

# **IBEW Local 405**

**Cedar Rapids/Iowa City**

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## **News & Information**

**Bill Hanes, Business Manager**



It was decided at the August General Meeting to make the October meeting a Smoker and to move the start time to 7:00 pm. We are in the process of trying to have the Hall used as an early voting site on this day so the later start would be to accommodate for the voting process. If we are approved for the early voting, it would allow Linn County residents to vote at the Hall on that date.

We have been looking into an additional method of payment for dues. If you are interested in an automatic payment from your credit card or debit card, call Denise and let her know. We will set this up for anyone who is interested. At this time we will not direct debit checking accounts. As with PayPal there would be a nominal fee for direct debiting.

The OSHA 30 and the Pension self-direct classes are both scheduled for September. You can sign up for them by calling the Hall. In addition, we are still looking to put on a class for those who are nearing retirement. In the past we have had life style and financial advisors available at these classes as well as health care representatives to help explain the process and the availability of programs to retirees. If there are any other issues or topics that you would like to have addressed in this class, call the Hall and let us know. We will set the dates when we have enough members sign up.

The Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Building Trades have reached an agreement with the Board of Regents to use a Project Labor Agreement for an upcoming project in Coralville. It is the first such agreement in Regents history. There have been a lot of negative comments in the press and there was a lot of pressure put on the Regents and the negotiating teams. I would like to thank all parties for resisting outside influences and taking a major step forward in approving this agreement. We hope it is the first of many successful negotiations with the Regents.

Mike Olson has been appointed as the official Registrar of Local 405. Many of you will be hearing from him in the near future as he looks for volunteers. As you will see in this newsletter, this is a very simple election for Building Trades Unions. If Governor Culver stays in office we will continue to be successful with Project Labor Agreements. If Branstad returns to office there will be no PLA's on any state work for the next four years. If Governor Culver stays in office, we have a shot at prevailing wage (if a few Democrats remember why they call themselves Democrats). If Branstad returns to office, he will veto any Prevailing Wage Bill that gets to his desk. He has shown Labor, repeatedly, that he does not believe in our right to exist. So when Mike calls on you for your help, please set aside a day or a morning or even a few hours to help him in his effort to register members and to get out the vote for Local 405. I would like to thank Mike for the efforts he has already made and for all the effort he will put into this political season. He has taken on a tough job and we all owe it to him, and ourselves, to become active this fall.

# September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day (Hall Closed)	7	8	9 Retirees Movie Day 1:30 pm	10	11
12	13	14 E-Board Meeting 5:00 pm	15 General Meeting 6:00 pm	16 Retirees Social Club 11:30 am	17	18
19	20 401k Self-Direct Class 6:00-8:00 pm at the Hall	21	22	23 OSHA 30 Class 5:00 pm at the Hall First Day of Autumn	24	25
26	27 OSHA 30 Class 5:00 pm at the Hall	28	29	30 OSHA 30 Class 5:00 pm at the Hall		

## Delinquent Members

The following members are delinquent in their dues as of *August 1, 2010*: Jesse Bond, Todd Cattlett Jason Chambers, James Goldbeck, Trent Holub, Steve Isbell, Michael Lacina, Chris Lang, Robyn McCauley, Justin Rundell.

## Electrical Workers Benefit Fund

The following people are drawing EWBF: Walt Loukota and Dean Krieg. **Third quarter EWBF will be \$10.00 per month or \$30.00 for the quarter. Please make this a second check when paying with your dues.**

## Local 405 Family Picnic

The Local 405 Family Picnic was held on Saturday, July 24th. We would like to thank the many volunteers who helped set up for the picnic. Those who attended enjoyed hot dogs, smoked chicken, pop and beer. Kids had fun getting airbrushed tattoos from Rainbow Annie, climbing the rock climbing wall, and playing on the inflatable jumpers. There were a few sprinkles, but overall it was a great day for a picnic.

