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A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

WORK PICTURE

Currently the calls have been slow, but we anticipate more activity at the beginning of February. At this time we expect Oregon to dominate the work picture for 2020. We have received reports that Rosendin Electric and Christenson Electric will be performing the electrical for the Wheat Ridge Wind, Solar, and Battery project south of Boardman. OEG, Dynalectric, and EC Company should all need more manpower this spring as they have received awards for more buildings. WTCC at the VIT will continue to call for manpower as needed to achieve deadlines this year. American Electric has been awarded more work to start this spring as well. We expect Lamb Weston to show their investment strategies soon, in hopes they invest somewhere in our jurisdiction in 2020. We are also keeping an eye on Simplot, but we are getting reports they will finish projects in other parts of the country before they start new projects locally. There are 98 on Book I and 90 on Book II.

RETIREMENT SEMINAR COMING SOON

Our annual Retirement Seminar with John Hancock will be held on Friday, February 28th at 6:00 pm, and Saturday, February 29th starting at 9:00 am for individual sessions. We will feature John Woodring from John Hancock Retirement Services, Jared Pence from Rehn and Associates, and Lori Johnson from IBEW Local 112. Friday evening will be the general session and Saturday will be scheduled for one-on-one sessions with John Woodring to answer any specific questions related to your annuity account. If you want to learn more about your individual Retirement, Health & Welfare, and how to coordinate all of your assets at the time of retirement, this is a great event to attend. If you are young in our industry, this would be a good time to learn about your future and the successes of those who have worked a career in the electrical industry. Spouses and partners are welcome to attend. Beverages and snacks will be served, so please call the hall and let us know if you plan to attend.

ONLINE DUES PAYMENTS & JOB BIDDING IS HERE !!

You can now pay your dues and bid for jobs online through the Local's website. You can access the site on the home page or the job listing page. We hope the bugs are worked out, but if you run into a problem, please let us know so we can get it corrected. This is just another avenue to bid on jobs or pay dues for those members who choose to use the online resources. You can continue to use the previous options as well.

You can access the payment / bid site directly by going to: <https://ibew112workingsystems.com> and can view a tutorial on the Local's web site JOB LISTING page.



What is the name of the law that has protected labor's right to organize since 1947 ?

Answer The Wagner Act

**** JOIN THE RETIREE'S BREAKFAST CLUB ****
FRIDAY, February 7th- 9:00 a.m.

ORGANIZING REPORT

With things slowing down over the winter, we have transitioned from talking to non-union electricians to talking with more non-union contractors. Earlier this month, we stopped by and talked to six contractors in the Yakima area and plan to do the same in the Tri-City area in the coming weeks. Most of these contractors have pre-conceived notions about the union before we ever talk to them. Although we have made previous contact with most of those we visited, it can take a while before we are able to break down those barriers and they start to see the benefit of having access to the best trained workforce in the area. Sometimes the best way to do that is to show them, and as such, we want to remind our members that salting non-union contractors is always an option and can help us gather information on a contractor and / or show them what Local 112's membership has to offer their company. If you are interested, please call the hall and we can get you signed to a Salting Agreement and determine what contractor we should target.

While we haven't necessarily sought out new members by visiting their job sites or knocking on their doors since work has been slow, we continue to have people reach out to us who are interested in joining. That is mostly due to our members talking to non-union electricians, but I think things have slowed a bit on the other side of the fence as well.

For the year of 2019, we initiated a total of 210 members. The make-up of those new members are 84 Commissioning Techs, 44 Apprentices who completed their probationary period and became members, 38 Journeyman Wiremen, 28 Material Handlers, seven Installers, four Residential Wiremen, three Journeyman Techs and two Maintenance Wiremen.

On the other side of that, a total of 54 members dropped or became inactive with retirement, withdrawals or travel cards to other Local Unions.

Rylan Grimes, Membership Development Rep.

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POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

FOR THE 2020 ELECTION YEAR

FEBRUARY UNIT MEETINGS

Tri- Cities	February 6th	7:00 p.m.
Hermiston	February 13th	7:00 p.m.
Yakima	February 20th	7:00 p.m.
Executive Board	February 27th	7:00 p.m.

LOCAL UNION COMMITTEES

PAC	February 11th	6:00 p.m.
RENEW	February 26th	6:00 p.m.

