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### A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

#### WELCOME NEW STAFF

This month I would like to introduce two new faces to our staff here at IBEW Local 112. After multiple interviews and much consideration, offers were sent out and accepted by Aaron Siefken for the IBEW Local 112 Business Representative position and Cody Hamann for the IBEW Local 112 Organizer position.

Aaron Siefken has been an IBEW member since 2008 and started his apprenticeship in 2007. As an apprentice he worked at multiple jobs in the jurisdiction. For the last 13 years he has been working for WTCC with most of it as Steward for the construction side and then moving over to represent the maintenance side for the last year. He brings a perspective of representing our members under the HSSA that will prove to be valuable to our members and contractors out on site. He will also overlap with Bob Legard on some Hanford area work as well as jobs under our CBA. Aaron is a very level headed and passionate about the growth of Local 112 and I look forward to his development as a Representative. If you do not know Aaron, please stop by for an introduction, otherwise catch up with him on a jobsite.

Cody Hamann accepted the Organizer position as we double down on our effort to organize the workforce within our jurisdiction. Cody brings previous experience to this position and is hitting the ground running. He has extensive experience in the Oregon area where he lives, grew up and has worked most of his career. As we continue to grow in Oregon, he will play an important role in reaching out and building relationships with the unrepresented workers and shops in that part of our jurisdiction. Cody will complement Rylan's efforts and it is sure to be a successful combination. If you haven't had a chance to meet Cody, please reach out and offer your introduction.

Its exciting to add new staff to represent our membership as we grow, and I feel this is the right time to make sure we keep up with the business at hand. It will carry an extra workload on the front end but will pay dividends for years to come.

#### JOB REPORT

Calls for the data centers in Oregon have slowed due to supply chain issues, but we are hearing that calls should begin to come in late April or early May. Some sites are pushing out until mid to late summer. In Oregon, Michels Power will continue to have calls coming in at a slower pace. They expect to peak at 8-12 on the Coyote Compressor Station project with completion in July. If schedule pushes, you could see the number of calls increase. Future agricultural processing plants, wind, solar and hydrogen projects are currently being discussed for the Umatilla and Morrow County areas, including a hydrogen plant that is planned to be built on the Umatilla Army Depot.

In Washington, we have seen calls for Williams and Champion for the upcoming outage at Energy NW. We have had an open call for a welder at WTCC for quite some time, so please contact the hall if you are interested. There is still no word on the Darigold plant in Pasco. We understand that this has gone back out to bid again. Upcoming work that we are hearing of: fertilizer/hydrogen plant in Richland; solar projects in Benton and Yakima counties; a new high school and middle schools in Pasco and a tribal casino in North Pasco. As we gain info, we will update the Jobs Forecast Board located on the 112 website.

### ORGANIZING REPORT

#### Estimating - Are You Interested?

Several years ago at the Membership Development Conference, the International had highlighted how the Sacramento Local had partnered with their NECA Chapter to hire someone using LMCC funds to do material takeoffs to help some of their members bid jobs who had recently started shops. While we don't have the funds to hire someone full time to do that, I was recently contacted by one of our many members who had recently started a shop asking about anyone who might have estimating experience and that got me thinking.

We most certainly have members either retired or otherwise who have estimating experience that would be in interested in working on bids, on a per job basis, to help some of our one-man shops bid jobs. So, if you have this experience of estimating and might be looking to make a little money on the side, give the hall a call and talk to Rylan. Conversely, if you are a shop that thinks you could benefit from something like this, reach out to us as well. Except where precedent has already been set, estimating is outside the scope of the collective bargaining agreement and not subject to its terms and conditions.

*Rylan Grimes, MDR*

### COMMISSIONING TECH CORNER

We welcome the latest round of new Commissioning Techs to the IBEW. These Commissioning Techs have already completed their Fundamentals course at the Sim Building and are currently onsite working towards completing their Systems Training. After completion of the Systems Training, they will be assigned to a crew.

We have established Two Tiger Teams, where one is responsible for the operations of the 33 cranes in the LAW, LAB and EMF. Cranes are operated from remote areas in the plant, and sometimes locally via radio and camera communications and are responsible for the safe, efficient movement of the containers through the plant. The other Tiger Team has been created for the automated sampling system (ASX) to work out the bugs & redevelop operation procedures.



### FREE TICKETS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP

Tickets for the Tri-Cities Dust Devils' home baseball games are available to the membership. Games are played at GESA Stadium in Pasco. We have four tickets, and sometimes more, for each game and they are available on a first come, first serve basis. Stop by the hall and pick up your tickets.