## ***The Assistant Business Manager...***

*Rich Good*

Currently, there are 98 on Book 1, 371 on Book 2, and the Residential and VDV Books are clear. In the last month, we have written 17 referrals. We currently have 3 Journeyman Travelers, 2 Residential Travelers and 3 traveling Apprentices working. We also have 3 Book 4's and 1 non-member working. It's that time again: time to get started thinking about politics. Every election you hear that this is the most important election of your life, and every year it's probably true. Even with all of the successes we have had over the last few election cycles, we have not quite gotten everything we hoped for, but we have made progress. For the first time in the history of our local, we have multiple Project Labor Agreement jobs going. None of them would have happened without the gains we have made in the political arena. As you can tell there is a lot of anti-incumbent sentiment with the state of the economy and our friends are in for a fight. We cannot turn our backs on them. Governor Culver signed the order that has given us the ability to negotiate the use of PLA's on government projects and he needs our help. Terry Branstad has already said that if he is elected Governor, he will repeal that order, and stop PLA's from happening. We cannot let that happen. If Organized Labor does not get involved with politics, we will lose all that we have gained. In the back of the newsletter, you will find voter registration cards as well as absentee ballot requests. If you are not registered, please do so, but most importantly, take the time to vote.

### **Retirees Social Club**

The Retirees Social Club met on Thursday, August 19th at Bushwood's Sports Bar and Grill on the southwest side of Cedar Rapids. They had 18 in attendance. They will be meeting again on Thursday, September 16th at The Safari Lounge located at 229 16th Avenue SW in Cedar Rapids. The Retirees Social Club is open to all IBEW Local 405 Retirees and their spouses or widows. If you'd like to attend, please temporarily contact Leta Wall at (319) 396-5850, feel free to leave a message if there is no answer.

The next movie day is scheduled for Thursday, September 9th at 1:30 pm. The next movie to be shown is *For Richer or Poorer* starring Tim Allen and Kirstie Alley. If you'd like to attend, please call the business office at (319) 396-8241 to sign-up. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair.

Invitations have been sent out for the 5th Annual Autumn Bus Trip. On Wednesday, October 6th, the Retirees will be going to Picket Fence Creamery in Woodward, Iowa then having lunch and enjoying a scenic train trip at the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad in Boone. Afterward, they will be stopping at a winery on the way back to Cedar Rapids. The cost of the trip is \$15.00 per person to be paid in advance to secure your reservation. Last day for reservations is September 3rd. Please call (319) 396-8241 to sign-up or to talk to Denise with any questions you may have. Make checks payable to: IBEW Local 405.

### ***Phone Numbers...***

**IBEW Local 405: (319) 396-8241**

**IBEW Local 405 Fax: (319) 396-3083**

**IBEW E-mail to Resign: [ibew405@ibew405.org](mailto:ibew405@ibew405.org)**

**IBEW Local 405 Iowa City: (319) 337-0499**

CR JATC: (319) 654-9238 \* CR JATC: [www.crejatc.org](http://www.crejatc.org)  
Wells Fargo: (319) 286-1832 \* Mercy EAP: (319) 398-6694

**Auxiant: (319) 398-3283**

**Vanessa @ ext. 1221** for: 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 Accident &  
Sickness Benefits or to report a Claim

## **Military News**

IBEW Local 405 now has eight Brothers that are actively serving in the military. Brothers Zarick Kuehl, Jessie Ries, Jon Formanek, Galen Lantermans and Adam Hopp were deployed to active duty on August 2, 2010. Brothers Tim Jenkins, Brad Dolley and Jeremy Sroka have been on active status previously. Please keep these soldiers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

## **New Member**

Gerald Hoefler was sworn into membership at the August General Meeting. Brother Hoefler is a 4<sup>th</sup> Period Apprentice working at ESCO Electric.

## **Retirements**

Congratulations to Brothers Steve Wermager, Jim Guthrie and Ron "Buzz" Olson. Steve Wermager retired August 1<sup>st</sup> and is a 39 year member of Local 405. Jim Guthrie retired August 1<sup>st</sup> as well and is a 27 year member of Local 405. Buzz Olson will retire on September 1<sup>st</sup> and is a 40 year member of Local 405. We wish all three long and healthy retirements!

