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# The Local 159 Line

IBEW 159

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## Business Manager's Report

Robert Doyle

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After a great deal of effort and months of meeting, no agreement was reached with the contractors on the Inside Agreement. I went to CIR (Council on Industrial Relations) the week of May 12th. The following contract and term was decided for us:

Three (3) year contract; \$1.15, \$1.20, \$1.25; a single owner can work with tools; furlough language changed to 10 days and 21 days respectively; removal of unindentured classification (to be reclassified under CW/CE contract language) while keeping reverse layoff and opening up the work scope for CW/CE. Contractors received 90 day recall and shift premiums of 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8% and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 16%.

Please come to the June meeting to allocate the wage/benefits breakdown on the Inside Agreement and also for updated information on your local union.

The Residential Agreement was settled with a three (3) year contract, with \$.75, \$.75, and a wage opener in year three.

### Residential wage/benefit increase Effective June 2, 2014

Base Wage	\$22.65
Pension	\$ 2.72
H&W	\$ 8.54
NEBF	\$ .68
Total	\$34.59

I attended the first week of the new Market Driven Contracting class. It was eye-opening to interact with several current and future contractors from around the country. Lowering the composite costs has enabled many of these contractors to forge ahead in a very competitive market. I will talk more on this, the contract and CW/CEs at the union meeting.

Finally, I want to hear from you. Call me with your ideas or come in and let us discuss them. Come to the union meetings. Lots of opportunities exist. Many of you have stepped up to help with various needs and we truly appreciate your time and effort to help us on the path to improve all aspects of Local #159. Carpe diem.

In Solidarity,  
 Robert P. Doyle

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## Referral Agent's Report

We have been out visiting jobsites, EPIC, Edgewater and Memorial Union, to name a few. Work is still spotty. Nickles has been calling in for the Edgewater. There are a lot of jobs being bid and let in the very near future, but we'll keep you updated when the paperwork is signed.

Work continues to get the bid system implemented by mid June. A detailed letter will be sent to all active members working under one of our CBA (Collective Bargained Agreement). Remember the resign is always the 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup> of every month. There was a bit of a glitch with the email response this month but that has been corrected and everyone on the books will get a response confirmation to their email resign next month.

**In Solidarity,**  
**Jeff Crocker**

## Membership Development

At the monthly membership meeting June 12 2014 there will be a vote on wage dispersion for the Inside classification. As a reminder we send out emails to members with up to date information pertaining to event schedules, and pertinent information. If you do not presently have an email on file at the office please call us at 608-255-2989 or send it to [sblue@ibew159.org](mailto:sblue@ibew159.org)

We will be putting on an Adult 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/ AED CPR class at the hall RM 201 Tuesday night June 17 2014 from 4:30-7:30 PM. There is no CEU's with this class at the present time. It is being worked on to get CEU's attached to this class but there is no guarantee it will be done by the time this class runs. This class is being put on by an outside vender and has been approved by the trust. Call the Apprenticeship office to register 608-221-3321.

There is open enrollment for Journeyman or Master Prep class. Call Apprenticeship office and

get your name on the list. When we get enough people signed up for either class we will then schedule a time.

We are still looking for classroom instructor for, OSHA, Conduit bending, LAN (Local Area Networks) Building automation lighting, etc. If you are interested in getting involved with teaching send me an email at [chealy@ibew159.org](mailto:chealy@ibew159.org).

**Believe you can and you're halfway there.**  
**Casey Healy**

## Voice-Data-Video Contract Update

### Effective June 2, 2014

Base Wage	\$22.50
Pension-17%	\$ 3.83
H&W	\$ 7.99
<u>NEBF</u>	<u>\$ .68</u>
Total	\$35.00

## Organizer's Report

I recently went to a meeting of the Madison Teachers to renew their contract and show support of the budget. What I saw was incredible, a majority of members that worked together as a collective assembly for the betterment of their union. They took turns at the microphone and spoke from the heart about how they felt since Act 10 was implemented and where they would like to be in one year from now.

Their profession is more than just a paycheck, it is their life. They spoke about how unsure their union is, their future is, with the current governor making wide and deep cuts to every job they can. They teach our children the fundamentals in life after we have taught them how to walk and talk, how to love and laugh. Yet they don't know from one year to another what will come of their livelihoods.

We have the right to organize, but how would your life be if you didn't have representation, a union?

The Fire At Will Doctrine will make you think twice when you go to the polls this November. Vote for labor. Vote for a democratic governor that will allow us to grow, not try and make Wisconsin a right to work state. That IS on the agenda, if we continue on the path we are currently on.

