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A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all had a safe and sane Holiday Season! As we start off 2022, I will tell you that it will be a busy year for IBEW Local 112 as we have some major events stacked up in the first half of the year that we don't normally see together. First of all, we have the 40th International Convention in May that was postponed from the year before. Then we go into Local 112's elections of officers, in which we will nominate in April, send ballots out in May, count ballots in June, and swear members into office on July 7th. This year is also IBEW Local 112's 75th Anniversary which will take place on Saturday, June 18th at the Convention Center in Kennewick. Also included as part of that celebration weekend will be the Pin Presentation to be held on Friday, June 17th here at the hall. On top of all that, we are seeing more IBEW conferences scheduled to be held in person. Now that things have settled down at the JATC, we are also starting to dig into preliminary design ideas for the JATC and we hope to get moving on the new building as well. Toss in a week of negotiations for our Ashgrove Cement Plant members, and it should give us plenty to do in the first half of the year.

I put a focus on the representatives to get out to jobs more often in the last six months of 2021, and I will continue that trend in 2022. Be sure and check out the latest job info behind the Job Forecasts tab on the homepage of the website. 127 on Book I and 106 on Book II.

BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

The Kids Christmas and the IBEW Local 112 Christmas Party went well this year. We held the kids' Christmas party earlier on the same day and with volunteers Lori Johnson, Larry Lozier, Madalyn and Gary Jennings, and the adults who pitched in a lending hand, it went smoothly with over 50 people in attendance. The IBEW Local 112's Christmas party had its largest attendance at nearly 200 people. Unfortunately, we had to turn people away who inquired at the last minute as plans and preparations had already been made. We will remind everyone again next year that we need final numbers by the Monday before the party in order to assure a seat at a table. The IBEW Local 112 Women's Committee did a fantastic job making wreaths for the silent auction at the Christmas party that raised over \$1800 which was donated to the Colon Cancer Society.

The *Apprentice Reimbursement Challenge* started January 1st in order to motivate IBEW Local 112 apprentices to become more involved in the Local. The E-Board has approved up to ten book/tuition reimbursements to be offered to those apprentices who qualify through the rules of the challenge. The highlights include six months attendance at a union meeting, three committee meetings, three volunteer activities, and one IBEW blitz in a 12 month period. This year's challenge has been condensed to six months in order to get the program started which also condenses the normal requirements to around half. All the apprentices have this information so please use this tool to encourage apprentices to attend meetings and get involved. If you wish to participate, please call the hall or email Rylan at rylang@ibew112.com.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Tri- Cities	February 3rd	7:00 pm
Hermiston	February 10th	7:00 pm
Yakima	February 17th	7:00 pm
Executive Board	February 24th	5:30 pm
RENEW	February 9th	6:00 pm

ORGANIZING REPORT

Our Membership Continues to Grow

Last year we brought in 32 new Journeymen Wiremen which is down from the 34 that we organized the previous year, mainly due to the struggles that we have had with work being slow in Washington. Overall, we brought in 134 new members with the majority being apprentices at 43 followed by the 32 Journeymen and 31 Material Handlers. Our total membership stands at 1130 members which is higher than any time in recent memory. We have 718 Inside Wiremen, 176 Apprentices, 147 Commissioning Techs, 56 Material Handlers and a handful of other classifications including Residential, Low Voltage and Maintenance Wiremen. If we would have hit these numbers earlier last year, we would have earned another delegate to the International Convention in May, but unfortunately, the International Office uses a weighted average throughout the year to determine how many delegates a Local gets. If we continue to organize, there is no reason that we shouldn't have five delegates to the International Conventions beyond this year.

Rylan Grimes, Membership Development Rep.



In this article you will find a QR code that will take you to a survey for the RENEW group on events that you wish to see or get involved with and help support for the upcoming year. The RENEW Committee's mission is to reach out and engage next gen electrical workers. And as such, we have been dedicated to organizing events that bring us together both as a Brotherhood and gain exposure in the communities where we live. We have organized a private viewing tent at the boat races, sponsored Cool Desert Nights, organized a fire pit at the Middleton's Fall Festival and a "Trunk or Treat" at the hall on Halloween just to name a few. But our Brotherhood is a diverse organization and as such, we are looking for input from our Brothers and Sisters on what else you might be interested in.