## **Hawkeye Labor Council's Labor Day Picnic**

The Hawkeye Labor Council is putting on a Labor Day Picnic on Monday, September 6th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Hawkeye Downs, which is located at 4400 6th Street SW. There will be free food, pop, and beer. Food will be served from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Live music will be provided by The River Bottom Ramblers. Entertainment for kids will be provided as well. There will be door prizes and a raffle for a three door Amana Refrigerator. If you have questions, please contact Marissa Becker at (319) 396-8461.

## **JATC Training Center News**

Mike Carson, Training Director

Journeyman Classes will be held provided minimum enrollment is met.

**Visit [www.crejatc.org](http://www.crejatc.org) to register online for one of these classes.**

### **Generators-Installation and Connections 3 CEU's 25 seats available each class.**

This course will cover single & three phase generators as used in residential, commercial and industrial installations. 1 night, 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Tuesday, Sept. 14th or Tuesday, Sept. 21st.

### **Grounding Separately Derived Systems 2 CEU's (Code) 18 Seats**

This class will discuss the requirements in the NEC for grounding separately derived systems as provided in Section 250.30. When a separately derived system (such as a transformer or generator) are installed, several considerations and conditions must be met in order to ensure proper grounding and bonding has been achieved in the installation. Monday, September 20th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

### **Instrumentation Calibration & Troubleshooting 18 CEU's (Seating limited to 9)**

This course will broaden the students' awareness of instrumentation through guided hands-on experience and instructor lead lab exercises. This class will be excellent preparation for individuals planning on taking the EPRI Part B (hands-on) Examination. After completion of this course, the students will be able to:

- Properly install and mount electronic instrumentation in accordance with industry-accepted standards.
- Correctly install field wiring in accordance with the National Electrical Code and terminate on instrumentation devices.
- Test electronic instrumentation to verify proper operation and calibration tolerances using a variety of test instruments and meters.
- Correctly identify and correct calibration errors in electrical instrumentation devices to ensure proper field operation.
- List the requirements for the standard test equipment and meters.

Mondays & Thursdays, 6:00 to 9:00 pm, September 27th through October 14th.

### **Motor Circuit Calculations 6 CEU's (Code) 18 Seats**

This course will cover the proper sizing of separate overload protective devices, branch-circuit conductors, branch-circuit short-circuit and ground-fault protection, sizing of motor feeder conductors, and feeder overcurrent protection for motors; Article 430 of the NEC. Tuesday & Wednesday, October 5th and 6th, 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

### **Calculating Fault Currents 5 CEU's 18 Seats**

This course will introduce the following:

- Why short-circuit/ground-fault studies are necessary and often required.
- Understand what equipment needs to be taken into consideration.
- Procedures for calculating the available fault current.
- How to complete fault current calculations at a number of points in a sample of electrical distribution system.

Monday & Tuesday, October 18th & 19th, 6:00 to 8:30 pm.

### **Electrical Safe Work Practices 6 CEU's 18 Seats**

Course Outline: This course has been developed to provide workers in the electrical industry a better understanding of the hazards associated with working on or near energized electrical equipment and circuits and the manner and conditions under which such work may be performed. After completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Recognize the hazards of energized electrical work.
- Be aware of the trauma associated with electrical events.
- Understand how the design of electrical systems can help reduce or eliminate electrical hazards.
- Understand the elements of an arc flash hazard analysis.
- Determine the necessary PPE by calculation of incident energy or by using the Hazard Risk Category tables and notes found in NFPA 70E.

