



SPARKIE SENTINEL

IBEW LOCAL #159

NOVEMBER 2017

Business Manager, Michael Grassy

By-law Changes

Last month, several by-law changes were proposed and will be discussed at this month's membership meeting. Our by-laws dictate how our local specifically handles operations of our local. Although it is up to our membership to decide how we want to conduct business, there are still parameters that we must work within. First, all by-laws cannot conflict with the IBEW constitution. Second, any by-law language must conform to "Pattern Bylaw language".

The IBEW Constitution is the primary document that governs all operations of the IBEW. The laws of the IBEW Constitution are absolutely binding for all members from newest member, to the International president, to all local unions. Any proposed changes to the Constitution, need to be brought to our International Convention for a vote of all delegates present.

As you know one of the most difficult parts of amending any of our guiding documents, is coming up with the exact wording. For many of the situations that are common throughout the IBEW, The International has constructed pattern guides. These guides provide templates for by-laws and most agreements. These templates are constructed to maintain consistency throughout the nearly one thousand IBEW Local Unions as well as to help prevent non-approvable or contrary language. There is specific pattern guide for local by-laws. Within this guide there is Category language that, must be used verbatim with no additions or deletions. This is especially important for the rules regarding Local Union Elections, which in addition to complying with IBEW requirements, must also comply with a range of Federal Regulations set forth in the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act.

Our discussions this month will need to both determine what we actually want to accomplish with our proposed changes but ensure that any and all changes comply with established pattern language.

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Referral Agent, Kevin Buntrock

Calls continue to come in weekly. Going forward, the work outlook is very good.

Westphal has the two new schools in Sun Prairie and should start manning up in Mid-November.

Nickles Electric has the Music Performance Building, and should need manpower after the first of the year.

Van Ert Electric should need more manpower this winter to finish the Menards in Sun Prairie.

Recently, there have been open calls around the state, and all over the country if you would like information, please call me at the hall.

If anyone is on a good size project where you believe a steward is needed, please contact me.

Recently, members have asked me if Wisconsin reciprocates with Iowa, yes we do.

Thank you,

Kevin Buntrock, 608-255-2989 EXT. 114 - Cell: 608-334-6224

Fantasy in Lights will set up in the first week of November.

If anyone would like to help, call Kevin at the hall.

Lights On will be November 18th.

Membership Development, Casey Healy

I would like to thank the apprentices and journey workers that have helped at career/job fairs and high schools, with educating other young adults about the pathways into the apprenticeship program. It's always good when they share their personal journey with others. You may not realize it now, but each and every one of you, may have changed some person's life in a positive way. You showed them what a career with the IBEW Local 159 is all about, and what they have to do to be part of it. Remember, not all people have the resources to go to college.

If you know of anybody that is interested in getting into the apprenticeship program, they need to have their application completed by 12-14-17. They also need their high school transcripts to show they graduated or have a (GED), have at least on full year of high school math, minimum Algebra 1 or higher with a grade of C or better for the year and be 18 years of age before the time of assignment. They can fill out an application at Local 159 office M-F between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The first Wednesday of every month the applications can be filled out between 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM. If you know of a person that is already an Electrician or a VDV Technician and they want to join the union or is just looking for information about the trade, have them get a hold of me at chealy@ibew159.org or call the office at 608-255-2989.

United we stand, divided we fall.

Mark Hoffmann

Business Agent

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

On September 27th, we held the Ideal National Championship Regional Competition in our training center. There were about 16 competitors this year, which I am told nearly tripled last year's competition. There were 3 IBEW members who drove from Illinois just to compete here, (one of which was 2016 Champion) with two of them posting the 2 fastest times recorded for our event. Congratulations to Nick Tarbet for posting the fastest apprentice time as a single, and Kyle Bell, Chris Colton and Aaron Jordan for competing in the apprentice team division. While we don't have anyone moving on to the finals in Florida, it was a well spirited event with fun had by all.





Retirees Club, Jim Virnig

Retirement Luncheon, Second Monday of every month at 11:30, location varies.

