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A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good mental and physical health. This month I would like to highlight the opportunities to become involved in our Local and thank everyone who makes it a priority to attend unit meetings, committee meetings, and coming together at the Brotherhood events.

The four committees that are currently active in Local 112 are the Safety Committee, RENEW Committee, PAC Committee, and the Women's Committee. It takes members volunteering to step up and help to form these committees.

The **Safety Committee** is chaired by Butch Manthei, with Dave Glessner being a regular contributor and attendee to the local and national events. The Safety Committee's focus is to educate the members of the importance of safety within our industry and strive to have everybody go home in the same shape in which they showed up that day. While the liability of having a safe workplace falls upon the contractor, it is the responsibility of the members to ensure that we can recognize the hazards, follow safety procedures, and hold each other accountable in order to keep our Brothers and Sisters safe. This committee needs the younger generation to step up and become involved and help educate the workforce to create and sustain the best safety culture possible.

The **RENEW Committee**, is an acronym for 'Reach out and Engage Next-gen Electrical Workers'. This committee is intended to target the 35 and under crowd but everyone is welcome. The committee is designed to educate the younger or newer members as to how the business of the Local is run. This committee will change the chairman and recording secretary frequently to get members familiar with how to run a meeting. The committee has chosen to organize community events to help out as well as some of the Brotherhood events that we continue to support in order to bring members together outside of work. This committee is currently chaired by Moses Torrescano.

The **PAC Committee** is the 'Political Action Committee' and this committee vets out all the political candidates who wish to be supported by IBEW Local 112. Our motto is: "We support political candidates who support local Labor". Our intent is to focus strictly on labor issues that involve our members and the union movement. This committee focuses on local races within Oregon and Washington and attempts to stay out of the national campaigns. Aaron Siefken is the current chairman with Jason Lohr carrying a lot of the burden, and participates in the local labor councils. This is also the committee that gives the recommendations to the Executive Board for financial support to the different political candidates.

The **Women's Committee** was formed to help support women in the construction industry. This committee is not limited to 'women only', it is open to any member who would like to understand and support women in construction and our Sisters in the field. While women in the workforce have come along ways over the last 100 years, we need to recognize that there are still boundaries and hurdles for some to overcome because it is a male dominated industry. The committee is currently Co-Chaired by Stacy Kimball and Cheryl Sanders, but they are looking to pass the torch.

All the committees represented are approved by the IBEW at a national level and supported by our Executive Board who encourages all members to become more involved.

ORGANIZING REPORT

We recently organized four new journeymen from Bergelectric, and we are waiting on a couple others to get their license. And with that, we are planning on ending our salting campaign next month as we feel we can make a better impact on them if we compound removing our last salt with their recent losses in manpower to us. I am hearing that they are irritated about losing their guys which always warms my heart a bit. Even if Berg successfully completes the Amazon Distribution project, hopefully, they will think twice about setting up shop in our jurisdiction.

Also put it on your calendar that we will be having an organizing blitz the evening of June 21st and 22nd. We will start with hitting Oregon General Journeymen all over our jurisdiction and if I can figure out how to discern who completed an apprenticeship program, we will hit those as well. Anyone who has or can easily get an Oregon license is our intended target.

In other news, we are working with Columbia Controls & Power to sign as a new contractor. The organizing campaign with Safelite Auto Glass is still underway and we will be holding an election soon.

Rylan Grimes, Membership Development Rep.

We are taking names for softball teams, with games starting late August or early September. The league will go till late October or early November, but the dates will be ironed out in the coming weeks as the summer league comes to an end. We are looking to fill as many men's/women's/co-ed teams (depending on interest) as we can, and we want to keep this to members/family members, including kids 18+ years. We also have volunteer opportunities coming in July for the Camp Patriots Fun Run on July 4th, 2022. Parades will be back this year and we hope to see lots of familiar faces. We are also planning a bowling night coming soon!! As always, we are an open group so if you want to come see what we do and join the conversation, we meet the Wednesday following the Kennewick unit meeting every month. Also check out the FB RENEW page and DM any questions or comments. If you want to sign up for softball use this also or my number @ (541) 915-4020.