Monday & Thursday, October 25th & 28th, 6:00 to 9:00 pm

### **Transformers-Installation and Theory 8 CEU's 12 Seats**

This course will expose students to transformer construction, connections, sizing and theory. Single phase, three phase, buck-boost and banking connections will be performed. Class time will be split between the lab and classroom activities. Tuesday & Wednesday, September 7th & 8th, 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

### **Structured Cabling Terminations 4 CEU's 12 Seats**

This course will discuss the proper techniques used to install and terminate category rated cable. It will also address color-coding configurations. Class time will be split between the lab and classroom activities. Wednesday, September 22nd, 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

### **Motor Controls-Control Diagrams and Symbology 6 CEU's 12 Seats**

This course will cover motor control diagrams. Covered items include ladder diagram construction, symbols and functions of devices associated with motor control circuits. Covered wiring will include both two and three wire control. Class time will be split between the lab and classroom activities. Wednesday & Thursday, October 6th & 7th, 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

### **Motor Controls-Timers and Timing Circuits 3 CEU's 12 Seats**

This course will cover basic application and operation of timers. Covered items include the different types of timing functions as well as the symbols and wiring associated with timing circuits. Class time will be split between the lab and classroom activities. Thursday, October 21st, 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

### **Motor Controls-Interlocking Control Circuits 6 CEU's 12 Seats**

This course will expose participants to more advanced motor control circuits. Covered items will include the purpose of mechanical, pushbutton and electrical interlocks. Sequencing control circuits and forward/reversing control circuits. Class time will be split between the lab and classroom activities. Wednesday & Thursday, November 3rd & 4th, 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

### **Motor Starting Techniques and Applications 3 CEU's 18 Seats**

This course will address the various techniques used to reduce system impact of starting large AC motors. The operation of autotransformer starters, primary resistor starters, solid-state controllers, part winding starters and wye-delta starters will be addressed. Wednesday, November 10th, 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

### **Variable Frequency Drives-Programming and Control Applications 4 CEU's 12 Seats**

This course will address programming; control/power wiring and the theory related to variable frequency drives. Class time will be split between the lab and classroom activities. Wednesday, December 8th, 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

# Members in Arrears as of 8/2/10

Josh Abrams  
Stanley Ambrose  
Brad Anstoetter  
David Baker  
Michael Bamsey  
Cory Barta  
Steven Benish  
Doug Boone  
Andrew Boston  
Matthew Boyle  
Benjamin Britten  
Chris Caldwell  
Thomas Carver  
Zach Casey  
Scott Chapman  
Nicholas Cigrand  
Philip Crawford  
Chad Cronbaugh  
Leo DeBacker  
Michael Donohue  
Steve Duke  
Una Durbala  
Brandon Durgin  
Jerry Durgin  
Thomas Engelbart  
Aaron Foster  
Matthew Gahan  
Sandra Galer  
Mark Gallagher  
Donald Gardner  
Don Golembiewski  
Robert Hall  
Brennan Jacobsen  
Nate Johnston  
William Jones

Vladimir Kazberouk  
Daniel Kibler  
Loras Kremer  
Lucas Leaven  
Gregory Lien  
Trenton McKay  
Marty Mcdowell  
Lowell Meier  
Darrell Miller  
Gerald Mittan  
Michelle Myers  
Michael Negro  
James Negro  
Jebediah Novak  
Shane Palmer  
Paul Pata  
Russell Phillips  
Josh Plett  
Tim Quinn  
Ryan Roth  
Alan Rutan  
Clinton Salter  
James Sanders  
Seth Scott  
Thomas Skaar  
Darrell Spencer  
Eric Steffen  
Aron Sweet  
Paul Theisen  
Scott Tichy  
Brahm Timmons  
Mike Toyne  
Troy Weston  
Brian Wendling  
Anthony Zangerle

## Retraction

Don Walterhouse wasn't late for July, our apologies, his dues were incorrectly published for being late.

