

Under Construction**The Sparkie Sentinel**

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Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank all the members who came to vote in both the general and run-off elections. I also want to thank you for electing me as your business manager and assure you that I take the responsibilities of this position very seriously, as do the other agents in this office.

I would also like to thank all of the out-going officers and staff for their time and sacrifice to serve the members.

Now it is time to move forward. The transition into the office is going very well. The first full week in office we held a steward training that was attended by 18 members. As business manager, I also needed to attend the annual State Conference in Stevens Point, July 17-19. This week we had new officer training. This is all in addition to learning the day to day workings of the office.

Next month, you will see a new version of the Sparkie Sentinel. As you can see above, it is under construction. This month we are reporting the election results and want to introduce the new agents.

July 8th run-off results**Business Manager**

Robert Doyle – 129*

Mike Grassy – 112

President

David Boetcher - 91

Tom Lemens – 147*

*Elected

Jeff Crocker – Referral Agent

Many of you have worked with Jeff or know his face from the union meetings. He has always been an active member, working for the betterment of this local.

He and I have already visited many job sites and are being very proactive in ensuring our contract is being followed. We believe in having a good relationship with our employers. That is important for both the union and the employers.

Jeremy Waugh – Organizer

Jeremy has been working out at EPIC for the past year. He has been an active union member. Reviewing applications for membership, talking to non-union electricians about the union and getting acquainted with the International OARS system will all be a part of his responsibilities. Right now there are a lot of very qualified people looking to join the union.

Jeremy is also making headway talking with potential contractors.

Casey Healy – Education/VDV- Residential

Casey will be performing a couple of different functions in the office. As a current instructor, Casey will be heavily involved in all educational issues facing this local. Even at this writing we are laying the foundations for some exciting courses including Building Automation Systems, controls and lighting systems. He will be working at strengthening both the VDV and Residential sectors, and working together with Jeremy to organize new contractors and members.

We are all busy with the many aspects of operating this office. There will be mandatory conferences we will all attend to help educate us to move this local forward and to better serve our members.

Everything has been going very well. Together with Sue, Betsy and your other elected officials, we are here to work hard for the members of Local #159.

This is your union. Now is the time to step up and get involved.

- Join a committee
- Volunteer
- Lead a project or give us any new ideas you want to be considered

Needed Skills

- Data acquisition
- Computer Programming
- Power Point Formatting
- Video Production

If you have any skills you would like to offer, or would like to volunteer for any committees, please contact us.

August 8, 2013 – Union meeting Agenda

- Local #159 Budget
- Health Insurance

At the July 11th union meeting, a motion was made, seconded and passed to transfer health insurance dollar banks into the flex account and have all future health and welfare contributions go directly into the flex account.

Art Bishop, Administrator from WEEBF, will be at the August 8th union meeting to discuss this topic and answer questions.

I am receiving many calls from members and I have truly enjoyed speaking with you and hearing your ideas and questions. An apprentice called me to ask what a job steward does. So here is the definition as printed in the Local #159 by-laws:

Article IX – Stewards

Sec. 1 Stewards shall be appointed where needed by the Business Manager. They shall work under the direction of the Business Manager and be subject to his/her authority. The Business Manager may remove any steward, as such, at any time.

Sec. 2 Duties of the stewards shall be:

- (a) To have a copy of the IBEW Constitution, these bylaws and the working agreement with them at all times.
- (b) To see that Union membership is encouraged and all workers at their respective shop or jobs have paid-up dues receipts or valid working cards of the Local Union.
- (c) To report any encroachment upon the jurisdiction of the Local Union.
- (d) To report to the Business Manager any violation of the bylaws or agreements.
- (e) To perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Business Manager.

Sec. 3. Stewards shall in no case cause a stoppage of work. In case of any trouble on a job or at a shop, stewards shall immediately notify the Business Manager.

I would also add – Maintain friendly relations with our employers within the context of our agreements.

I encourage and welcome all members to call the office with any questions or concerns. We all look forward to answering your questions and assisting you in any way we can.

It has been a true pleasure getting to know more of our members these past few months.



Retirees Club
Elmer's Corner

The Retirees met at Fitz's On the Lake July 8th. The following were in attendance: Gary Gander, Eldon McDaniel, Roy Holm, Marv Milleville, Bernie Braun, Jim Virnig, Tom Kepler, Del McGregor, Thomas Riechman, Don Small, Mark Hoffmann, Gerald Miller, Dennis McGinley, Les Gammeter, Bill Kracke, Jeff Rowley, Mike Stassi, Steve Greenheck, Carmon Howe, Tom Corcoran, Scott Gomez, Vern Conner, Dennis Wieczorek, Elmer Racek, David Baltes and Howard Hanson Jr.

We had a nice turnout this month and it was good to see some new faces.

Mark Hoffmann came and discussed the labor situation and told us the election results.

Next months meeting, August 12th, we plan to go back to Fitz's again. Hope to see you there.

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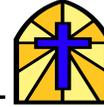


Robert Palmer Classic Golf Outing

The golf outing will be held Saturday, September 21st at the Norsk Golf Course in Mt. Horeb. For more information or to sign up, call the union office.



Brother Francis (Butch) Hyatt is recovering from another heart attack. He was at Meriter Hospital. He went in on the 18th of July, was in the ICU and then moved to the heart ward. He is recovering at home.



In Memoriam -

Tim Morgan, former Local #159 member, instructor and apprenticeship chair, passed away July 22, 2013. Condolences of the members are extended to his family.



Baby News

Mike Stanek and Megan Haefer, daughter of member Wayne Haefer and wife Leanne, welcomed their new baby boy, Cohen Robert on July 9, 2013, weighing 7 lbs-5 oz. and 19.5" long. He joins big brother Kaden, who has welcomed him into the family

Brother Matthew Wilkinson and wife Darlene welcomed their newest family member, Makayla Mae Wilkinson, born July 27, 2013 at 11:45 a.m. She weighed 7lbs - 11oz and was 20.5". Big sister, Alaina, loves her and everyone is doing well.

Looking Towards the Future

Areas we will be revisiting:

- The entire referral/phone system
- Newsletters by email
- Dues payment methods
- Committee appointment
- Healthcare

The upcoming union meetings will be very important. Many proposed changes will be discussed and possibly voted on which will affect you. Please make as many meetings as you can.

We want to hear YOUR ideas.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE

Basic Dues

“A” Members –Effective 1/1/2013

Monthly - \$31.75

Quarterly- \$95.25

Semi-Annual -\$190.50

Yearly-\$381.00

“BA Members”

Monthly - \$17.05

Quarterly - \$51.15

Semi-Annual - \$102.30

Yearly - \$204.60

Basic dues are paid in advance and must be received in the Local Union Office before the 1st day of the month or quarter for which you are paying.

1st Qtr. – January 1

2nd Qtr. – April 1

3rd Qtr. – July 1

4th Qtr. – October 1

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“A” members should send death benefit payments along with their dues payment (\$1.00 for each death benefit). We are currently on #196.

The failure of any Local Union #159 member to pay union dues in a timely manner will not only result in membership being dropped, causing the loss of Union benefits, but also discharge from employment. Members who are three months or more in arrears will be charge an automatic \$30.00 reinstatement fee.

Please check over your dues receipt immediately for accuracy. If you have moved, changed classification or have questions about your dues, please notify the Union office. If you have not been issued a receipt within one week from the time you sent your payment, please call the office to make sure it was received.

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