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MEETINGS

WATERTOWN:

Regular meeting
October 4th, 7:00 p.m.
Watertown, NY 13601

PLATTSBURGH:

Satellite meeting
October 11th, 7:00 p.m.
Plattsburgh, NY 13601

UNION SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE

Local 910 [has a table for 10](#) at the **Union Sportsmen's Alliance Conservation Dinner** in Syracuse, October 11th. If interested in attending, let us know. We will draw names at the October Regular Union meeting to see who will attend.

4th 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 [members only](#) section of our web site.

<https://ibew910.org/910-members/>

If you have any questions concerning how much you may owe, please call (315) 782-5630

Local 910 Member Sworn In As 3rd District International Vice President



IBEW Local 910 member Dennis Affinati was sworn in by International President Lonnie Stephenson. **Dennis takes over as 3rd District Vice President** this month, *Congratulations Dennis!*

Apprentices Attend Orientation

On September 8th, all 80 of IBEW Local 910's apprentices attended **Orientation at SUNY Potsdam**. Several of our training partners attended including Americu Credit Union, Ideal Tools, Klein Tools and Milwaukee Tools. Each had something for the apprentices.



Also recognized for their many years of service to the EJATC were instructors Charlie Forgette, Rob Wray, and Jim Rehley, as well as Committee member Rich Menke. Fund Manager Mark Capone did a presentation on the Health Care, Pension and Annuity Funds. It was a great way to kick off the new school year!

*Last chance to get tickets for the **Brotherhood Gun raffle**. The drawing will be held at the Regular Union meeting on Tuesday October 4th. Tickets are available at both Watertown and Plattsburgh offices, or at the meeting.*



BUSINESS MANAGER



Report at September 2022 Regular Meeting

U=Union / NU = Non Union

Currently we have 53 Journeymen on Book I, 7 on Book II, 0 Apprentices available, 2 Residential, CE, CW's and 0 Tele-data Technicians available for work.

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Ogdensburg City Schools Capital Outlay Project went to Watson(U) for \$77,618.

From Executive Board Report;

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Citizens Advocate Mental Health urgent care facility - former Great American grocery store on State Street in Watertown GC bid to Bette Cring who has subcontracted the electric to J&R (U), Ellenburg Sand and Salt Storage Building went to S&L(U) for \$42,500, and South Jefferson CSD-Capital Outlay went to S&L for \$89,000.

Upcoming work includes: Water Supply Improvements – Au Sable Forks, Brasher Falls School – Capital Outlay, St. Lawrence Seaway – Power Upgrades, Renovate Memorial Hall, SUNY Plattsburgh, Emergency Department (Addition/Renovations) Clifton-Fine Hospital, Credo Community Center Renovations, Au Sable Forks Fire District New Fire Station, SUNY Potsdam - Carson Hall Renovation, Ogdensburg City Schools Capital Outlay, several more smaller projects for ORDA and several sub-station upgrades for New York Power Authority. Additionally, there are several large solar projects in the works.

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 have a call on the job line for a shutdown at the Georgia Pacific Mill in Plattsburgh. This is the annual shutdown working 12-hour days Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dave Hoover and I attended the IBEW 2022 Membership Development conference last week in San Antonio, TX. The message was very positive. Membership numbers are at an all time high for "A" membership, which is primarily the Inside and Outside construction sector. Construction work is busy across the country and many more large projects are proposed for the future. Several speakers emphasized that it is the very best time in the history of the IBEW to grow our membership numbers through organizing. We also had a very enlightening presentation by Attorney Jon Newman, who serves as General Counsel for the IBEW. Jon reported that the changes President Biden has made at the National Labor Relations Board have been very union-friendly and are attempting to correct many anti-union decisions and policies from the Trump administration. He also showed comparisons between the Biden and Trump administration with Executive Orders and Legislation. It was clear that Biden is here to help working people and Trump was pro-business. Newman closed the presentation by pointing out how critical this November's mid-term elections are. Turn out of union membership will be critical.

Also at the Membership Development Conference, IBEW President Lonnie Stephenson gave details about the legislation recently passed and signed into law by President Biden: The Butch Lewis Pension Relief Act, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, the CHIPS and Science Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. Each of these pieces of legislation have a large, positive impact on our Union and the construction sector. These bills contain provisions that have been absent from legislation in the past. They contain language that will directly benefit union construction workers through pension reform, Project Labor Agreements and Davis-Bacon protections. President Stephenson told us that President Biden recently called him to ask how things were going and if there was anything else his Administration could do for the IBEW membership. Lonnie said he told the President he didn't see how he could do any more than he has already done.

I have received word that Michels Power has landed the substation work for the Smart Path upgrades to the New York Power Authority infrastructure in Massena and Croghan. Michels is a big player. In 2021, they were ranked the 28th on the 400 largest contractor list and 7th among Power Contractors. The last time this company worked in Local 910's jurisdiction was in 2005 when they built the Chases Lake substation, which ties the Maple Ridge wind farm onto the grid. That project went great. The Project Manager and a Superintendent said they will stop in later this month to discuss the project.

A moment of silence was held for James Brousseau and John Lunderman.