We have eight contractors we are currently speaking to with positive feedback / influence and high anticipation of some of them signing letters of assent (to become a union contractor). There are many more that we will be contacting in the future. FYI, there are 150 registered electrical contractors in the Madison area alone. The focus is to build a base of contractors that we can build and grow with, to include all types of electrical fields.

One shop could work with another for bigger jobs or hand them off to someone they trust would not ruin their good reputation with a builder. Try and imagine the jobs you have been on with nonunion low voltage shops doing the work, our work, this also needs to change.

**In Brotherhood everybody wins,  
Jeremy Waugh**

### **Golf Tournament:**

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, July 19**, the Bob Palmer Classic at the **Bridges Golf Course** in Madison. Don't delay, the \$65 early-bird entry fee ends in May. Enjoy a fun day on the links, and support our scholarship fund.



### **Retirees' Notes**

We had a nice turn out this month at the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter in Verona. Two new retirees joined us, Russ Thomas and Steve Foster. We hope to see them again soon. Present were: Lee Lemems, Don Dushek, Terry Stamm, Tom Junck, Rich Gorst, Jim Virnig, Don Small, Dennis Wiczorek, Jim Stewart, Dave Krey, Roy Holm, Donald Boe, Ron Disch, Marvin Milleville, Tom Kepler, Casey Healy, Dick Jones, Tom Corcoran, Michael Sullivan, Mike Stassi, Russ Thomas, Steve Foster, David Baltes and Elmer Racek.

Casey Healy from the union office, came and updated us on union affairs. He also told us about the up-coming Mallards game June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:05. The semi-annual, union-sponsored retiree's luncheon will be held Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Labor Temple. Call the hall at 608-255-2989 to sign up.

Jim Virnig is looking for volunteers to help with the August 9<sup>th</sup> union picnic at Warner Park. Sign up at the union office.

We had two birthdays this month. They were Dick Jones, Dave Krey.

*Elmer Racek*

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### **Keep us Updated with your personal information**

Please keep us updated with your current mail and email address. If you have an email, please make sure we had the correct one on file. When bulk emails are sent out to members, there are many returned undeliverable. So if you are not getting the newsletter by email and would like it emailed to you, make sure we have accurate information.

Also, if you have moved, changed your marital status or beneficiary (or have no beneficiary on file) please make sure we are updated. You can always call the office to check what we have (or don't have) on file.

## Fundraiser

Breast Cancer Fundraiser

The guys and I will be performing at the Vilas Park shelter, hosted by TEAMSsurvivor for the Capital Lakes Dragonfest on Sat. June 21st at 10:30 am. The host is a women's cancer survivor network.

Dan McGrath

[www.teamsurvivormadison.org](http://www.teamsurvivormadison.org)

*"Together, Women with Cancer Achieving the Extraordinary"*



## Scholarship Information

SCFL Scholarship Applications Available

Applications must be received/postmarked by Friday, June 27, 2014.

Four \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to union members or dependents of union members affiliated with SCFL. Applicants cannot have earned a post-secondary degree or previously been awarded this scholarship.

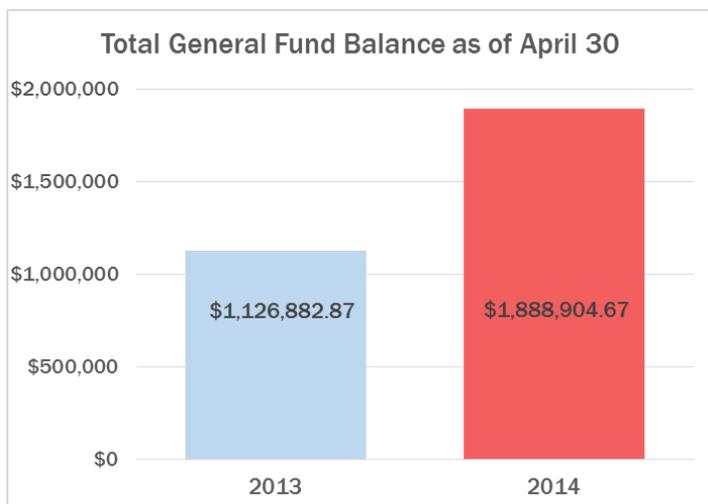
Applicants must be enrolled for a minimum of six credits. The Scholarship committee will conduct a lottery drawing of the qualified applicants on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The first four names drawn will be the \$1000 scholarship winners.