Our October luncheon was at the 5th Quarter in Verona. Twenty-four attended; two of our members had October Birthdays; Roy Holm and Bob Quackenboss. The door prize winners were: Howard Czuschke, Dave Krey, Terry Stamm, Tom Corcoran, Bob Call, Tom Junck, Steve Greenheck, Roy Holm, and Jim Virnig.

Our next luncheon will be at **Toby's**, on Monday, November 13th, 11:30 a.m. Hope you can make it! Toby's Supper Club, 3717 S. Dutch Mill Rd, Madison, WI 53718 222-6913



November Retiree Birthdays

FREDRICK	KEMPFER	November	1	DONALD	CHISHOLM	November	16
GERARD	LIEGEL	November	3	TERRANCE	STAMM	November	18
BLAINE	WADDELL	November	3	MELVYN	BURCH	November	20
DENNIS	ELEY	November	8	DANIEL	SMITH	November	22
DAVID	AUBY	November	8	HOWARD	HANSON	November	24
DAVID	HAEFER	November	10	ROBERT	CALL	November	25
MICHAEL	SULLIVAN	November	11	EMERY	STLUKA	November	28
HOWARD	HANSON	November	12	NICHOLAS	HAVEY	November	30
RANDALL	HILGERS	November	14	WAYNE	PEDDER	November	30

Save the Date

RETIREES LUNCHEON

Monday, December 11, 2007

11:00 a.m. social hour

12:00 p.m. lunch served

5100 Club, 5100 Erling Ave, McFarland, WI 53558

Email: office@ibew159.org or 608-255-2989 to reserve a seat

Education Corner



Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

The first semester is moving along quickly. Many classes are already completed. There are also classes starting soon. Remember to keep up on all your hours for your State Licenses. With our all your hours completed you will be able to renew your license and keep working. Inspectors are now being asked to check on job sites to verify all electrical workers have proper State Licensing.

The Basic Conduit Course is being run November 4th. This course is 8 hours and is all hands on. We work on 90's, Offsets, 3 and 4 Bend saddles. Also, First Aid is scheduled November 11th. Both courses are just examples of courses being offered. Please sign up and take courses through the NJATC.

Instructors, please get your classes for 2nd semester with dates to the NJATC ASAP.

And finally, **thank** an Instructor for all the work they do to support training in our local.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Crabb

Members in Arrears

TROY ACKER	JESSE HILTBRAND	JASON NELSON
BRIAN BEYER	JACOB HOMAN	BRANDON NEUBERGER
JOHNNY BUCKBEE	RODNEY HOWARD	MICHAELA REED
LUCAS DAILEY	DANIEL KESTER	ANGEL RIOS
BRYAN DELORIMIER	RICK KISLIA	JOSHUA SCHELL
COREY DOBSON	MICHAEL KLADE	TANNER SEE
BOJESSE DREW	RYAN KOEHLER	PETER SEVERSON
FERNANDO FARRS	BRANDEN KRUSE	MATTHEW STORKSON
MELVIN FORSETH	GARY LUNDSKOW	JOSHUA TILLEMA
NIKLAUS GEISSBUHLER	DONALD MAAHS	THOMAS WAGNER
LEVI GOINES	FREDERICK MANKEFOR	JORDAN WALKER
MICHEL GUELTZOW	DANIEL MICKELSON	KEVIN WARD
GRANT HARMES	REED MILLER	SHANE WARD
GREGORY HATZINGER	DALE MORRIS	FRITZ WESTPHAL
		MICHAEL ZIEGLER

Years of Service Pins 2017

5 Years

Armstrong, Christopher
Austin, Joshua
Barker, Amy
Bulgren, Levi
Burke, Calvin
Burke, Michael
Casey, Gordon
Chase, Jared
Childers, Patrick
Crook, Rolin
Culles, Darren
Dollard, Tristan
Elrod, Josh
Erickson, Paul
Frederick, Justin
Geissbuhler, Niklaus
Hale, William
Hall, Gabriel
Hanner, Luke
Hardy, Jason
Hauge, Jesse
Hayes, Clayton
Herfel, Lee
Hunt, Kathleen
Hutchinson, Ryan
Kuhl, Jarrett
Madigan, John
Martig, Justin
Moll, Chad
Neuman, Adam
Noble, Timothy
Purviance, James
Reed, Gerald
Riddle, Jennifer
Roberson, Michael
Schellin, Terry
Selje, Ryan