Moses Torrescano, Committee Chairman

75th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 18th

Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick



Purchase tickets at the hall or online

MAY MEETINGS

Tri-Cities	May 5th	7:00 pm
Hermiston	May 12th	7:00 pm
Yakima	May 19th	7:00 pm
Executive Board	May 26th	5:30 pm
Safety Comm.	May 10th	6:00 pm
RENEW	May 11th	6:00 pm
PAC	May 24th	6:00 pm
Women's Comm.	May 25th	6:00 pm

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APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING

MAY you be enjoying this beautiful spring weather. We are now offering Journeyman Classes with the option to do either in-person or virtual. Classes will only be conducted if we get a decent turnout. See below for the list of offered classes at this time. Please call the Training Center to reserve your spot today.

Applications for the program are currently closed but will reopen in June. We have just finished interviewing all the January applicants and will be bringing on new apprentices throughout the year based on the updated list. Interview scores are good for two years and applicants can re-interview during open application windows.

Keep an eye on our website for new classes and other new items.
www.jatc112.org

Classes currently scheduled:

2020 NEC Code Update I (8hrs)	April 25 & 27	6:30pm
2020 NEC Code Update II (8 hrs.)	April 30	8:30am
Practical Applications of the NEC (4 hrs.)	May 17	6:30pm
RCW / WAC (4 hrs.)	June 1	6:30pm
Oregon Rule & Law (4 hrs.)	June 15	6:30pm

Kris Tuura, Training Director



SAFETY SPOT

Workers' Memorial Day, April 28th, is just around the corner. This year, the labor movement will commemorate those we have lost on the job and will organize to make the fundamental right of a safe job a reality for all workers. This year's theme is "Organize ! Safe Jobs Now ! " Please join us this April 28th to honor the victims of workplace injuries and illness and the call to organize for *Safe Jobs For All Workers*.

As we do every year, trade unionists around the country and the globe will organize our communities and work place to observe Workers' Memorial Day. We will highlight the toll of job in juries and deaths, demand that elected officials put workers' well being above corporate interests and demand Safe Jobs For All.

This year and every year, the labor movement will defend the right of every workers to a safe job and build collective power to make that right a reality.

(Above Information provide by David Mullen, IBEW Nat' l. Director for Safety)

CONSTRUCTIONS FATAL FOUR

There were 4764 job site fatalities in all industries in 2020 and 1,008 of them were in construction, or 21%. The leading causes of worker deaths on construction sites were falls, followed by struck by object, electrocution and caught in-between something. These fatal four hazards were responsible for more than half (57%) of the construction worker deaths n 2020. Falls make up 37% of the construction deaths, struck by object accounts for 8%, with electrocution at 5% and caught in-between at 7%. The caught in-between category includes construction workers killed when caught in or compressed by equipment or objects and struck, caught or crushed in collapsing structures, equipment or material. Eliminating these four hazards would save 574 lives each year. Please take a minute to think about hazards on your job that fall under these four categories. Awareness is one of the main reasons we are able to stay safe.



In Memory

Alan Grieb
1959-2022

Brother Alan Grieb passed away on March 22, 2022 at the age of 63. Alan was initiated into Local 112 as an apprentice wireman in 1984 and completed the inside apprenticeship program, becoming a Journeyman Wireman in 1988. Brother Grieb was a 38 year member of IBEW Local 112.

Alan began his career on the Hanford Project and after a few years worked for the smaller contractors whenever he could. He went to work for Power City Electric in late 1987 and worked there until an on-the-job injury ended his career as a wireman in 2010, at which time he went on disability pension .

Pin Presentation

Friday, June 17, 2022

George Elgin Hall

Letters will be going out in early May to this years recipients of membership pins 25 years and above. Pins are given in 5-year increments. It will be a catered event held in our George Elgin Hall . Please return your reservation card upon receipt, as we need to know how many will be attending to plan the event.



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A block of rooms have been held for the nights of June 17th & 18th for those who would like to stay the night and not drive home after our Pin Presentation and /or 75th Anniversary Celebration. Rooms at the Springhill Suites in Kennewick, which are adjacent to the Three Rivers Convention Center, are \$134 per night. You can call the hotel at (509) 820-3026 and say you are with IBEW 112 group. There is also a link on our website's home page that will take you directly to the reservation block. If you plan to stay, please make your reservation as early as possible, as the rooms may sell out.

Retirees' Breakfast

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH

9:00 AM AT THE HALL



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