# WHO IS ON OUR SIDE?

## CHET CULVER...

### Supports Project Labor Agreements

- ✓ On February 3, 2010 Governor Chet Culver signed Executive Order 22 which requests all State Departments and Agencies to consider using Project Labor Agreements on large-scale constructions projects. (<http://www.governor.iowa.gov>)

## Terry Branstad...

### Vows To Undo Project Labor Agreements

- ✓ Terry Branstad told a crowd of supporters in Atlantic, Iowa that he would rescind Governor Chet Culver's executive order from earlier this year regarding Project Labor Agreements (PLAs). (*The Iowa Independent*, 07/13/2010)
- ✓ Terry Branstad told the Iowa Association of Business and Industry at their 2010 annual convention that organized labor's legislative agenda would be dead the moment he becomes governor. (*The Iowa Independent*, 07/13/2010)

**Support Candidates Who Support Working Families**

**VOTE**  
**November 2**

**CHET CULVER**  
**GOVERNOR, IOWA**

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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/>  
Rep Bruce Braley <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>  
Rep Leonard Boswell <http://boswell.house.gov/article/asp?id278>

Joe Bolkcom (D)	<a href="mailto:joe.bolkcom@legis.state.ia.us">joe.bolkcom@legis.state.ia.us</a>	Senate Dist 39- Johnson
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Todd Taylor (D)	<a href="mailto:todd.taylor@legis.state.ia.us">todd.taylor@legis.state.ia.us</a>	House Dist 34- Linn
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Renee Schulte (R)	<a href="mailto:renee.schulte@legis.state.ia.us">renee.schulte@legis.state.ia.us</a>	House Dist 37- Linn

***September EWBF is \$10.00***



1. Valid IA Driver's License or IA Non-Operator ID Number OR Last 4 Digits of SSN # \* Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

2. \* Name Last Name First Name Middle Name Suffix ( Sr., Jr., etc.)

\* Street Address (include apt., lot, etc., if applicable)

\* City State ZIP Daytime Phone, Cell Phone or Email

3.  I have moved. The above address represents my NEW address. Please change my voter record accordingly. Former Name (if applicable)

**Complete section #4 ONLY if the ballot is to be mailed to an address different than the address in section #2.**

4. Mailing Address (include apt., lot, etc., if applicable)

City State ZIP Country (other than USA)

5. \* Date of the Election OR Name of the Election for this Absentee Ballot Request

General  Primary  School  Democratic  Republican

City  Special

**NOTE:** If your voter registration record shows a political party different from the one you check above, your registration will be changed to the political party you check on this form.

6. \* X Signature of Voter Date

Official IOWA Voter Registration Form

1. You are required by law to provide your current and valid Iowa driver's license or Iowa non-operator ID number. If you do not have an Iowa driver's license/non-operator ID number, provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number. Valid IA Driver's License or IA Non-Operator ID Number Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

2.  Check this box only if you DO NOT have a current and valid Iowa driver's license/ID OR a Social Security Number. Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) Sex  Male  Female Daytime Phone (optional) E-mail (optional)

3. Name Last Name First Name Middle Name Suffix ( Sr., Jr., etc.) Street Address (include apt., lot, etc., if applicable) City State ZIP Iowa County Where You Live

A. If mail CANNOT be delivered to the address above, provide an alternate mailing address. Alternate Mailing Address (include P.O. Box if applicable) City State ZIP

B. If you DO NOT have a street address, because you use a rural route address or you are homeless, describe where you live. Description (include Township and Section Number if known)

4. Political Affiliation Parties:  Democratic  Republican  No Party Non-Party Political Organizations:  Green  Libertarian

NOTE: If you leave this section blank, your registration will be listed as "No Party".

5. **PREVIOUS REGISTRATION** (if you have ever been registered to vote before, complete this section.) Your Name Then Your Address Then City State ZIP County

6. Are you a citizen of the United States of America?  Yes  No Will you be 18 years of age on or before Election Day?  Yes  No

If you checked NO in response to either of these questions, DO NOT complete this form.

7. **READ and SIGN** I swear or affirm that:  I am the person named above.  I am at least 17 1/2 years old.  I am not currently judged by a court to be "incompetent to vote".  I do not claim the right to vote anywhere else.  I have not been convicted of a felony (or have received a restoration of rights).

**WARNING:** If you sign this form and you know it is not true, you can be convicted of perjury and fined up to \$7,500 and/or jailed for up to 5 years.

X Signature Date

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