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### A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

#### WORK PICTURE

In Washington, we are seeing a few calls come in for various jobs. The outage at Columbia Generating Station should be ending during the 2nd week of June. CREM has some Trans-Canada work in Starbuck that leads up to a four week outage in July, peaking at around 25. A new Prosser Memorial Hospital will be wired by Valley Electric. The hospital should break ground this fall and finish up in 2023, peaking at around 30 wiremen. Townsend Controls will be performing work on a Water Treatment Plant at the Effluent Treatment Facility at the VIT Plant. In Oregon, we will continue to see calls come in. Cupertino will be hiring in early June for the Wheat Ridge Solar and Battery Storage and it will end in December 2021. New data center sites have been awarded with OEG getting the new PDX 109 site and Dyna has the new PDX 93 site, both in Boardman, with EC building up on the PDX 81 site. Dyna, EC, OEG, and CREM all have future work lined out and continue to bid on more work as it comes available. There are 99 on Book I and 120 on Book II.

#### INSIDE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

The new contract for Construction Journeyman Wireman was ratified by the membership on May 1, 2021. The new 3 year contract will begin on June 1, 2021 and end May 31, 2024. We are hoping to have the new pocket contracts available by the end of June and we will get them distributed at the unit meetings and through job stewards.

#### INT'L. CONVENTION & 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 40<sup>th</sup> International Convention was originally scheduled for August 31, 2021 but has been postponed to May 10-13, 2022. At this time the International will be able to take care of the business of the IBEW per the constitution. We will also hold the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Local in 2022 along with the pin presentation.

#### BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

It appears the boat races are on track for July 23rd-25th with IBEW Local 112/NECA sponsoring the Grand Prix races along with UA 598. The only tents set up this year will be sponsor tents and possibly set up in a different location on the Kennewick side of the river. We will adjust to the guidelines as we get closer.

IBEW Local 112's Golf Tourney is coming fast so get your teams in place or you can enter as a single entry . If you want a shirt, have your order in by June 10th.

I am hoping to restart the "Retirees' Breakfast" in the coming months, it will remain on the first Friday of the month. While I don't want to put any retiree in harms way, all of the retired members I have spoken with have received their vaccines. We will be sure to notify everyone when we start back up.

#### JUNE UNIT MEETINGS

Tri- Cities	June 3rd	7:00 p.m.
Hermiston	June 10th	7:00 p.m.
Yakima	June 17th	7:00 p.m.
Executive Board	June 24th	5:30 p.m.

### ORGANIZING REPORT

#### Construction Organizing Membership Education Training ..... COMET

On May 15<sup>th</sup> Travis Sellers, Bob Legard and I put on the Construction Organizing Membership Education Training (COMET) to the 3<sup>rd</sup> year apprenticeship class. As always, there was fantastic discussions and revelations about where the IBEW has been and where we need to go. It did get brought up that maybe this class should be given earlier in the apprenticeship and I would tend to agree. I know in some locals they give COMET in first year to expose apprentices early to the need to organize and then they give it again in 5<sup>th</sup> year to really drive it home. But ultimately, every single IBEW member should sit through this class whether you were organized through apprenticeship, as a journeyman or by virtue of your employment. If we have learned anything from the last 40 years, it should be that you cannot hold on to what you have, let alone grow, if you build walls around it. Keeping people out of our great union has only served to hurt us. We went from 93% market share nationwide in 1947 to 35% today mostly because we kept qualified people out. Our market share will always follow our union density meaning that if we organize the workers, the work will follow because the non-union shops cannot replace their numbers as quickly as we can, and they will not be able to man it. We project that there will be a huge need for manpower in Oregon this summer and through the rest of the year and we will need every willing member to help us reach out to unrepresented workers to meet the need. We will be planning on doing a series of mini organizing blitzes this summer to strip valuable manpower from non-union contractors to fill this need for Oregon license holders and we will need help from our membership to do it.

*Rylan Grimes, Membership Development Rep.*

### COMMISSIONING TECH CORNER

The Waste Treatment and Immobilization Project team recently finished all startup testing and system handovers for the Effluent Management facility (EMF), marking its full transition into the commissioning phase. The EMF includes 77 integrated systems across four buildings. Each time new facilities transition into the commissioning phase, our CTs receive training to prepare themselves to operate the facility. As such, many of our CTs have recently completed Radiological Worker Training and Chemical Management Safety Program. CTs have also been entering all of their operations related paperwork into a computer program to make everything digital.

The only remaining Direct-Feed Low Activity Waste (DFLAW) startup activities are within the Low-Activity Waste (LAW) Facility, where the vitrification process will occur. To date, about 50 percent of the facility's 94 systems have been handed over to plant management, with completion of all systems anticipated later this summer. The treatment plant team expects to begin heating up the first melter inside the LAW Facility by the end of the year.

