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Pete Marsh
Bus. Mgr. / Fin. Secy.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

WORK PICTURE

Currently we have 34 on Book I and 57 on Book II. Calls have been steady with some calls going unfilled. Luckily this week, we have caught up and filled all of our calls. There are many calls going unfilled in other sister locals in Portland and Salem. We don't see many new projects starting in Oregon any time soon, but more pods are coming up at the data centers. We had some calls that went unfilled to EC at Umatilla and in an effort to find enough people, they put in calls through Local 48 in Portland. 13 were dispatched, and worked one week, before being sent back to Local 48. This caused some heartache with a few of the members on the jobsite, but I have been told by management that it will not be done this way again. It was not in their best interest, and caused quite a few problems that they did not anticipate. So hopefully we will not see this happen again.

In Washington, calls are still slow and we don't see that changing right away. We expect a slow period in June and July. Williams Plant services had a couple layoffs and will hold with their numbers until later this summer. Tank farms may see an increase in people, but not right away. We expect to see numbers increase at the VIT Plant, when the Direct Feed LAW (DFLAW) building gets out of the ground. The underground work is progressing, and Bechtel thought they may put in a call soon for half a dozen. We will discuss the upcoming work situation at the Unit meetings.

INSIDE CBA NEGOTIATIONS

The 112 Negotiating Committee has met with NECA's committee four days, and we have one more scheduled for April 26th. If no agreement is reached, we will be heading to CIR for presentation to the Council, which takes place the week of May 16th in Washington D.C. There will be one more opportunity the first week of May, when the District Reps come in for an interim meeting with both committees, to try to find a resolution. Hopefully that will keep us from having to take it to the Council. Whichever solution takes place, we will have to have a special meeting to vote on the allocation of the monies we receive. This will have to take place in late May, possibly on the 28th. We will keep you posted, and it will be on our website, and on the recorder that week. Please make an effort to come to the meeting and vote on these proposals.

PROPERTY UPDATE

The architects have completed the binding site plan for the new property and submitted it to the city. We hope to have that approval back later this month, and then we can move forward on making the purchase in early May. We had discussions with the Tri Cities Community Credit Union, and they have decided to not join us at our new location. They recently made an offer on property on Hwy. 395 near 19th avenue, and plan to build a new credit union there. That will free up the existing building for us to sell sooner than expected. Their lease currently goes until 2021, but they think they will be out sooner than that. We will keep you posted as we get more information.

Organizing Report

Oregon Prevailing Wage

Oregon's prevailing wage rate (PWR) law is administered by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI). BOLI publishes the state prevailing wage rates twice a year, and periodically updates them to reflect revisions to labor agreements or other changes. Registered apprentices wage and benefit rates are published at the same time as Journeyman. Oregon does not have a trainee classification.

Oregon law requires BOLI to determine wage rates for work performed in specified trades and occupations. To gather this information BOLI and the Oregon Employment Department conduct a survey of construction contractors.

Unlike Washington where prevailing wage rates are determined by county, Oregon's prevailing wage rates are determined by regions. Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler Counties are in Region 12 where Local 112's rate of 56.39 prevails. Baker, Union and Wallowa Counties are in Region 13, where our wage does not prevail and the PW is \$52.95. Generally, the rates in effect at the time the bid specifications are first advertised are those that apply for the duration of the project.

To be subject to the PWR law, a project must be a "public works" project. The term "public works" includes roads, highways, buildings, structures and improvements of all types, which are contracted for by a public agency to serve the public interest. Oregon also has very specific PW laws regarding Solar Energy. Oregon's PWR law bans wage averaging. Wage averaging is lowering workers' wages on non-PWR jobs to compensate for higher rates of pay on jobs subject to the prevailing wage rate laws. If a project is subject to both the state prevailing wage rate law and the federal Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor must pay the higher of the two rates.

More information about the Oregon Prevailing Wage Rates and Laws can be found on BOLI's website at www.oregon.gov/boli.

Joe Legard, Membership Development Rep.



Election Ballots Mailed—May 6th
Election Ballots Counted—June 3rd
Installation of Officers—July 7th
(Run-off election will be held if necessary)

Apprentice Graduation - July 8th
Annual Golf Tournament—July 9th

MAY MEETINGS

Tri-Cities	May 5th	7:30 p.m.
Hermiston	May 12th	7:30 p.m.
Yakima	May 19th	7:30 p.m.
Executive Board	May 26th	5:30 p.m.

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JOURNEYMAN TRAINING

ELECTRICAL TRAINING CENTER

First Air / CPR—8 hrs.	May 10th & 11th—6:30 p.m.
RCW / WAC—4 hrs.	May 17th—6:30 p.m.
Grounding—4 hrs.	May 19th—6:30 p.m.
2014 NEC Code Update II- 8 hrs.	June 7th & 8th - 6:30 p.m.
2014 NEC Code Update I—8 hrs.	June 11th - 8:00 a.m.

Call 509-783-0589 or e-mail classes@jatc112.org to register
Dennis Williamson, Training Director



In Memoriam
Frank E. Soden
 1922—2016

Brother Frank E. Soden passed away on Thursday, April 14th at the age of 94. Brother Soden was a 66 year member, having been initiated into the IBEW in 1950. He began working out of Local 112 in 1960 and deposited his Traveling Card into the Local Union that same year.

Brother Soden worked in many phases of the industry including the Snake River Dams, shops, papermills and the Hanford Project. He retired from the trade in 1983 and enjoyed a 33 year retirement.

“Thank You”

For Attending Your Union Meeting in April

TRI-CITY

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SAFETY SPOT



First of all, I would like to thank Pete Marsh for getting the Safety Committee going again. We only meet quarterly and we need more members involved in this important group. We need to watch out for each other, especially safety on the job. We have a lot of young people just starting in the trade and a lot of them have no previous experience on a construction project. They are not familiar with the pinch points - watching out for equipment, proper use of lifts, fork trucks and just general safety items many of us take for granted. With technology, we have valuable info available to us with our computers and devices. I have talked to apprentices about safety and the common thing they mentioned is their reluctance to ask questions about safety. We need to let them know that we welcome their questions on issues as important as safety.

If it doesn't feel safe, we all need to stop and ask the question that we were concerned with. We need to make sure our apprentices know and understand the safety procedures for the tasks they are going to do. As an example: If we are working on a lift they need to know all the potential pinch points, how to work so they won't be dropping things from the lift and the proper operation of the lift. The contractor usually requires training to operate the lifts, but the pinch points and working over the lift platform is up to us.

One of the most important things is to put the lift where you need it, shut it off with the STOP button and then perform your work. You never want to lean out over the lift and then raise it up. Also, be aware of where your hands are and what is above you.

Butch Manthei, Safety Committee Chairman



POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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Ballots will be sent out for the upcoming state primary elections in Oregon and Washington this week. Please take the time to vote and not let it sit on the counter or get lost or thrown away. You have been given that right, and you need to exercise it to ensure your voice is heard. Without it, we could lose all that we have achieved in the past. There are many interests out there against us, and they would like to see all unions disappear. Get out the vote and support those who support us !!!!



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