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Regular Meeting Dates

WATERTOWN: Regular meeting
May 1st 7:00 p.m.

PLATTSBURGH: Satellite meeting
May 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Short Call facts:

- ✓ Local 910 short calls are maximum 14 working days.
- ✓ The short call list rotates. After you take a short call, you go to the back of short call list.
- ✓ You are not available to take a regular call when you are on a short call.
- ✓ Journeyman must resign in person after a short call.
- ✓ Because you keep your line number with a short call, the exact time you resign does not determine where you are on the short call list; it falls back to who has the lower line number when you resign on the same day.

Contact me with any referral questions.

Thanks,
John O'Driscoll
(315) 782-5630

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

A Few Words On The 21st Congressional District

Since there has been so much press recently about the upcoming Democratic Primary for the November Election for the 21st Congressional District, I thought I would set the record straight on where we stand at this time.

Local 910's entire jurisdiction is within the 21st Congressional District so this is a very important race relating to how we are represented in Washington. That is especially relevant considering our two Senators, Schumer and Gillibrand, do not seem to show much concern for the North Country.

Some history on the seat:

This position has been held by a Republican since the Civil War. That was until 2009 when Republican John McHugh left Congress to take the appointment of Secretary of the Army from President Barack Obama. That appointment caused a special election which was won by Plattsburgh Attorney Bill Owens, a Democrat. Owens did not run for re-election in 2014. In November of that year, Republican Elise Stefanik was victorious. This made national news because she was the youngest woman ever elected to Congress. Stefanik was re-elected in 2016 and has indicated she will be running again this year.

In the past two elections the Democratic County Chairpersons have pretty much decided who the Democratic contender will be. This year the Chairs have taken a step back and let the voters decide who will be the Democrat candidate in the primary, which will be held on June 26, 2018. Presently the group of Democratic contenders include: Don Boyajian from Saratoga Springs; Tedra L. Cobb from Canton; Emily Martz from Saranac Lake; Katie K. Wilson from Keene; David Mastrianni from Saratoga; Patrick F. Nelson from Stillwater; and Dylan J. Ratigan of Saranac Lake.

Last Fall several of the Democratic contenders contacted me asking for a meeting and how they could get Local 910's endorsement. At a subsequent Executive Board meeting, the Board voted to stay out of the race until after the Primary and then look at the issue again at that time. The Board authorized me to sit down with any candidate who asked for a meeting to get as much information as I could on how the person stands on issues directly connected to our industry.

Several North Country Unions have already endorsed or given public support for one of the Democratic candidates. The majority are backing Tedra Cobb or Dylan Ratigan. I want to mention that Tedra Cobb's husband owns his own contracting business installing photovoltaic systems. Since that is our work and he is not a signatory contractor, that should be an issue with our membership. Organizer Travis Flint contacted him last year and he was not interested in being affiliated with Local 910.

Local 910 has a good working relationship with Congresswomen Stefanik.

I welcome all our members to contact me if they have input on this issue.

Thanks, John O'Driscoll

Currently we have 94 Journeymen on Book I, 4 on Book II, 4 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: Harbor Freight store in Potsdam will be done by Slick Electric (U), Town of Franklin Vermontville-Community Building went to S&L Electric (U) for \$89,950, United Helpers Ogdensburg-Generator Installation went to Tel Inc. (U) for \$61,200, Plattsburgh International Airport-Site Lights will be done by Weydman (U), and Alexandria CSD-Capital Outlay Project was a GC bid to Blackhorse who we are told will sub electric to Watson (U).

From Executive Board Meeting;

Jobs bid in the last week include: Town Of Ticonderoga-Well Field Control Building went to Stilsing Electric (U) for \$729,000, Town Of Orleans-Booster Pump Station went to SC Spencer (NU) for \$221,380 and Thousand Islands CSD- Capital Improvements had Watson (U) low bidder at \$777,128.

Upcoming work includes: Several Dollar Stores , Town Of Fine-Water System Improvement, NYPA-Generator Upgrades , 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, Fairfield Inn and Suites-Canton, Samaritan Medical Center Project, Gander Mountain-Plattsburgh & Watertown, Town Of Ticonderoga-Well Field Control Building, DANC-Generator Replacement, 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.

Work has begun to pick up some locally as our winter seems to drag on and we have many Journeymen who have gotten calls for the shutdown at Nine Mile Point nuclear plant. Local 43 is still struggling to fill calls for Nine Mile.

Our Organizing campaign with Primelink was a success. The NLRB held an election yesterday and we won with a vote of 8 yes and 3 no. Dave Hoover should be commended for his hard work in this victory! We were also assisted by the International's Professional and Industrial Organizing staff.

The New York State budget was passed over the weekend, prior to the April 1st deadline. I received an e-mail from our lobbyist who reported that the bad design-build, bad MWBE, and other bad issues were taken out of the final Budget and kicked down the road. It seems every year we fight similar legislation and thankfully it was beat down again.

Due to the influx of cryptocurrency mining companies requesting low cost hydropower in the Massena area from the New York State Power Authority (NYPA), the Authority has placed a moratorium on what is termed "high density loads". The power needs of these companies are significant; many are 200 megawatts or more. The big concern is that they will use up all the low cost power and not produce hardly any permanent jobs. Currently O'Connell Electric is still working at the Alcoa East plant on that BiCoin project. The servers are in shipping containers and our work is to feed those. The communications work is being done by a non-union contractor.