Contact the union office if you would like an application.

## New Request Forms

There are new Lost Time/Instructor Wage request forms pictured below.

### Did You Know?



The total General Fund Balance includes:

- ✓ Checking account
- ✓ CD's & Money Markets
- ✓ Savings accounts

***It does not include the Suchoman or PAC accounts.***

I.B.E.W. Local Union 159  
Wage Request Form - Lost Time/Instructor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay Level	Inside	Residential	VDV
Instructor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$37.48	<input type="checkbox"/> \$37.48	<input type="checkbox"/> \$37.48
Foreman	<input type="checkbox"/> \$37.48	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24.20	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24.48
Journey-worker (or VDV Tech)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$34.07	<input type="checkbox"/> \$22.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$22.25
Per. 1 Apprentice	<input type="checkbox"/> \$13.63	<input type="checkbox"/> \$11.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$11.13
Per. 2 Apprentice	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.33	<input type="checkbox"/> \$13.20	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12.24
Per. 3 Apprentice	<input type="checkbox"/> \$18.74	<input type="checkbox"/> \$14.30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$13.35
Per. 4 Apprentice	<input type="checkbox"/> \$22.15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$14.46
Per. 5 Apprentice	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$17.60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$16.69
Per. 6 Apprentice	<input type="checkbox"/> \$27.26	<input type="checkbox"/> \$19.80	<input type="checkbox"/> \$18.91

*For office use only*

**Bill To:**

Apprenticeship

LMCC

Other

Date	Hours	Purpose
<b>Total Hours:</b>		

Employee Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Wage requests are due to the office by <b>Tuesday at 4:30 pm.</b> Requests for services rendered in the current week will be paid the following Friday, as the pay period runs Sunday through Saturday.	Financial Sec _____ Date _____
	President _____ Date _____
	Treasurer _____ Date _____
	Recording Sec _____ Date _____

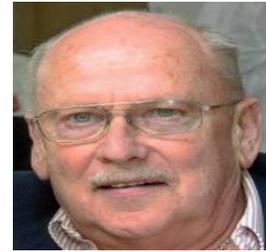
<b>- Save the Date -</b>	
<b>May 31</b>	Last chance for early-bird registration Bob Palmer Golf Classic, \$65
<b>June 2-6</b>	OSHA Fall Prevention Safety Week
<b>June 7</b>	Mallards Night

<b>June 30</b>	Last day to register for Bob Palmer Golf Classic, \$75
<b>July 19</b>	Bob Palmer Golf Classic
<b>July 26</b>	<u>First Annual Poker Run</u>
<b>Aug 9</b>	<u>UNION PICNIC - Warner Park</u>

## Reminders From the Office

### Instructors Needed

We're still looking for a few good people. If you know someone who would be a great teacher, please give their name to Casey Healy. Email [chealy@ibew159.org](mailto:chealy@ibew159.org), or call (608) 255-2989.



<b>Union Dues</b>	
Monthly	\$ 33.75
Quarterly	\$101.25
Six Months	\$202.50
Yearly	\$405.00
<i>We are currently on death benefit 205</i>	

### In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of retired Brother, Mike Bullock. Mike passed away May 11<sup>th</sup>. He was dealing with many health issues, yet his passing was unexpected. He was 68 and a member of the IBEW since 1994.

### Job Line

Phone in after 5:00 p.m. to hear about the calls to be dispatched on the next work day. Updated daily. (608) 255-0169.

Mike leaves behind his wife and best friend, Joni, daughters Kim and Amy, as well as many other family members. To say Mike had a passion for politics and news is an understatement, and he was willing to educate anyone, whether they wanted to hear it or not.



Be sure to like the new IBEW Local 159 page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IBEWLocal159> and follow us on Twitter, @IBEWLocal159, to stay up to date with information from the office. These pages will be the face of our organization as we build relationships with one another, other Locals, Trades, Associations, current and future contractors, and our community.

He loved music, reading, gardening, camping and was an avid fan of the Packers, Badgers and Brewers.

We are sure Mike would want us to remind and encourage all our members to vote. He believed in standing up and fighting for the middle class and being an active participant to improve the lives of his brothers and sisters. He will be greatly missed.

**Kara L. Radloff**



Remember you have to sign up for the June 7<sup>th</sup> game by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

The game is at 6:05 in the Backyard area of the field. Members can have up to 4 tickets.

All you can eat and drink 90 minutes prior to the start of the game. Bring blankets/sand chairs (no high backs)

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