage systems are rapidly expanding and being installed in schools, hospitals, businesses, and homes throughout California. Battery storage is a key technology to help California meet our clean energy and emissions reduction goals and expand the adoption of solar, wind and other clean energy sources.

The Contractors State License Board's primary mission is to protect consumers and the public. If not installed correctly by highly-qualified and licensed electrical contractors, battery energy storage systems pose unique electrical, fire and public safety risks to installers, consumers, utility workers, and emergency personnel. Only contractors who have been trained in electrical risk assessment and electrical theory should work on these potentially dangerous systems.

Act now and urge the Board to protect public safety by requiring qualified, safe installation of battery energy storage systems at www. safeenergystorage.com.

#### Point Molate to be Developed Under PLA

In another show of strength, our friends on the Richmond City Council selected the developer for the Point Molate property. As part of the Development Agreement there is a requirement for a PLA. When we help elect council members who put working people first they can demand developers employ local workers and ensure they earn a living wage and that apprentices are on the job.

#### SIMPLE STEPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUD

It's important that you take every precaution to protect yourself from fraud. OE Federal Credit Union has put together some simple steps you can take to avoid becoming a victim.

Review your accounts online.

People who monitor their financial accounts and transactions online lose significantly less per fraud incident than those who rely on paper statements. Electronic statements are an effective way to prevent mail fraud.

Protect paper documents.

Make it a habit to review your account documents as soon as they arrive and shred your confidential documents and credit offers before throwing them in your trash. If you're looking for a simpler way to keep your account documents safe, you can opt to receive your financial statements online.

Protect yourself.

Do not share account information without knowing who you are talking to. If things seem fishy, hang up and call back yourself. Never provide any personal information by phone unless you initiated the call. When thinking of an account login, try using complex passwords and change your password often.

Review your credit reports annually.

The FACT Act allows you to receive a free credit report every year from the three major credit reporting agencies. Order your free annual credit reports at www.AnnualCreditReport.com.

Try CardValet.

CardValet protects your debit and credit cards through your phone by receiving alerts and defining when, where, and how your payment cards are used. You can turn on and off your card instantly, set transaction limits and alerts, set location alerts, and set card usage preferences. Download CardValet from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.

OE Federal hopes these steps will help you keep your accounts safe. If you're not currently a member, we encourage you to join. Visit oefederal.org or call (800) 877-4444 to become a part of OE Federal's Union Family.

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#### RETIREE CLUB NEWS

All Retired Electricians and Their Spouses:

Come to the IBEW Retiree's Club Meeting/Luncheon. We have a short meeting followed by a pot luck luncheon with good friends.

Our meetings start at 11:00 am on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

President, Connie Batchelder



# FIDELITY ONE-ON-ONE MEETING

Fidelity will set up a meeting day here at Local 302 sometime in September. Please check with the Hall for the meeting date.

Our Workplace Planning and Guidance Consultant, Matt Case, will be available from 8:30am to 3:30pm if you wish to schedule a meeting with him. You must make an appointment in order for him to reserve time for you.

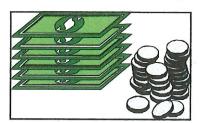
You may make a reservation by phone at 1-800-642-7131. You may also make an appointment online at: www.fidelity.com/ atwork/reservations. Click on one-on-one consultation, select state from the drop down box and then select Contra Costa County Electrical Workers Local 302 to complete your personal information and set an appointment.

There is only a limited number of appointments available.



#### FIFTY-FIFTY DRAWING

Congratulations to John Malcolm Jr., Jerry Brooks and Cheyenne Lucero who won \$12.00, \$6.00 and \$6.00 respectively, at the January, February and March 2019 I.W. Meetings.



Nick Andelin won \$643 at the January meeting. Israel Guardado and Richard Greig would have won \$6.00 and \$11.00, respectively, if they had attended the February and March 2019 I.W. Meetings.



#### **NEW RETIREES**

We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to our fellow Brothers & Sisters who recently retired:

Jeff Critch
James Fiorica
Doug Goettsch
Ronald Heath
Larry Mittone
Lee Phillips
Richard Trebino
Mark Wagner
Alice Wood

We would like to remind everyone to keep contact information updated with the Hall.

Also, make sure that your information is up to date (including Beneficiaries) with your Trust Fund Offices and your Pension Plans.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- June 8, 2019 Golf Tournament
- July 4, 2019 Holiday (Inside & S&C)
- July 5, 2019 (Inside)
- July 13, 2019 Picnic
- August 30, 2019 (Inside)
- September 2, 2019 (Inside & S&C)
- September 6, 2019 Old Timer's Dinner



### Congratulations to the following new Moms & Dads:

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Ranalli - baby boy

Mr. Quincy Harris - baby boy

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Martinez - baby girl

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Vargas - baby boy

Mr. Nick Peterson - baby boy

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Granelli - baby boy

Mr. & Mrs. Danielo Piazza - baby boy



#### Bereavement

We are saddened to report the passing of our Local 302 active and retired members:

James Case Dudley Knisley

We extend our most sincere condolences to the families of these departed Brothers & Sisters.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Tom

Tom Hansen Business Manager / Financial Secretary

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GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL - ATTEND UNION MEETINGS AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN!

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