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A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Brothers & Sisters:

I am writing my last message as Business Manager and I am truly amazed at the support you have all given me and my staff over the last nine years. Every member of this Local should be proud of what we have accomplished and endured together. As we have pushed the bar to the highest level this Local has ever seen, it didn't come with some downward spikes with the Covid epidemic and the mental health crisis. Fortunately, we figured out how to battle through them and things look bright for the future of Local 112.

If you were to ask me about the one accomplishment that I am most proud of over the last nine years, it would be how much the brotherhood events have grown. My goal coming into this was to try and get as many people as possible to attend some event within the Local every year, whether it was a meeting, a brotherhood event, a volunteer activity, or whatever we could come up with. To give you an idea of how far we have come in the way of participation, in 2016 you could have attended a union meeting, a PAC meeting, a Safety Committee meeting, a picnic, a Christmas party, a golf tournament, and every three years a pin presentation.

Since then, we have added the Women's Committee, Veterans Committee, Electrical Workers Minority Caucus, and a RENEW Committee. The Brotherhood Events we have added include the Water Follies, Richland Regatta, car races, trap shoots, Bikes-4-Tykes, Union Sportsmen's Alliance Banquet and activities, Cool Desert Nights, Mariners Union night, multiple county fair and event parades, 5k fun runs, SWAG Swap, Trunk-or-Treat, Middleton Farm fire pit, Dust Devils baseball games, Americans Hockey games, a kids Christmas party, a quarterly feed at the union meetings, Veterans Day breakfast, and a monthly retiree breakfast. The events have all been family friendly and intended to make everyone feel welcome. We also have been able to increase participation from the rank-and-file members at the local and national conferences, far exceeding what we would have typically had prior to 2016.

I believed if we could get to know each other outside of the daily grind, we could accomplish a lot more together. Our goal has always been to include everyone who is willing to lend an idea as to how to navigate this Local. The development of the sub committees has empowered our members and has built a pool of future leaders to draw from within the Local that we have never had before. The inclusion mindset is evident as volunteerism and activism within our Local is at an all-time high.

I have always been a proud member of IBEW 112 and I never set out to "fix the Local" but rather make it a little better than it was before, and I believe we all have accomplished just that. None of this happens without the Representatives, Organizers, Administrators, JATC leadership, Instructors, and each and every one of you in the field performing the highest level of work. All the Brothers and Sisters we have working in Local 112 is truly second to none. All these things together will ensure that the IBEW will be able to recruit, build, and maintain the highest quality workforce in the electrical industry.

While it was not an easy decision to step away from the position of Business Manager, I can't help but feel that the new leadership will take this Local to new heights. Once again, thank you for your support, as it has been an honor to be your Business Manager over the last nine years.

ORGANIZING REPORT

ORGANIZING—IT IS WHO WE ARE

Our annual organizing blitz last month was a resounding success and a true display of union solidarity in action. Over the course of two nights, we knocked on 660 doors, connecting with unrepresented electricians where it matters most: at home.

This year's effort brought together 71 dedicated volunteers including our own members, travelers working in our Local, organizers from neighboring Locals, and 45 hardworking apprentices participating in the Apprenticeship Reimbursement Challenge (ARC). Their commitment and energy were nothing short of inspiring.

These conversations weren't just about organizing, they were about opportunity. Every door knocked is a step toward strengthening our market share, ensuring more work for our members, and making sure our signatory contractors can fill their calls with skilled, union labor.

But the impact doesn't stop there. When we inform unrepresented workers of our wages and benefits, we raise the bar for wages and working conditions across the board. Boosting area standards means boosting competitiveness for our contractors, helping them win more bids and grow union jobs in our community.

Thank you to everyone who showed up, and helped build a stronger future for our trade and our union. Let's keep the momentum going because organizing isn't just what we do, it's who we are.

Rylan Grimes, Lead Organizer

The Executive Board has approved the award of up to ten scholarships at \$5,000 each for the upcoming school year. These scholarships are available to the sons and daughters of IBEW 112 members who are graduating seniors or current college students.

