

IBEW LOCAL 354

NEWSLETTER

September 2021



Business Manager Report:

Hello Brothers and Sisters, I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer season. As we come to the summer's end, we celebrate Labor's Holiday and honor both present and past members of the Labor movement. We should recognize both workers and employers who work for and pay fair wages and benefits. All workers benefit from organized labor's efforts to secure a living wage for the entire work force. As Union members, we should look for Union Labels on things that we purchase as much as possible, and demand fair working conditions and decent pay from vendors that we utilize in our daily lives away from work just as much as we demand these conditions on the job.

We are also excited to have our Labor Day Picnic this year at Lagoon on September 6th, 2021. We have acquired a few extra tickets for the event. Please call the Hall if you missed out the first time and would like to attend. There will be a lunch served from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the pavilions. The Hall and the Credit Union will also be giving out Local Labor Day Shirts on the first come first serve basis. Please plan to stop by the pavilion early to get the sizes you need. I look forward to seeing you there.

Many of you may have heard about the recent tragic passing of AFL-CIO President Richard Trumpka on August 5th, 2021. Richard dedicated most of his life to the entire Labor movement and will be dearly missed. President Trumpka led our Labor movement through some of the most difficult and anti-union political environments in modern History. As we mourn the passing of our Labor leader, we also look forward to our next leader of the AFL-CIO. Liz Shuler, an IBEW member has been elected to head the AFL-CIO. Liz is a tremendous leader of labor and has been involved in leadership for many years. Congratulations to Liz, I'm sure she will do a great job. Thanks to all the members that volunteered to help with the carpet tear out at the Hall in August. This project was a tremendous amount of work but was completed due to the great effort of our great membership. Local 57 is still pursuing a move in date of October 1st, 2021.

Work Outlook:

Our work outlook remains strong up and down the Wasatch Front. I have been meeting with Longyear who will be doing the large Solar Farm and Energy Storage Facility near Milford Utah. We are currently working out the scope of work for the Electrical Contractors and will then work out a PLA between us and Local 57 on jurisdictional boundaries for the upcoming work. Projections are that this work should start around midyear of 2022 and go through most of 2023.

Negotiations Update:

I am pleased to announce Labor's Negotiation team for the next Communication Contract. It will be comprised of myself, Assistant Business Manager - Concetta Defa, Communication Chairman - Brian Vermouth, and Vice President - Jared Brydson. Surveys have been sent out to the Communication membership regarding their upcoming contract negotiations. Please fill out the survey and return it to the Union Hall by September 22, 2021. It is very important to tell the negotiating team what you would like to see in your contract. This is done by sending back the surveys in a timely matter. We are also working on having another Bargaining Communication Committee (BCC) training for our upcoming Communication Negotiations. If you are interested in this Training, please call the hall to sign up.

Electrical Training Alliance Report:

Congratulations to Mike Lanoue on his appointment as the new Director of the JATC. Mike will become the Director effective September 7th, 2021. Carl will stay on for the short future to help with the transition. Thank you to everyone that applied for the position. I would also like to congratulate 26 new inside Apprentices into the program in the month of August.

Organizing Report:

The Local LMCC along with the National LMCC will continue offering recruitment and referral bonuses

- a. Initial Award- upon Membership of the non-union electrician, the referring IBEW member shall receive an initial award of \$500.00.
- b. Final Award- Upon completion of 450 hours by the recruited member shall receive \$2000 with \$500 going to the recruiter.

We will be doing another Industry Night on October 28th at the comfort Suites in North Ogden, Utah to recruit members into the IBEW. Also, we will be having our Fall Contractor Training with Matt from Pro Union Consulting the week of October 18th through the 22nd.

In Solidarity,



Steve Woodman
Business Manager IBEW Local 354

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- ✓ Tuesday September 7, 2021, Southern Unit Meeting 7:00pm @ Hampton Inn & Suites 851 W 1250 S Orem.
- ✓ Wednesday September 1, 2021, Salt Lake Unit Meeting 7:00pm @ IBEW Local 354 Meeting Hall.
- ✓ Thursday September 2, 2021, Northern Unit Meeting 7:00pm @ Motel 6 on 1500 W Riverdale. Rd. Ogden.
- ✓ Wednesday September 8, 2021, Communication Unit Meeting 6:00 pm @ IBEW Local 354 Meeting Hall.

THIS MONTH'S MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Eric Wiscombe, a 4th year Apprentice at IBEW Local 354!

His favorite part of working with the IBEW is the brothers and sisters. "Being away from our families as much as we are is extremely difficult and can make for long days, but working with great people who are happy and genuinely care about you and your well- being, makes it easier to deal with long hours away from our loved ones, physically demanding projects, and crazy inclement weather."

When Eric isn't working you can find him playing the role of dad to his children, and moonlighting as a stand-up comedian.



IBEW Local 354 Annual Flu Shot Clinic. Call the hall to reserve your Flu Shots!

Dates and Times:

Monday September 20th from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday October 5th from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Double doses will be available.



IBEW Local 354 will be celebrating Labor Day this year at Lagoon!

Monday September 6th All day

Call to reserve, tickets are limited. Members who have already reserved tickets can pick them up at the hall

Wednesday September 1st before the Salt Lake Unit Meeting.

Final Pick-up Thursday September 2nd from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