*Bob Legard, Membership Development Rep.*

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**APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING**

**NOW OPEN:** New applications for the apprenticeship will only be available from June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. The process is all online, so no need to visit the Training Center. People can visit our website ahead of time to see what items they can have ready. [www.jatc112.org](http://www.jatc112.org)

We are excited to announce that we have a new Office Manager. Her name is Zuly Carrillo and she is a great new addition to our team.

Apprentices are back in the building to conduct hands-on training. We are continuing to further their education with small group instruction.

We will not be holding any in-person journeyman classes for the time being, but we are in the process of scheduling some virtual classes. Keep an eye on our website @ jatc112.org for the next group of classes. Until we get set up virtually or possibly in-person, CEU's can be taken through a variety of online companies such as Pellco, Blue Volt, and Jade Learning.

Even though it is hot outside, keep wearing those masks, get your vaccines, and follow the guidelines. Together, we can end this pandemic and get back to normal.

*Kris Tuura, Training Director*



*In Memory*

*Ivan D. "Ike" Steele*

**1934–2021**

Brother Ike Steele passed away on Monday, May 3rd at the Life Care Center in Kennewick at the age of 87. Brother Steele was a very prominent member of the Local Union who was well known and a friend to all who knew him.

Brother Steele began his electrical career in a sawmill near Baker, Oregon. When the mill closed, he entered the apprenticeship in Local 112 as a 3rd Year apprentice in 1956 and turned out as a Journeyman in late 1958. He started teaching night apprenticeship classes for Local 112 in the Oregon area as soon as he became a Journeyman. He lived in Baker, Oregon and worked in that area of the jurisdiction until going to Hanford in 1981. Once he moved to Washington, he became an apprenticeship instructor in the Tri-Cities for the night classes and taught Journeyman classes as well. He worked for various Hanford contractors until becoming the Local's first full time JATC instructor in 1994—a position he held until his retirement in January, 2003.

After retiring, Brother Steele could be found at the Training Center on a regular basis and was always happy to lend a hand to mentor and tutor apprentices who needed the extra help. Once the Local Union started the "Retirees' Breakfast", Ike was a familiar face each month.

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Brother Ike Steele.



**TRU-SENSE SMOKE ALARMS & COMBUSTION SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS RECALLED**



The recalled units are Kidde Model Series 2040, 2050, 2060 and 2070 smoke and combination smoke / carbon monoxide alarms. Only alarms with the Tru-Sense logo or AMBER = Fault printed on the front of the alarm are included in this recall. The model number is printed on the back of the alarms. Consumer contact info is: [www.kiddetsalarmrecall.rsvpcomm.com](http://www.kiddetsalarmrecall.rsvpcomm.com)



**SAFETY SPOT**

*This article is the 3rd of several articles on the subject of cable*

**CABLE PULLS— LOTS TO THINK ABOUT**

For high force cable pulling, many manufacturers suggest using double braided polyester rope that inherently has low stretch and stores less energy than other types of rope. You don't want to use a rope that can store energy during the pull like a stretched rubber band, because if it breaks, it could

snap back in backlash and possibly injure someone. Double braided polyester rope has a high strength-to-size ratio, meaning you get a four-to-one safety factor and smaller diameter rope. Keep as much rope as possible within the conduit so that if the rope breaks, or any other part of the pull system fails, the stored energy in the rope is almost all confined within the conduit.

When selecting pulling equipment accessories such as sheaves and pulling grips, use the pulling capacity of the cable puller as the determining tool selection factor, rather than base the tool selection on the force needed to do the pull. If the cable puller capacity is greater than the rope capacity and something jams, the rope can break before the safety device on the cable puller shuts down the puller. Factors that determine rope size include length of run, number and size of run, number and size of conductors being pulled, and how many bends the conduit has. For optimally efficient pulls that carry as little risk as possible of damaging cable on its route, start with clean, dry conduit that is not obstructed or kinked and is burr free and debris free after any collected water has been blown or vacuumed out, use a sturdy wire duct brush or a flexible mandrill that cleans the pipe of sand, grit, dirt or other contaminants, ensuring clear passage. Don't skimp on cable lube while reducing the strain on the cable and the overall pulling force needed as it also reduces the strain on the accessories. If pulling in weather below freezing, use special, glycol based lubricants that won't freeze and solidify in the line. Make sure you use baskets and grips that are appropriately sized for the wire and are rated for the maximum pulling capacity of the puller. Never attach the grips to the cable jacket because they could slip off during use. To prevent the wire from stretching or breaking during the pull, don't exceed the cable tension as recommended by the cable manufacturer. For maximum efficiency, use a cable puller with the appropriate capacity for the pull, and not appreciably more. The bigger the equipment, the slower it pulls.

*Butch Manthei, Committee Chairman*

*David Glessner, Committee Member*



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