



I. B.E.W.

LOCAL 529

“A DAY’S WORK A DAY’S PAY”



Newsletter 478

Fall/Winter 2014

Business Manager’s Report: Garnet G. Greer



Dear Members,

As you are aware, it was an election year here in our Local. I would like to take the time to congratulate former Business Manager Greg Gaudet on his retirement. Also a thank you goes out to the past E-Board officers. Returning for a three year term is President Kelly Shanofar, Al Swenson and Keith Thibault. Taking new positions on the E-Board include Monty Antifaev, Duane Peace and Cory Smart. Recent appointment to the Board is Kelly Light, Recording Secretary. Thank you for electing me as your Business Manager.

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The Executive Officers represent you, so please communicate with them on any issues or obstacles you may be facing. We have an E-Board that is dedicated to furthering the purposes for which the I.B.E.W. is instituted.

Only a handful of months have passed us by since the election, but changes have been plentiful. Our trial period for in house training has ended. However, on that note we are developing policies at the E-Board level to deliver efficient and effective training. Our gratitude goes out to Ernie Harrison, our trainer, for all of his hard work, expertise and vision. We are currently seeking input from members and our contractors on how to administer training and what the training needs are.

The organizing initiative has also been put on hold. Thanks to Paul Janetzki for the dedicated and passionate work he has contributed to our Local Union. We wish him the best in the future. Our Local will be working collaboratively with the International District Organizing Coordinator, Martin Duckworth, to get a strategic plan in place by early 2015.

There has been a change made to your Pension and Health & Welfare Board of Trustees. Duane Peace has filled the vacancy left by Greg Gaudet's retirement. Nester Shuya was replaced by Kelly Shanofor. Gus Gerecke, Ed Herman, and Garnet Greer make up the remainder of the Board. Any concerns about the Pension and Health & Welfare fund, please contact anyone of the above representatives.

Cecilia Bahsler has sought other employment. We welcome Erica Shalley to the role of Administrative Assistant.

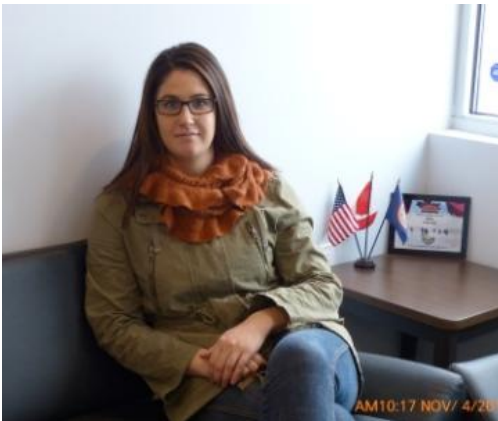
Work Situation: We had been very optimistic that the Queen Elizabeth Power Plant in Saskatoon would go union; unfortunately the work was awarded to a non-union company. Despite the unfortunate outcome, our employment levels have not changed significantly. We are basically fully employed thanks to other Locals, especially Regina Local 2038, the work up North in McClean Lake and McArthur River and a very robust commercial sector.

Some other important developments:

- In an effort to conclude our Collective Agreement, conciliation meetings will be in Regina November 18 and 19.
- The bylaw amendments have been approved by Washington. After receiving the documents October 29, some unexpected changes and errors were discovered. Ultimately the good news is the two unit system is gone and we are now ONE LOCAL. We still need to revise language in our Collective Agreement to tie in the changes.
- Year to date pension returns are meeting our targets. We are optimistic for decent returns again this year but we caution that we have money in the financial markets, and as we all know the markets can be unpredictable.

In closing, always feel free to contact me or stop by for a visit. This is your union, let's increase numbers at meetings and let your voice be heard.