Moses Torrescano, Chairman



COMMISSIONING TECH CORNER

Another exciting month has passed us by. Our shift commissioning technicians are heavily involved with commissioning packages and making a lot of progress towards melter heat up.

There is a class of 20 CT's who were hired in November of last year and are currently in system classes. They have completed the required fundamental classes and have moved into learning the many systems that are here at WTP.

In addition to the class in training, there is another 20 CT positions that have been interviewed for a start date in February. They have a lot of training ahead of them following the class above. We are excited to see melter heat up soon as this is the goal we have been working towards for many years. Melter heat up will start a new journey at the WTP that will set the stage for operations in the near future.

Nic Armstrong, Steward

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APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING

Happy 2022. WE ARE BACK!!! Apprentices are now attending classes and labs at the Training Center. There are a few minor things left to get in place, but the classrooms are set-up for in-person and virtual learning.

We are only accepting applications from January 1st through January 31st. Applicants have 30 days to get all their documentation submitted from the date that they pay for their application. We will reopen again in June but are excited to see the number of applicants so far.

We continue hiring new apprentices for next year’s class. With the large number of jobs and need for electricians, we are forecasting another large year of apprentices.

With the delay of the building, we are looking to start up Journeyman Classes in February with the option to do either in-person or virtual. Classes will only be conducted if we get a decent turnout. Keep an eye out for the flyers at union meetings or watch our website for new updates. Until we get set up, CEU’s can be taken through a variety of online companies such as Pellco, Blue Volt, and Jade Learning.

With Valentine’s Day approaching, we love seeing people for JW classes at the Training Center a whole watt. Keep an eye on our website for new classes and other new items. www.jatc112.org

Kris Tuura, Training Director



In Memory of Francisco Delgado

1946 – 2022

Brother Frank Delgado passed away on Sunday, January 16th at the age of 75 after a courageous battle with leukemia. He was initiated into Local 112 in 1969 and after serving a four year apprenticeship program, became a Journeyman Wireman in April, 1973. During his 41 year career working in the trade, Brother Delgado worked for several contractors in all aspects of the electrical construction industry. He lived in the Yakima Valley and worked for shops in Yakima when he could and spent his later years on the Hanford Project before retiring in 2010. He was a 52 Year member of the IBEW.

Retirees' Breakfast

Friday, February 4th—9:00 am @ the hall



SAFETY SPOT

The beginning of a new year is an opportunity to commit to raising the standard for a safe working environment. There are many programs available, and programs need participants to succeed. Assured grounding, equipment inspection, housekeeping, training and planning our work are tools to accomplish a safety culture.

Thorough equipment inspection takes time, effort, and attention to details. Checking out equipment and tools from large cranes to our hand tools and work clothes builds a safe, healthy, productive and profitable work site. Documenting that our equipment is in proper working condition reduces equipment failure, down time and injury. Assured grounding is important for safety and provides us opportunity to promote a safer work place for everyone’s benefit. White is the color for January, February, March, the 1st quarter. For the 2nd quarter, April, May & June, the color is Green and Red is the color for July, August, September, the 3rd quarter. The 4th quarter of October, November is December is Orange. Inspecting our cords and electrical equipment is a key component for a foundation of a good safety culture. Checking the plug ends for damage as well as the length of the cord reduces failures.

Housekeeping is a good practice to eliminate slips, trips, and falls. Housekeeping is part of our Code of Excellence. Our responsibility starts with receiving and ends with the proper disposal/storage of material, tools, and equipment.

Each of us has skills and experience that we pass along to our Brothers and Sisters as part of training and planning. Having a trained and organized workforce enhances our ability to keep and expand our footprint in the work market.

Our contractors need our support and involvement building and maintaining a safe, healthy, productive and profitable work environment. We benefit with employment, compensation and a safe work environment.

Butch Manthei, Committee Chairman

David Glessner, Committee Member



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