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Information is available at the hall or on the Local's website. Applicants must return their application along with a 500 word essay to Local 112's office no later than July 13, 2025.

JULY MEETINGS

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm prior the unit meetings

Tri- Cities	July 3rd	7 :00 pm
Hermiston	July 10th	7:00 pm
Yakima	July 17th	7:00 pm
Executive Board	July 24th	5:30 pm
EWMC	July 2nd	6:00 pm
PAC	July 8th	6:00 pm
Veterans	July 8th	6:00 pm
RENEW	July 9th	6:00 pm
Women's Comm.	July 16th	6:00 pm

No Safety Committee meeting in July

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APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING

New Instructors

We are pleased to welcome Kevin Baur and Jack Gibson as new instructors at the JATC. Both Kevin and Jack bring decades of electrical experience to the program and will be a great asset in training the future of our industry. Thank you to all the applicants who took the time to apply.

Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month: Ashton Sawyer

Congratulations to Ashton Sawyer, our Apprentice of the Month! Ashton is completing his second year of apprenticeship and holds one of the highest GPAs in the JATC. We've also received excellent feedback on his job performance.

Keep up the outstanding work, Ashton!

Outstanding Apprentice – NTI 2025

We are proud to announce that Victor Pio has been selected as this year's Outstanding Apprentice and will be joining the JATC staff at NTI this summer.

Victor entered the Apprenticeship through the VEEP program and has since become a tremendous asset to our industry. Congratulations, Victor!

Geoff Arends, Training Director

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The Veterans Committee is actively preparing for the upcoming Fourth of July Parade and invites all interested members to participate by riding in the event. If you would like to be involved, please contact Cody at the hall for additional details.

The committee is also proud to announce the design and approval of a custom Local 112 Veterans Committee shirt and commemorative coin. Both items will be available for purchase at the hall.

Additionally, we welcome and encourage participation from all members—veterans and non-veterans alike—who are interested in contributing to our ongoing community outreach efforts. Thank you to all our members for your continued support.

Mark Uribe, Chairman



SISTERS IN SOLIDARITY

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We continue to hold our monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the hall. Everyone is welcome.

Tri-Tech held its annual "GRITT" Education Week and as always, our IBEW Sisters and Training Director Arends volunteered. This year we had three different activities for the young ladies to experience (1) snap circuits for a basic understanding (2) lesson on conduit bending and (3) basic outlets and switches wiring. This is an amazing night for all the ladies involved.

Teresa Sawyer, SIS Vice Chair

Retirees' Breakfast

The JULY breakfast has been cancelled due to JULY 4TH holiday



As we head into summer, we are at the beginning of the Primary Election season. We have received some requests for endorsements. PAC is committed to sitting down with these candidates to ask the hard questions. Based on the candidates' responses and the majority vote by all attending

PAC members, we recommend endorsements and monetary amounts to help with their campaigns. Ballots are expected to be mailed out on July 18th with election day being August 5th. We would like to acknowledge Jason Lohr who was the chair of the PAC committee for a few years. Last month we held elections, and the PAC Chair is Phil Wahner, Vice-Chair is Teresa Sawyer and Recording Secretary is Bret Sawyer. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month during election season. The meeting starts at 6:00 pm at the Hall.

Teresa Sawyer, Vice Chairman



- ◆ Dust Devil Baseball—Four tickets available for each home game
- ◆ Apprentice Graduation—July 11th - Contact the Training Center for tickets
- ◆ Golf Tournament—July 12—Sold out
- ◆ Water Follies Boat Races—July 25th—27th—Sign up for tickets at the hall
- ◆ Mariners' Baseball & bus—August 22nd - Sign up for tickets at the hall
- ◆ Picnic—September 5th @ Columbia Park—Kennewick
- ◆ Pin Presentation - October 17th - Letters will go out late summer for 25+ yrs
- ◆ Veterans Breakfast—November 10th @ the hall
- ◆ Christmas Parties—December 13th—Kids & Adult



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