



Watt's Up ?!!!!



IBEW Local 890's Newsletter



BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Members of Local 890:

Brothers and sisters finally the time has come the work Outlook and work opportunity in local 890 is exploding. The long-expected Alliant Power house project has finally kicked off. This is a great opportunity for work for our members and for many of our fellow brothers and sisters from around the country. Not only is the Alliant project started but there are many other large projects being bid along with many other small ones. One point I would like to emphasize that is proven from our past experience is that when we the Union are this busy the non-union electrical contractors are just as busy and this is when they will grow. It will be incumbent upon us and I mean all of us to stay engaged with all of the work not just the big jobs but all of it. We will do our due diligence to stay engaged with all of our contractors so that when the big jobs are completed we will still be relevant in the market. So in closing, as we move forward with this great work Outlook please continue to call us when you see or hear opportunities work-wise that could affect or impact us here in Local 890.

In solidarity and Brotherhood,
Leo "Pancho" Sokolik

LOCAL 890 OFFICERS

- Leo "Pancho" Sokolik, Business Manager/ Financial Secretary
- Jason Heidenreich, Referral Agent / Organizer
- Robert Walters, President
- Shawn Carlson, Treasurer
- Greg Phillips, Recording Secretary
- Adam Dolgner Exec. Board
- Paul Clausen, Exec. Board
- Mike Duda, Exec. Board
- Marty Kelly, Exec. Board
- Brad Meglic, Exec. Board
- Mike Dunn, Exec. Board
- Justin Hesselbacher, Exam Board
- Jason Heidenreich, Exam Board

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CODE OF EXCELLENCE for RIVERSIDE POWER PLANT PROJECT

Brothers and sisters of local 890 the Riverside power plant project will be the first project in local 890 that will be covered exclusively under the code of Excellence program. What this means is that all IBEW members must complete code of Excellence training to be eligible to work on this project. This class is offered here at local 890 on a very regular and on a as-needed basis. You can either call the hall or check the 890 website as to scheduling for this class. We have offered this class in the past and if you took it then you are eligible for referral to this project. If you have taken the code of Excellence training in another local you also are eligible for this project. If you have any questions regarding this project or this class please call the hall.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

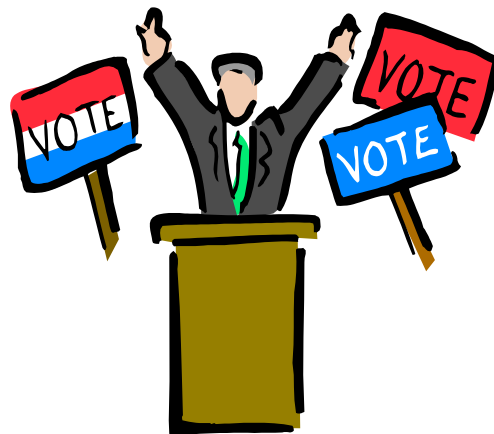
IBEW LOCAL UNION 890

The nominations for all officers of Local Union 890 will be held on **May 4th, 2017, beginning at 6 p.m.** at the local meeting hall located at 17 South River Street, Janesville, WI.

Anyone desiring to be nominated must be present during the nominations or provide a written and signed statement that they will accept the nomination. **NO member** may be a candidate for more than one office. Anyone nominated to more than one office must choose the office for which they will be a candidate.

Nominations will proceed in the order of offices as listed in the IBEW Constitution whose term of office shall be 3 years:

- President
- Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- Business Manager / Financial Secretary
- Executive Board (6 members)
- Examining Board (3 members)



In order to be nominated, a member must have a minimum of 2 years of continuous good standing in Local Union 890. Good standing means that the member is current in their payment of dues and has been for the 2 years preceding the nominations. (Apprentices cannot be nominated or elected to any office) (See IBEW Constitution Article XV, Section 14)

An election judge and tellers will be appointed at the close of nominations. None of these may be a candidate for any office. (Article III Sec 4 (a) Local 890 Bylaws)

The election of officers shall take place between the hours of **8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on June 1st, 2017** at the local union meeting hall located at 17 South River St. Janesville WI. The ballots will be counted immediately following the closing of the polls and the results shall be announced immediately after all ballots are counted. A complete listing of the results shall be posted on all union bulletin boards (or other appropriate place) by the close of business on the day following the election.