Staples, Joseph
Staples, Steve
Steiner, James
Stern, Joshua
Sutter, Kristopher
Tillema, Joshua
Urso, Seth
Volkman, John
Wasieleski, Daniel
Weier, Brandon
Williams, Travis

10 Years

Acker, Dustin
Andersen, Axel
Blaschka, Jared
Bloom, Mitchell
Box, Tracy
DeMinter, Justin
Diske, Terry
Esser, Alex
Farnsworth, Joseph
Foye, Ronald
Frame, Jon
Freespirit, Maggie
Goetz, Nicholas
Hatfield, Craig
Herritz, Ryan
Hotchkiss, Jay
Johnson, Andrew
Kitelinger, Tyler
Koch, Matthew
Kreitlow, Trent
LaBarge, Kyle
McClure, Christopher
Minnema, James
Novey, Bryan
Ott, Daniel

Pesta, Joseph
Peterson, Eric
Richter, Justin
Rodriguez, Nicholas
Schluter, Matt
Schwoerer, Nathan
Shanks, James
Strasburg, Andrew
Suhs, John
Syverson, Kyle
Vierus, Timothy
Wahl, Justin
Waisbrot, Christopher
Winters, Benjamin

15 Years

Back, Barry
Bandera, Demian
Bourassa, Joseph
Bram, David
Bystol, Kurt
Clausen, Douglas
Dederich, Brent
Dykstra, Ryan
Erickson, Lynn
Halverson, Erik
Hyatt, David
Knoche, Brian
Larsen, William
Lemahieu, Matthew
Meyer, Joshua
Olson, Danny
Schwoerer, James
Tanner, Mitchell
Turk, Jeffrey
Waugh, Jeremy
Weidensee, Christopher
Young, Justin

20 Years

Adler, Jeremy
Allen, James
Broadley, Peter
Crossen, Christopher
Dicristina, Anthony
Fillmore, Duane
Gould, James
Hiney, Todd
Jacobson, Donald
Kosharek, Timothy
Miller, Todd
Mueller, Richard
Nunes, Kenneth
Patoock, Mark
Simonson, Kevin
Smedema, Douglas
Smith, Louis
Sperry, Jason
Swaagman, Jerry
Terasa, Vincent
Weiland, Aaron

25 Years

Buften, David
Butor, Theodore
Folmer, Brent
Haskins, Randy
Holland, James
Howard, Rodney
Hughes, Robert
Kaun, John
Killian, Michael
Kroth, Edward
Lee, Gregory
Moll, James

Ruhland, Duane
Schlafer, Ron
Schreiber, Sheryl
Ties, Donald
Waggoner, Kevin
Weisensel, Rodney
Zweifel, Dwight
Zweifel, Kristine

30 Years

Avery, Douglas
Besch, Jeffrey
Clausen, Robert
Hutzler, Timothy
Moser, Paul
Stacy, Jeffrey

35 Years

Bonjour, Robert
Maloney, James
Peterson, Gregory
Rust, James

40 Years

Dalsanto, James

45 Years

Dobratz, James
Dollard, John
Dresen, Clarence
Gomez, Ralph
Gross, William
Krey, David
Lund, Terry
MacLean, Wing
Odegaard, Robert

Strander, Dennis
Zwettler, John

50 Years

Bledsoe, Lloyd
Bouche, Laurence
Call, Robert
Connery, Thomas
Dommershausen, Ronald
Flom, David
Havey, Nicholas
Hutzler, Keith
Junck, Thomas
Leskinen, Sigurd
Milleville, Marvin
Riechman, Thomas
Schultz, Gerald
Venden, Stanley

55 Years

Baltes, David
Miller, Gerald
Nachreiner, Donavon
Stluka, Emery
Vandervelde, Gordon

60 Years

Lemens, Leland
Ruhnke, David
Wahl, Andrew
Wiersma, Garret

65 Years

Crawford, Donald
McGregor, Delbert
Welsh, William

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Union Meeting/2nd Thursday of every month at the Labor Temple at 5:30 p.m.

Retirement Luncheon/2nd Monday of every month at 11:30 a.m.