

IBEW Local 405

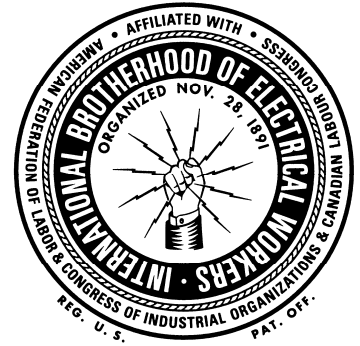
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News & Information

Bill Hanes, Business Manager



We are, once again, asking members to give us their e-mail addresses. The only way to let your Representatives know what is on your mind is to contact them. This is a very easy process that can be done through the AFL-CIO e-activist network. Go on-line to www.afl-cio.org and sign up for e-alerts or send us your e-mail address and we will put you on their list. You will be notified then of the issues and all that you will have to do is to take a couple of minutes to fill out a short form to get your concerns to all of your elected Federal officials.

Project Labor Agreements, Responsible Bidder Language and Prevailing Wage are still on our agenda and we are pushing our elected officials at all levels to support these issues. If you have any questions about any of these issues, you can call the Hall and we will give you information on them. It is essential that our members get involved.

While all of this is going on, there is another battle coming at us. The Cedar Rapids Building Department is trying to eliminate craft based appeals boards and replace them with a single board composed of professionals. The current electrical board is made up of employers, members and other electrical industry representatives. They are a voluntary board who have done a great job of maintaining public safety and addressing concerns by using their day-to-day experiences and the knowledge attained by being an active part of the industry. A single board, who makes decisions on ALL appeals (mechanical, electrical, plumbing, etc.), would be a watered-down version of what already works. Call your City Council Representative or the City Manager and register your complaint about this assault on public safety.

The State Electrical Licensing Bill came under assault once again. Farm Bureau led the effort to exempt all Ag buildings from permits, licenses or inspections. After a series of meetings, the bill died in Committee thanks to the efforts of Representative Mary Mascher (D-Iowa City) and Senator Staci Appel (D-Warren County). If you have the opportunity to meet either of these elected officials, please take the time to thank them for supporting this important public safety issue. It does pay to be involved so that the decision-makers know you care about the issues.

There will be a special meeting for the members of EWBF. It will be held at the Hall on Monday, March 15th at 5:00 pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the plan and discuss possible changes for the future. You will be getting a postcard reminder in the mail. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

The bus trip to Des Moines is still a possibility. No date or time has been established. If you are interested in going, you must call the Hall to reserve a spot. Some of the officers have taken sign-up sheets to the jobsites so if you are working with an officer of the Local, ask them to sign you up.

The Apprenticeship Poker Party was held on Friday, January 29th. It was well organized and well attended. I would like to thank Jeramy Gorman for volunteering to run the party this year. I would also like to thank all of the other volunteers who helped out during the evening.

The Local 405 Pinning Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010. If you are receiving a service pin, you should have received notice of this event. Please be sure to RSVP to the Hall at (319) 396-8241 if you are planning on attending. This will make sure that your name is listed in the program.

The March General Meeting will be a Smoker.

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 E-Board Mtg 5:00 pm	11	12	13 Service Pin Banquet 6:00 pm
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15 EWBF Mtg 5:00 pm	16	17 General Mtg 6:00 pm *SMOKER* St. Patrick's Day	18 Retirees Social Club 11:30 am	19 St. Joseph's Day	20 First Day of Spring
21	22	23	24	25 Level 1 LLMCC Class 4-7:30 pm	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Delinquent Members

The following members are delinquent in their dues as of February 1, 2010: **Jeffery Bauer, Travis Bevans, Brent Busch, James Goldbeck, Matt Martens** and **John McGinness**.

Electrical Workers Benefit Fund

The following people are drawing EWBF: Sheila Tedrow, Don Gardner, Tim Vrchoticky and Rob Gardner.

EWBF will be \$25.00 through the March. **Second quarter EWBF will be \$15.00 per month or \$45.00 for the quarter.** Dues and EWBF must be written on separate checks or it will be returned to you.

There will be an EWBF meeting on Monday, March 15th at 5:00 pm at the Hall.

OSHA 30

We have scheduled OSHA 30 classes on April 1, 5, 8, 19, 22 and 26th at the Hall beginning at 5:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please call the Hall to sign-up.

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 Monthly Statements, HRA, Self-Pays,
 Eligibility, Pension & 401k or to
 initiate a disbursement

Karen @ ext 1218 for:
 Medical, Prescription and Vision

Linda @ ext 1216 for:
 Dental Claims or to Verify Benefits

Angie @ ext 1227 for:
 COBRA Coverage, Weekly Acci-
 dent & Sickness Benefits or to

The Assistant Business Manager...

Rich Good

Currently there are 50 on Book 1, 460 on Book 2, 1 on the Residential Book and 2 on the VDV Book. In the last month we have written 25 referrals. Calls have started to pick up and spring looks good for local hands and a few travelers.