### MAY MEETINGS

Tri-Cities	May 4th	7:00 pm
Hermiston	May 11th	7:00 pm
Yakima	May 18th	7:00 pm
Executive Board	May 25th	5:30 pm
Safety Committee	May 9th	6:00 pm
RENEW	May 10th	6:00 pm

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**APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING**

Progress is being made on the new Training Center. DGR is the General and AEI is doing the electrical. Building completion is projected for January 2024 and we will be keeping updates on the new Training Center on the Jatc112.org website.

There will be a Basic First Aid/Life Support Class being held at the Training Center on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>. It is two classes of 25 and there are currently 14 spots available for anyone interested. The cost will range from \$40-\$50 depending on how many people sign up. Plans for additional CEU classes will be scheduled for late spring. If you have any questions, please call the Training Center at (509) 783-0589.

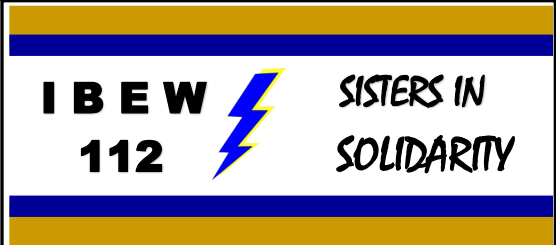
Interviews have been going great! We have had some very solid applicants and the future class is looking bright. The second application month is in June.

The Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month is *Austin Henderson*. Austin is a 4th year apprentice and has kept his GPA well above 90% throughout his apprenticeship. The Training center staff has recognized Austin and see him as an asset to the future of 112.  
*Geoff Arends, Training Director*



In this monthly dose of RENEW news, we're focusing on our yearly blitz next month in May. We will be discussing in greater details about the audience we are going to target. RENEW will look at how we could make the blitz flow easier than in previous years. We will also continue to discuss the details or ideas for boat races, parades this summer and fall and initiate ideas for our annual BBQ. It's only April but before we know it, summer will come and go and fall will be upon us. As we secure dates and times for events coming up this summer, we will post them to our RENEW social media outlets and here in our newsletter as well. As always, let the RENEW Committee know if you have any ideas. Thank you, from your RENEW *Committee Chairman, Mark Uribe.*

**Retirees' Breakfast**  
Friday, May 5th @ at the Hall - 9:00 am



On April 15th we held our women's activity which was an all women's self defense class hosted by the "Mercenary Combat Academy" in Kennewick. Thank you to our Executive Board for funding our admission which is being donated to a local non-profit by the Academy. We had 20 women participate in this very worthwhile class.

We schedule our Women's Activities in the "even" months. June's activity is still in the works, but if you'd like to come out to join us, our meetings and activities are generally welcomed to all SUPPORTERS of women in the trades, not just women.

GRITT is May 11th at Tri-Tech. We have had eight Sisters volunteer so far to assist with the event. It's a great tradition we hold every year with local high schoolers who would like to talk about the option of the trades as a career choice.

New "women's cut" IBEW 112 shirts are now available at the hall, and will be provided for the volunteers of GRITT.

Our May meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 21st @ 6:30 pm at the hall to help be available for the blitz. We will be conducting our annual Women's' Committee leadership vote at this June meeting which would require the Sister who is nominated to be present to accept the nomination prior to the vote. We will be back to a normal schedule of every 3rd Wednesday of every "odd" month, which is in July.  
*Laura Leahy, Committee Member*



**SAFETY SPOT**

The following are things we want to keep in mind every day while we are working.

- ◆ Prevent all potential contact with live electrical current. The best way to stay safe is to stay away from electrical hazards. Unqualified personnel should not interact or come close to electrical currents greater than 50 volts. If you must work in the same area or room as an electrical hazard or equipment operating on more than 50 volts, maintain a safe distance. All panel doors should be shut and there should be no exposed wires around your work area before you begin your operations.
- ◆ Ensure safe use of electrical equipment. Properly using all electrical equipment can go a long way to ensure everyone's safety in the work place. Employees should take care to handle cords properly. Always unplug cords by pulling on the plug head, rather than the cord. Don't press on or over stretch cords and don't fasten cords with staples or hang electrical equipment from them. All cords in the workplace should be visually inspected for external defects prior to use. If you encounter a cord or plug with damage, do not use that equipment.
- ◆ Install proper physical barriers around electrical hazards. Physical barriers should always be used to protect employees from any hazards. Cabinet doors on electrical panels should always be closed and panels should not have holes where an employee could come into contact with exposed wires. If cabinets cannot be closed or if any electrical hazard cannot be fully closed in, shields, barriers or insulating materials should be used. If a qualified electrician is performing maintenance on an electrical panel and must keep the panel open, barriers should be put in place.  
*Butch Manthei, Committee Chairman*

Local 112's office  
9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, April 29th @



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