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**Union Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 10th, 2016**  
**beginning at 6:00PM**



The Union meeting is open to ALL members and classifications. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate. At the conclusion of the business meeting, sandwiches and beverages are available. Mark your calendars now for the second Tuesday of every month. The more involved you are in your union, the better your union is.

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**May 10th Union Meeting**

As mentioned above, all members and classifications are encouraged to attend the Regular Union Meetings. However, the May 10th meeting has several agenda items of great importance that will be addressed.

In addition to the regular items of business, Business Manager Josh Sapp will give the latest update on the NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare and Pension Trust Funds, as he will have recently returned from the semi-annual meeting.

The current Inside Collective Bargaining Agreement had negotiated a \$1.20 base wage increase to be effective June 1, 2016. This will need to be allocated by the bargaining unit members. As per the standing resolution, the NECA-IBEW Pension contribution should be 15% of the journeyman base wage. Additionally, based on the report of the health & welfare, funds may need to be directed to cover an increase in the hourly contribution or they may be voluntarily directed to fund the HRA. Please plan to attend the meeting to participate in this discussion.

Most importantly, nominations for the officers of Local 146 will be held. Anyone wishing to run for office must first be nominated and accept the nomination that night either in person or by written correspondence in the event they are unable to attend the meeting. Everyone should have received an official notice a few weeks ago. No member may be a candidate for more than one office.

The election will be held, Tuesday, June 7th from noon to 8:00 p.m. in the Union Hall auditorium. Absentee ballots will be available. Nominations will be accepted for the following positions to be elected for a term of 3 years.

- President
- Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Financial Secretary/Business Manager/International Convention Delegate
- Treasurer
- Executive Board — minimum of 7 members
- At-large International Convention Delegate(s)



**2016 Holidays**

The Union Office, Training Center  
 and Credit Union Office will be  
 closed in observance of the  
 following holidays.

- 5/30 Memorial Day
- 7/4 Independence Day
- 9/5 Labor Day
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/25 Observed Veteran's Day
- 12/26 Observed Christmas Day

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Hello everyone. Although work remains slow in our local, I hope that everyone is able to find work in some of our sister locals until things pick up here. The work picture moving forward still looks promising as we head into late spring/early summer.

Exelon is still seeking changes in the way they are able to sell their power through the MISO auction and some legislative help will allow them to be more competitive and make Clinton Power Station profitable again. A decision from Exelon is expected this fall that will determine if the plant is going to close after 2017. The Building Trades are working very close with Exelon and the General Assembly to put forth legislation that will keep the plant open. Exelon has reported that they are not sure where Governor Rauner stands on the issue. I will keep you posted on any developments and may be reaching out to you in the future to have you contact your state representatives/senators.

The Cronus project continues to move forward and we are still hopeful for a start later this summer. We continue to be in contact with Cronus officials as well as representatives of KBR (General Contractor). KBR is currently in the process of selecting sub-contractors.

The State of Illinois continues to be without a budget and it is anybody's guess when there will be a resolution. Eastern Illinois University has been hit hard by the impasse and we continue to have several members laid off from there. All funding that does get approved has just served as a short term fix and it is unclear how long the university can operate without full funding, let alone put our people back to work.

I recently attended the IBEW Construction and Maintenance Conference and will be attending the Spring Health and Welfare and Pension Trust Fund meetings followed by the 6<sup>th</sup> District Progress meeting. I will give a full report on the Pension and H & W at the May Union Meeting.

As many of you already know, I have hired Ken Musick to come into the office as an Assistant Business Manager. Kenny will be taking over for Ron Cummings since Ron has announced his retirement effective at the end of May. I ask that you please support Kenny in his new endeavor. I have confidence that he will be up to the task and will be a good replacement for Ron.

In closing, I would like to thank Ron Cummings for all of his service to our Local. As I mentioned earlier, Ron is set to retire at the end of May. Ron has been a tireless assistant for me and for previous Business Manager Shad Etchason. He was a longtime member of the Executive Board and has served on countless committees over the years. Ron does a lot of work for the members that he doesn't get a lot of credit for, but I can tell you nobody works harder for the members than Ron. It has been great working with him over the years and I am really going to miss his experience, dedication, and friendship that I have enjoyed every day for the past 6 plus years. Congratulations Ron, you will be missed!

In Brotherhood,

**Josh Sapp**

Business Manager/Financial Secretary

**American Income Life**

It is that time again for the American Income Life mailing.

This mailing to our membership allows AIL to provide a \$4000 accidental death and dismemberment policy to all active and retired members free of charge.

The letter will be mailed by this office sometime in the next few weeks. The letter will indicate you need to return the enclosed post card in order to receive your policy. You DO NOT NEED to return the card to be covered. Only return the card if you are interested in any other AIL product. AIL employees belong to OPEIU L277.