The City of Cedar Rapids Building Department has proposed a new ordinance that would drastically affect our local. It is their intent to use the international codes so they can hire combination inspectors to save money in their department. This savings will come at a significant cost to our members and our contractors. Below is a list of some of the things in the ordinance you should be aware of.

1. The ordinance would eliminate the Electrical Board of Appeals, which we have members and contractors on and form a construction board full of engineers and architects. We would lose our voice in future building codes.
2. We would not only have to keep up with the NEC, we would now have to know the International Building Code, the International existing Building Code, the International Residential Code, the International Fire Code and the International Electrical Administrative Provisions to do work in Cedar Rapids. That would require another \$250.00 worth of books, not to mention changing the way our JATC teaches our members. The international codes are less stringent and are developed by building officials, not electricians and contractors.
3. The new ordinance would eliminate the homeowners test for electrical work which would create unsafe conditions for all of us in the future by allowing unqualified people to do electrical work in their own homes.
4. It would also change the current Apprenticeship ratio in Cedar Rapids from 1:1 to 1:3.
5. It would eliminate most of the more restrictive provisions of the Cedar Rapids ordinance that have been developed over time for safety and fiscal responsibility.

Those are just a few of the things that are bad about the proposed ordinance. If you would like to learn more about this, give me a call or send me an email at rgood@ibew405.org. I would be happy to send you all of the information I have. We are currently working to fight this and I am asking you to email the Building Department and tell them that you oppose this change.

St Patrick's Day Parade

Local 405 has entered the annual Sapadapaso Parade on March 17th. Come join the fun and walk with your union brothers and sisters. We will be marching with our banner, all wearing matching green IBEW shirts and the JATC truck will be in it as well. Our goal is to get 100 people to march and hand out candy, pencils and stickers. Staging is at 11:00 am and the parade starts at 1:00 pm. Please show up by 12:30 pm at the latest to join us. From the parade we can make our way to the Hall and help cook and prepare for the smoker meeting that night. Please call Erik Barnhill at (319) 431-0768 if you have any questions.

Retirees Social Club

The Retirees Social Club met on Thursday, February 18th at the 16th Avenue Grille in Cedar Rapids. With the sunshine and warm weather, they had 27 members in attendance. They will meet again on Thursday, March 18th at The Longbranch, 90 Twixt Town Road, NE in Cedar Rapids. If you would like to attend, please call Jim Ryan, Chairman, at (319) 396-7904.

March EWBF is \$25.00

JATC Training Center News

Mike Carson, Training Director

The following JW class is currently the only class with openings. All Journeyman Continuing Education classes are currently full.

2008 NEC Code Update Class—8 CEU's

If you still need this class for your State license renewal, this is the only class that will be conducted at the JATC; minimum enrollment of 10 students, maximum of 30 students. 2 Nights—Monday, March 8th & Tuesday, March 9th, 6-9:00 pm.

Check out our website at www.crejatc.org for future class listings. You will see that this new site will also allow you to register for a class online and also see the minimum enrollment required, the maximum enrollment allowed, as well as the number of participants currently enrolled.

Please take note of the JATC policy regarding non-attendance of JW classes:

**Any person that is registered for a training class and is a no-show without an advanced notice to the training center a minimum of 24 hours prior to the scheduled class will be assessed a charge of \$10.00 per hour of scheduled instruction.*

This policy is necessary in order to provide maximum opportunity for each class to have full enrollment, as most classes have individuals on a waiting list.

Members in Arrears

as of 2/2/10

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| 1. Eric Baily | 18. Timothy Halligan | 35. Trenton McKay |
| 2. Paul Beatty | 19. Lance Handel | 36. Darrell Miller |
| 3. Daniel Bedel | 20. Travis Harre | 37. Jerry Nagel |
| 4. Daniel Brady | 21. Richard Jenkins | 38. Todd Pabst |
| 5. Brennan Budak | 22. Nathan Johnson | 39. Brett Pechota |
| 6. Scott Clark | 23. William Jones | 40. Russell Phillips |
| 7. Philip Crawford | 24. Timothy Jones | 41. Justin Rundel |
| 8. D'Adre Davenport | 25. Shane Kelley | 42. Alan Rutan |
| 9. Steve Duke | 26. Todd Kelly | 43. Michael Sampson |
| 10. Brandon "BJ" Durgin | 27. Kirby Kesterson | 44. Seth Scott |
| 11. Nathan Farmer | 28. Daniel Kibler | 45. Trevor Sholes |
| 12. Mark Fehlberg | 29. Chris Lang | 46. Larry Simon |
| 13. Aaron Foster | 30. Martin Laursen | 47. Darrell Spencer |
| 14. Mark Gallagher | 31. Gregory Lien | 48. Mike Toyne |
| 15. Ryan Goodale | 32. Marty McAllister | 49. Terry Urban |
| 16. Daniel Hager | 33. Robyn McCauley | |
| 17. Robert Hall | 34. Ronald McFadden | |

Please post in a convenient location: This is contact information for your Representatives.

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Senator Tom Harkin <http://harkin.senate.gov/contact/contact.cfm>
Rep Dave Loebsack <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>
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