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MEETINGS

WATERTOWN:

Regular meeting
June 7th, 7:00 p.m.
Watertown, NY 13601

PLATTSBURGH:

Satellite meeting
June 14th, 7:00 p.m.
Plattsburgh, NY 13601

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REMINDER

2nd Quarter Dues Are Now Payable

Wiremen \$126.60
Apprentice \$120.60

Check or exact cash accepted.

**You may also pay your quarterly
Union dues via Paypal on the
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President Keith Sixberry and I attended the 40th IBEW International Convention in Chicago. It was a great experience.

- There were over 1,700 Delegates representing over 525 Local Unions for the US and Canada.
- Membership in the IBEW stands at 688,802 with 406,006 "A" members and "BA" members are at 282,796.
- Since the last convention "A" membership went up 8.5% and "BA" went down 11.7%.
- They noted "A" members retiring in 2021 totaled over 7,000, a number that they predict will increase going forward.
- Vice President Mike Welsh was re-elected to his position at the 3rd District, as well as Joe Calabro - our Representative for the International Executive Council.
- Increases in dues per month was approved as follows; \$2.00 increase in Jan. 2023, \$1.00 increase in July 2024 and \$1 in July 2025.
- Increase in the Pension contribution was approved as follows; \$2.00 increase Jan. 2023 and \$2.00 in Jan. 2025.
- So the quarterly dues will be increasing by \$12.00 beginning January 2023.
- The Pension benefit was increased from \$4.50 per year to \$5.50 per year for each year after 2023.
- Additionally the Delegates approved a motion to have President Stephenson and Secretary Treasurer Cooper begin negotiations with NECA on a funding increase to the NEBF Pension Plan. It will be interesting to see how those negotiations go. The contribution has been 3% for a long time. If they can negotiate an increase and considering the work around the Country, it would not take long to increase the funding percentage of the fund which is in the high 80's now.
- I agreed with the results of the various resolutions.
- President Joe Biden spoke on Wednesday afternoon. That is the first time a sitting President has addressed an IBEW Convention. One memorable quote from the President, "If all the Bank CEO's in America didn't show up for work for a week it would make no difference. If the membership of the IBEW didn't show up for a week the Country would be shutdown".

John O'Driscoll, Business Manager

BUSINESS MANAGER

Report at May 2022 Regular Meeting

U=Union / NU = Non Union



Currently we have 49 Journeymen on Book I, 4 on Book II, 0 Apprentices available, 1 Residential, CE, CW's and 1 Tele-data Technician available for work.

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: St. Lawrence IDA - Canton Industrial Park Upgrade Exterior Lighting went to Empire NE(NU) for \$30,300; Indian River CSD - District Wide Capital Project - Phase III went to S&L(U) \$8,125,000 (not a typo); Agri-Mark- McCadam Cheese in Chateaugay is being done by Weydman(U); and ORDA Dormitory Renovations went to Watson(U) for \$70,219.

From Executive Board Report;

Jobs bid in last two weeks include: Salt Storage Facility Rebid, Colton went to Empire NE(NU) for \$35,000, Gymnasium Expansion Project, Alexandria Bay CSD went to Tel, Inc.(U) for \$391,000, Malone Dufort Airport Mal Lighting & Signage Improvements went to Baseline Kingcorp(NU), Malone CSD Capital Project Phase I went to Next Era(NU) for \$489,000.

Upcoming work includes: Water Supply Improvements - Au Sable Forks, Brasher Falls School - Capital Outlay, St. Lawrence Seaway - Power Upgrades, Renovate Memorial Hall, SUNY Plattsburg, Newcomb CSD Capital Renovations, Harrisville - Bus Garage Reconstruction, Beaver River CSD Capital Outlay Project, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe former IGA Building Renovation, Akwesasne, Capital Improvements Phase II, Madrid CSD, JCC Athletic Turf Field Complex, Adirondack Railroad Station Platforms and Shed Project, New Methane Digester at Marks's Farms in Lowville, and several more smaller projects for ORDA. There are several sub-station upgrades for New York Power Authority, as well as several large solar projects.

School projects that are in various stages of development: Parishville-Hopkinton \$2.3 million, Brushton-Moira \$11.5 million, Indian River \$41 million, Carthage \$35 million, Madrid Waddington \$5 million, and Potsdam \$23.5 million.

We currently have one unfilled call on the job line for S&L at SUNY Potsdam. It has been running since last Thursday with no response. I expect we will have an influx of calls for the solar jobs anytime now. Mass Electric has two (2) solar jobs in the Lowville area and Shuler-Hass has some in the Dekalb Junction area. I think those calls will be hard to fill. Last year, Mass paid per diem; they are non-committal on doing that this year or they may pay over scale. Shuler-Hass has done several in the Plattsburgh area the last several years and we had no trouble manning them but when we can't fill a call at SUNY Potsdam I think we will have trouble. Currently Syracuse has unfilled calls for 34 Journeymen, Geneva, Rochester and Buffalo have unfilled calls as well.

Those of you who have read this month's [May] newsletter, I put an article in on quarterly dues. It continues to be a frustration that members are behind on their dues and complain that they are charged a reinstatement fee. They say knowledge is power so I wanted to educate or remind the membership what those dues go to pay and why it is important to stay current. I am happy to report that the on-line dues payment through PayPal is being utilized by the membership at a much greater level than I expected. Those who attended the meetings where it was discussed know that I was resistant to implement this initially. I will admit I was wrong in my assumptions and can say it has been beneficial in many instances.