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APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING

The 2019-2020 school year is already halfway over. The first-quarter JW class schedule is posted on our website, as well as the Hall's website. NOTICE we are offering the EPRI Prep Class for this quarter. The EPRI Prep class must have a minimum number of participants to hold the class. So far, we do not have enough signed up, so please call in and get signed up early! Please reach out to the Training Center if there are any JW class requests. We will be offering classes in Hermiston at BMCC and in Yakima at YV-Tech. Be sure to call ahead and get on the list early. If we have minimal participants signed up, we will cancel the class two to three business days prior to the class.

Applications will be available through January. All applications must be completed ONLINE. There is no need to have the applicants show up to the Training Center (TC) to start an application. The process is simple, so please pass the knowledge along.

- * Create an account online at http://bit.ly/112_applications * Pay the \$50 application fee via major credit card or debit card on the secure site
- * Complete the online application with all the required information and upload required documentation within 30 calendar days from the application date. (*Sealed official High school transcript submitted to the Training Center or faxed/emailed from your school)
- * Take the Electrical Training Alliance Aptitude Exam, to be scheduled by the Training Center, and receive a “qualifying” score.
- * Attend an interview conducted by the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC)
- * Receive an eligibility score upon completion of the interview, and you will be placed on the eligibility list for a period of two years.

Applications will be accepted during the months of January & May only.

Marcus Burlison, Training Director

*“Thank You” For Attending Your Union Meeting in
January*

TRI-CITIES

Travis Swayze
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Tim Murray
Rylan Grimes
Don Snider
Phillip Wahner
Lorne Smith
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Matt Weis
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Chris Weis
Jack Gibson
Kat Straessle
Jeffrey Weis

David Myles
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Matt Morris
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Moses Torrescano
Caleb Kauer
Tim Grady
Matt Alford
Jeff Crawford
Zac Carney

Jacob Isley
Brett Stearns
Kevin Lambert
Teresa Sawyer
Randy Naef
Tim Purser
Ed Manthei
Justin Turner
Rachel Frank
Adrian Medina
Greg Jacobson
David Bach
Lee St. Clair
Daria Padilla
Aaron Troller
Devin Lockard
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Andy Fuller
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Zach Goldsmith
Pete Steinbock
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SAFETY SPOT

The construction industry is most at danger from electrical hazards accounting for 52% of all electrical fatalities in the U.S. workplace. Most of these incidents and fatalities were caused by direct worker contact with overhead powerlines and contact with machines, tools, and hand carried metallic objects. Below are seven of the most common electrical hazards in the workplace and tips on what you can do to mitigate these risks:

Overhead powerlines can cause major burns and electrocution to workers. As a rule of thumb, maintain ten feet from overhead power lines and nearby equipment. Keep in mind that some high voltage lines require a greater distance than ten feet to be safe.

1. Damaged tools and equipment can be very dangerous. Check equipment for any defects before using and don't fix anything unless you are qualified to do so. In case of any defects, take them out of service and have them repaired or replaced.
2. Inadequate wiring and overloaded circuits can cause overheating and fires. Always use the correct wire suitable for the operation and electrical load. Do not overload an outlet and use proper circuit breakers. Perform regular inspections to identify bad wiring and circuits.
3. Exposed electrical parts such as temporary lighting, open power distribution units and detached insulation parts on electrical cords can cause potential shocks and burns. These items should be properly guarded and checked periodically to verify the safety integrity.
4. The most common OSHA electrical violation is the improper grounding of equipment. Proper grounding can eliminate unwanted voltage and reduce the risk of electrocution. Again, verify the integrity of the grounds and grounding system.
5. Damaged and defective insulation is a hazard and needs to be reported immediately. Turn off all power sources before replacing damaged insulation and never attempt to cover it with electrical tape.
6. Never operate electrical equipment in wet locations. Water greatly increases the risk of electrocution, especially if the equipment has damaged insulation. A qualified electrician should inspect electrical equipment that has gotten wet before energizing it.

Knowing your limits and applying the best electrical safety practices can help reduce the risk of electrical shock and death. Work within your scope of expertise, instead of taking the risk of working beyond your capacity. If you are not confident to do the job, don't hesitate to ask for help from one of your Brothers or Sisters. Have a Safe & Prosperous 2020!

Ed Manthei, Safety Committee Chairman



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