**FOUND-KEY RING**



**The keys were found in the circle drive at the front door of the Union Hall. Call the Union Office to claim 217-877-4604**

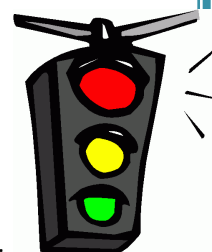
**DO NOT PATRONIZE**

Building Systems is or has been the general contractor on the following projects. Building Systems is not supportive of union electrical contractors.

**Ashley Furniture**—used an out-of-town non-union electrical contractor. This project included taxpayer supported tax incentives.

**Krekels West on Oakland Street**— Assistant Business Manager Ron Cummings spoke directly to the owner with no help.

New strip mall east side Route 51 in Forsyth which includes **Sport Clips and Penn Station Subs**.



## Work Report

As of this printing we have 125 on Book 1 and 67 on Book 2.

Manpower calls for the month of March were:

Long Calls — 4 with 2 to Laibe and 2 to CB & I

Apprentices—5 with 2 to Bodine, 1 to Anderson and 2 to Laibe

Short Calls — 1 to CB & I

Manpower calls for the month of April were:

Long Calls — 2 with 1 to Hart and 1 to Bodine

1 Foreman Call By Name to Bodine

Apprentices — 11; 6 to Bodine, 1 to Alltech, 2 to Pals and 2 to Anderson

CWs — 5 for 2 to Pals and 3 to Bodine

The Clinton Power Station outage will need 8 JW's with the outage starting May 16th and completing on May 26th.

Several projects have been bidding in the area which include:

Loves Truck Stop in Greenup

Aldi's in Charleston

Midtown Plaza in Taylorville

Truck Centers Inc. in Effingham

Dollar General in Shelbyville

O'Reilly Auto Parts Store in Mattoon

Where to find work:

At this time Local 347, Des Moines, IA is putting out Book 2. The following locals have been putting out Book 2 lately as well:

Joliet— 176

Louisville, KY— 369

Ft. Wayne, IN— 305

South Bend, In — 153

Evansville, IN — 16

Jonesboro, AR — 1516

Several of these locals need Good Guy letters when you sign their books.

The following locals are reporting work coming soon:

Rock Island — 145

Alton— 649

Lima, OH — 32

Peoria— 34

Toledo, OH— 8

I would like to take this moment to thank all of you for your support and patience with me over the years. It has been an honor to have been able to serve the Local and the membership. While I look forward to my retirement after 26 years in the trade, it will be all of you that I will miss. Friday, May 27th will be my last day in the office. However, I plan to still be around and you might just see me at a Retiree luncheon or union meeting.

In solidarity, *Ron Cummings*, Assistant Business Manager/Dispatcher

*Ken Musick*, Assistant Business Manager/Dispatcher

## Union Meeting Announcements - March and April

### Proposition for Membership:

March — None

April — Michael Creek, DIE

Zac Thrasher, BMS

Jacob Damery, Bendsen Signs

### Accidents/Illness/Births/Sympathies:

2/1 George Goble had surgery

2/17 Joe Marley's father passed away

2/18 John James had surgery

2/21 Alan Pressley family had a baby girl

2/27 Matt McClain family had a baby girl

2/28 Troy Day's father passed away

2/29 Kyle Park's mother passed away



3/3 Sam Richardson family had a baby

3/7 Shaun Whetsell hospitalized

3/28 Tim Gosnell's father passed away

3/30 Kaleb Swarts family had a baby girl

4/2 Steve Dittamore's mother passed away

4/8 Mark Maples had surgery

4/11 Rod Kaufman is off work with health matters



### Door Prize

March Randy Harrell

April Mitch Sexton

### 50/50

Josh Sapp

Lynn Richards

### Credit Union

\$60—no winner

\$80—no winner

The May Apprentice Credit Union drawing will be for \$100. You must be present to win!

Local 146 has a total membership of 625. 62 members attended the March meeting and 64 attended the April meeting.



# 16th Annual Golf Play Day

**IBEW Local #146 invites you to  
Lake Shore Golf Course  
1460 E 1000 North Rd  
Taylorville, IL**

**Saturday, June 11th, 2016**

This will be a 4 person scramble. Start time will be 8:00a.m. SHARP!!! So please be at the Club House by 7:15 a.m. for check-in. Proper course apparel is required. No metal spikes or sleeveless shirts are allowed on the course. This will be a day for fun and fellowship. Many prizes will be awarded.

Cost: \$25 per person or \$100 per four-some. Retirees participate for free.

Lunch and beverages will be provide.

Please sign me up for the 16th Annual IBEW Local #146 Golf Play Day.

Enclosed with this confirmation is my payment of \$25.00 per person.

*Please note which players are retirees and make your check payable to:*

IBEW Local #146 and mail to: 3390 N. Woodford St., Decatur, IL 62526

Player 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Player 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Player 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation is due no later than Friday, May 27th, 2016.