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In the event a run-off election is required, same shall be held on **June 22nd, 2017**. The same rules shall apply to the run-off election as were applicable to the regular election. Members who requested an absentee ballot for the regular election will automatically receive same for the run-off.

All officers shall be installed and begin their 3 year terms at the regular meeting of the local union on **July 6th, 2017**.

Candidates shall be entitled to an observer at the polling place, during the counting of the ballots and when the absentee ballots are picked up from the P.O. Box. (The candidate themselves may be the observer)

Any member who believes a protest of the election is warranted is urged to contact the election judge within a few days after the ballots are counted.

Further, protests of the election may be filed in writing with the International Vice President of the district within 30 days following the election.

The decision of the International Vice President shall conclude the processing of a protest within the IBEW.

In the event the protesting member is not satisfied with the decision of the International Vice President; the member may submit his/her protest to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Absentee ballots shall be available to any member upon written request to the election judge. Such requests will be accepted up to 5 days prior to the date of the election. Anyone receiving an absentee ballot will not be entitled to vote at the polls without first presenting the election judge with their unused ballot and the envelope used in the mailing. Absentee ballots received at the post office box **after 1:30 p.m. on June 1st 2017**, will not be counted.

To receive an **Absentee Ballot** please cut off the bottom of this page and fill out the form and return to:

IBEW Local 890 Election Judge
PO Box 8522, Janesville, WI 53547

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Local 890 Book Report

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WE NOW ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS!

Local 890 can now accept your credit card at the hall or over the phone to process payments for dues, night classes, and merchandise.

Code of Excellence Class Schedule

Date: Second Monday of each month

Time: 5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Location: Local 890 Classroom A

Sign-up: e-mail or call the hall local890@ibew890.org or 608-752-0321

There is no cost for this class. Additional classes will be added as needed.

Completion of the class is a requirement to work at the Riverside Power Plant jobsite.

“Unions have been the only powerful and effective voice working people have ever had in the history of this country” -Bruce Springsteen

CURRENT INSIDE SCALE

INSIDE AGREEMENT

6/1/2016 – 5/31/2017

Base Rate		\$32.45
H&W		\$ 9.59
Pension	25%	\$ 8.11
NEBF	3%	<u>\$ 0.97</u>

Total Package to Employee \$51.12

Effective June 1, 2017 \$1.15 per hour increase in total wage/fringe package

Benefits to IBEW Local Union 890 'A' Members

Life Insurance Policies:

- International Office
 - Accidental Death – \$12,500 (must provide documentation of cause)
 - Natural Causes – \$ 6,250
- WEEBF Insurance Benefit (must be active in the plan)
 - Member prior to 65 – \$10,000
 - Member 65 – 69 – \$6,250
 - Member over 70 – \$5,000
 - *Your dollar bank and flex account are benefits also and can be used in their entirety by surviving spouse or children*
- Local Death Benefit
 - \$5.00 per active member

Pension Benefits:

WEEBF (Annuity through Prudential)

- Benefit is total amount in the account

International Pension Benefit Fund (PBF)

- Benefit from paying dues
- \$4.50 per year of service (from your initiation date) per month
- Must have continuous good standing with the International

National Electric Benefit Fund (NEBF)

- 3% that appears on your check
- \$32.00 per service credit after vested
 - To become vested one must have 5 years of employment
 - 1,000 hrs per year counts towards vesting
- Service credits are based on 'good years'
 - 300 hours in covered employment constitutes a 'good year'

Please remember that many of these benefits are contingent on your dues being paid. I cannot express how important it is to keep your dues current; not only for the benefit of Local 890, but in your own best interest. This is especially true when working as a guest in another Local.



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Reminder...

Raise allocation and nominations of local officers will be done at the May monthly meeting. The meeting starts at 6:00 pm on May 4th. There will be a lot to cover, get there early!