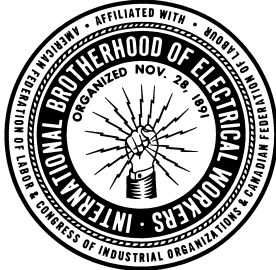




Watt's Up ?!!!!



IBEW Local 890's Newsletter



BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Members of Local 890:

After what has been an unusual slow start to what is anticipated to be an extremely busy year work wise, things are starting to move here at Local 890. We have projects currently signed and sealed that will require more manpower than what we have on the books here in Local 890. We are thinking that by mid August anyone who wants to work in the local should be employed and employed for quite a long time. This is good news and it also can be bad news, because not only are we busy here in the local, the Midwest in general and all of our surrounding locals that we rely on for needed Manpower will be busy also.

The one main concern that I hear from the contractors most is the need for foreman. Being a foreman comes with many added responsibilities and a different attitude on how the project is done. It takes a perspective on the whole job rather than specific tasks. While performing these tasks in bigger jobs when there are a lot of minds to determine how the work should be done, it really is different on smaller projects that don't require a lot of manpower. That is the area where leaders are needed the most. Big jobs will take care of themselves but where we as a union lose the most is the smaller projects. The competition is fierce and that's where our contractors struggle the most to secure work. If you have interest in being a foreman either talk to us here at the office or talk to your contractor and indicate your willingness to either learn how to be a foreman or possibly that you believe you possess the skills that are needed to be a foreman now.

With the work that we have and with the anticipated work outlook, leadership is the key to stay competitive and to hold and increase our market share and Local 890. It is times like this that when the union is busy the non-union sector is just as busy and grows faster than we do. It is our responsibility as union members in a state where union membership is continually under attack by the government, that we as union members need to step up and do our part to grow and to lead the electrical industry. While many of you and the public in general think and believe that the union office is the Union, it is really you the members that make up the Union and represent who and what we are. So if everyone does their part no matter how big or small, we as union members and our families have an incredibly bright foreseeable future.

Thank you and in Solidarity,
Your Business Manager,
Leo "Pancho" Sokolik

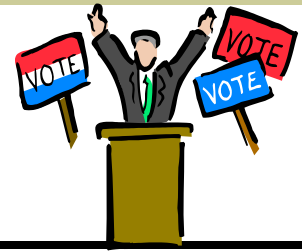
LOCAL 890 OFFICERS

- 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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IBEW Local Union 890 ELECTIONS – JUNE 1st



Elections, elections, elections, a word that you the members are probably just as tired of hearing as I am. Here we are again in the election process. The election that I am referring to is not a governmental or presidential election in any way, but an election for you the members to choose your union leadership for the next 3 years. At the May union meeting nominations were held and on **June 1, 2017** you will have the opportunity to vote for your choice for the following offices:

- | | |
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| President: | Bob Walters |
| Vice President: | |
| Recording Secretary: | Greg Phillips |
| Treasurer: | Shawn Carlson |
| Business Manager / Financial Secretary: | Dan Schneider Leo Sokolik |
| Executive Board (6 members): | Beau Bennett Paul Clausen Adam Dolgner Mike Duda Mike Dunn David Eppihimer Ben Franzen Brad Meglic Joe Partipilo |
| Examining Board (3 members): | Tim J. Adams Jeff Clutter Jason Heidenreich |

The election of officers shall take place between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on June 1, 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.

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 CLASSES

To all members of local 890:

Please keep in mind that the new Riverside Alliant Powerhouse project is a Code of Excellence job site. If you have a desire to work on this project you must have Code of Excellence training. We are conducting and holding Code of Excellence classes here at the hall on every second Monday of the month and we'll hold them on an as-needed basis. You can find information for sign-up for this class on the IBEW Local 890 website or by calling the office.

"If you have a positive attitude and constantly strive to give your best effort, eventually you will overcome your immediate problems and find you are ready for greater challenges".

-Pat Riley

ALLOCATED WAGE PACKAGE

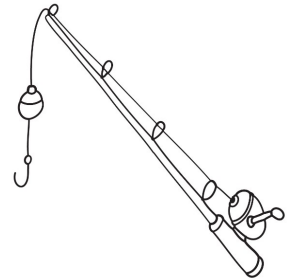
Effective June 1, 2017 \$1.15 per hour increase in total wage/fringe package

| <u>INSIDE AGREEMENT</u> | <u>CURRENT</u> | <u>INCREASE</u> | <u>6/1/2017- 5/31/2018</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Base Rate | \$32.45 | + \$.80 | \$33.25 |
| H&W | \$ 9.59 | + \$.12 | \$ 9.71 |
| Pension 25% | \$ 8.11 | + \$.20 | \$ 8.31 |
| <u>NEBF 3%</u> | <u>\$.97</u> | <u>+ \$.03</u> | <u>\$ 1.00</u> |
| Total = | \$51.12 | + \$1.15 | \$52.27 |
| Total Package to Employee = | | | \$52.27 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Take a Kid Fishing

We have some fun filled upcoming events scheduled for union members and their families. On Sunday, June 4th the Southern Wisconsin Building and Construction Trades Council will hold its first ever "Take a Kid Fishing Day". This event will be held in Beloit, Wisconsin from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Riverside Park Mid-lawn Shelter Pavilion on Riverside Drive. It is open to the first one hundred and fifty kids and each kid will receive a free fishing pole that is theirs to keep. Hopefully we will see you all there. There are flyers about this event at the union office.



Annual Snappers Game and Picnic

Also we will be holding our annual Snappers ball game and picnic for Local 890 members and their families at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2017 in Beloit, Wisconsin at Telfer Park. You can also find information regarding this event on the Local 890 website. This has been a yearly fun-filled event and hopefully we will see everybody there for a night of fun food and fireworks.

Ideas for Future Events

To all members of Local 890, the executive board and myself have been in conversation about things that we as a local could get together and do for our membership. Each year we have a very well attended Christmas party and we also get together in the summer for a minor league baseball game at Telfer Park which has been steadily increasing in attendance. So with the writing of this newsletter I would like to put it out on behalf of the executive board and myself to the members for some other things that would maybe be of interest to the members in general. Maybe we could get together and have a bus trip to Miller Park for a Brewer's game. We could maybe get to a game that involves the Cubs, to satisfy some of those fans like myself also. Maybe a summer picnic, a big summer picnic to involve all the families of Local 890. So in essence we are asking you the members to help us with some input, so please feel free to call the office with things that we might do as a group that would benefit all.

Announcements

- Next union meeting is Thursday, June 1, 20147 at 6:00 pm at the Hall.
- Death Benefit #136.
- Reminder, please notify Local 890 when you have any change in beneficiary, address, e-mail, or phone number. The Local office will assist members in notifying all the necessary parties. Member files need to be kept up to date so as not to affect any benefits.
- 2017 Monthly Dues— \$39.02 Quarterly Dues— \$117.06 Annually— \$468.24



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Reminder...

VOTE on Thursday, June 1, 2017

Between 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

at the Union Hall

17 S. River St., Janesville, WI
