



## Regular Meeting Dates

**WATERTOWN:** Regular meeting  
April 3rd 7:00 p.m.

**PLATTSBURGH:** Satellite meeting  
April 10th, 7:00 p.m.



**Register**

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**VOTE**

### REMINDER:

**2nd Quarter Dues  
Are Now Payable**

**Wiremen \$120.60  
Apprentice \$114.60**

Check or exact cash accepted.  
If you have any questions concerning  
how much you may owe,  
please call (315) 782-5630

## Inside Agreement Ratified

On March 6<sup>th</sup> the Local 910 membership in attendance unanimously approved a new Inside Construction Agreement. Changes to the previous agreement included:

- Ç This Agreement shall take effect April 1, 2018, and shall remain in effect until March 31, 2023.
- Ç Each Journeyman working in the jurisdiction of Local Union #910, for the betterment of the industry, shall avail himself for educational programs as scheduled by the JATC at least once per calendar year. Certification and records of program participation and compliance shall become part of the employee's permanent record. In addition, educational certifications are to be forwarded to the contractor upon referral, when requested.
- Ç Eight (8) consecutive hours worked between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. with 1/2 hour for a lunch period, shall constitute a work day. Forty hours within five (5) days Monday through Friday inclusive shall constitute the workweek. There will be a 15-minute break during the first half of any shift. By request of the contractor, with permission of the Business Manager or his staff, if the project has extenuating circumstances the work day may start at 6:00A.M.
- Ç Total package increase; Year 1 -\$1.50, Year 2 -\$1.50, Year 3 -\$1.55, Year 4 -\$1.60, Year 5 -\$1.65
- Ç Journeyman Welder - \$2.00 per hour over Journeyman Wireman's rate
- Ç To qualify for welders rate one must have welded a minimum 2 hours during the shift, the Journeyman will get welders pay for entire shift.
- Ç Cable Splicer pay DELETED
- Ç JATC contribution 2.75% of gross wage
- Ç Apprentice pay; 1st Period 45%, 2nd Period 50%, 3rd Period 55%
- Ç Wages shall be paid weekly in legal tender not later than quitting time on Friday, and not more than five (5) days wages may be withheld at that time. In the event the employee is not paid, waiting time at the regular time shall be charged until payment is made, not to exceed (8) hours regular wages per (24) hour period. Wages shall be paid by cash, check or electronic transfer. When employees do not choose to be paid by electronic transfer the employer may mail the check to the Employee's home address provided it is postmarked on the normal pay day. Regardless of method of payment the employee will receive a detailed paystub, employees who are paid electronically may receive paystub via e-mail.
- Ç Administrative Maintenance Fund (AMF) contribution \$0.30 per hour worked.

The membership voted to distribute the 1<sup>st</sup> year increase as follows:  
\$1.00 into wage, \$0.50 into annuity fund, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>

Currently we have 104 Journeymen on Book I, 5 on Book II, 9 Apprentice (1 working in Local 43), 11 Residential, CE, CW's and 0 Tele-data Technicians available for work.

Jobs bid in the last week include: Clarkson University-Innovation Hub was a GC bid to Murnane who will sub the Electric to S&L Electric (U), St. Lawrence University-Madill Hall was a GC bid to Harvey Construction. We have been told the electric is being subbed to Patterson Electric (NU). North Country Welcome Center- Rt. 81 at Collins Landing went to S&L Electric (U) for \$1,611,186, JCC-Lansing Building Renovation had S&L Electric (U) low bidder at \$36,000, and Beaver River Central School- Capital Outlay Project #4 had Watson Electric (U) \$45,200.

*From Executive Board Meeting:*

Jobs bid in the last week include: Thousand Islands CSD-Capital Outlay Project; New Century Electric (U) was low at \$96,000; NYS DOT/NYSP Combined Vehicle Inspection and Highway Safety Facility Champlain NY had S&L Electric (U) low at \$697,000; Peru CSD-Smart Schools had S&L Electric (U) low at \$432,245; South Jefferson CSD-JR/SR High School Renovations went to SC Spencer (NU) for \$68,900; and Saranac Lake CSD-Renovations had Weydman (U) low at \$1,822,000, second place bidder was Watson Electric (U) at \$1,830,000. We've been told Watson will get the job when addendums are figured into price.

Upcoming work includes: Several Dollar stores, Town Of Fine-Water System Improvement, NYPA-Generator Upgrades, SUNY Canton-University Police Relocation, Fort Drum-LED Lighting Various Buildings, SUNY Potsdam Lehman Hall Phase VIII, NYPA-TLEM Switchyard Project, City Of Ogdensburg-Street Lighting Upgrade, SUNY Plattsburgh-Whiteface Hall, Canton CSD-Capital Outlay Project, Ft. Drum-Gas Station/Arby's, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Health Services Building, Thousand Island CSD-Capital Outlay, Saranac Lake CSD-Renovations, Fairfield Inn and Suites-Canton, Plattsburgh International Airport-Site Lights, Samaritan Medical Center Project, Morristown School Capital Outlay Lighting Project, Gander Mountain-Plattsburgh & Watertown, NYS DOT/NYSP Combined Vehicle Inspection and Highway Safety Facility Champlain NY, and several projects at the Plattsburgh Airport Agri-Mark's Chateaugay facility, Norsk Titanium, a new development for a wind farm on Galloo Island, and the Copenhagen & Mad River wind farms.

School projects that are in various stages of development: Clifton-Fine \$3.6 million, Brasher Falls \$10 million and Peru \$2.8 million, Thousand Islands School 6.9 Million, Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES \$18.5 million, General Brown \$9.37 million, Parishville-Hopkinton \$2.3 million, and St. Lawrence Central \$17.7 million.

The work situation has stayed about the same with everyone anxiously awaiting the real arrival of spring. Several Apprentices have gone to work recently. The bid activity has been getting busier. It still appears that it will be much busier in the Eastern end of the jurisdiction than the west. Work in other areas all seem to be gearing up later this month or early April. Let me know if you want information on good books to sign, as there are many.

I do not have any more information on the proposed Bitcoin Development at Alcoa East. There have been several more similar businesses announcing that they are interested in locating in Massena because of the potential of cheap power. The hang up for these developers is that the New York Power Authority has a ratio they require relating to megawatts of power allotted and full time jobs after construction. These types of businesses use an incredible amount of power and do not result in hardly any full time jobs. One developer even proposes a call center to get his job counts up, claiming 500 full time jobs, however those are terrible jobs. We do have members working on the NYPA substation at Alcoa East installing a new transformer and secondary conductors.

I spoke with the Project Manager from RES construction today who will be building the Copenhagen wind farm. He said bids are due in two weeks for our portion of the work. I e-mailed him last week and he has not yet responded. He did not seem too eager to speak with me. I will continue to try and track down where that goes. These towers have the transformer in the nacelle so it will not be that many man-hours for tower wiring.

A few jobs for fire alarm replacement on Fort Drum have been bid using the Service Contract Act wage rates rather than the Davis-Bacon rates. I have contacted the Federal Department of Labor in Syracuse and they are looking into it.