Local 529 Office Staff



Executive Administrator: Des McCaffrey

- Office Manager
- Dispatch and employment opportunities
- Accounts payable/payroll/finance
- Order promotion items
- Register apprentices with Apprenticeship Commission

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Administrative Assistant: Erica Shalley

- Collect and apply all members monthly dues
- Record all remittances from employers
- Typing correspondence and filing
- Archiving/history preservation

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Training & Education



Recent Courses

As a Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission Training Partner, Prairie Arctic Trades Training Centre provided a two day rigging course at their Saskatoon location on October 29 and 30.

Pictured Above L-R: Breydin South, Lorin Jonasson, Casey Murray, Gord Mazzei.

Testimonial by Chad Keturakis: *"In regards to this week's training, I would like to say that the material covered was very relevant and easily related to our trade practices. The other great thing about training at the Carpenter's hall was getting hands on experience running their bridge crane as the operator, signalman, and rigger for some loads which we could see out in the field. All in all, it was a very worthwhile experience!!"*



Pictured Above: Chad Keturakis

Stay tuned for training updates from the hall. Please contact us for any training inquiries or requirements.

Meet your Executive Board



L-R: Cory Smart, Keith Thibault, Kelly Shanofar (President), Garnet Greer (Business Manager/Financial Secretary), Al Swenson, Monty Antifaev, Duane Peace.

Missing: Kelly Light recently appointed Recording Secretary.

Photo Booth



Jack Fish
25 lbs - 44 1/2 inches.
Caught by Jim Hanson
July 19, 2014
-Sturgeon Lake, SK-



North of Colombia Ice Field
Jasper Park –Eric Reid



Job at E.B. Campbell Hydro Station
Photo submitted by Ron Stadnek



Steve Beam & Girlfriend – Army & Navy
Air-force Veterans Club Halloween Bash

Community Involvement

Remembrance Day Service

Steve Beam will be laying a wreath to represent I.B.E.W. Local 529 in the Remembrance Day ceremony in Saskatoon.

Reminders from the Office Staff

Attention Apprentices: Form 6A and Union Dues

It is your responsibility to track your own trade time and to get your Form 6A completed when you are due for a pay rate change and/or when you are laid off. Please notify the office when you are attending school. Union dues must be paid when you are in school, as the Union will reimburse you upon successful completion of your course.



Membership Pins

Des has recently mailed out membership pins for five, ten and fifteen years of service. If you feel you have been missed please contact Des at the Hall.

Lay Off Notices

Please remember to contact the Hall when you have been laid off from your work site to ensure you are placed back on the books.

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Please make note of holiday hours.

- Closed November 11, 2014
- December 5, 2014: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.
 - Closed in the afternoon.
- December 24, 2014: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.
 - Closed in the afternoon.
- Closed December 25 & 26, 2014.
- December 31, 2014: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.
 - Closed in the afternoon.
- Closed January 1, 2015.

Let's Celebrate Our Retired Member



Jerry Shanofe
Don Slade
Kelly Shea
Patrick Crosland
William Soulier

Gordon Dempster
Grant Folden
Harley Moser
Robert Perkins



Des will soon be contacting the retirees to present their watch.

Season's Greetings

**You and your guest are invited to the
Annual Christmas Celebration sponsored by I.B.E.W. 529**

Friday December 19, 2014.

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

I.B.E.W. Local 529 Union Hall #10-3703 Kochar Avenue Saskatoon, SK

Toonie Bar & Supper

Appetizers, door prizes, music will be included

It is imperative that you RSVP by December 5, 2014 to Des at 306-384-0529 or des.ibew529@sasktel.net

Look for your invitation in the mail!



New Fall Merchandise

Local 529 is excited to announce the re-stock of Local branded clothing for members. New artwork of a vintage maple leaf will be displayed on 50 t-shirts and 50 sweaters. Hats and toques have also been ordered. Purchases can be made at the hall, cash or cheque only please.

Calendar of Events

November Meeting Dates

Executive Board: Sunday November 16, 2014 at 1:00 pm Board room #10-3703 Kochar Avenue Saskatoon

Local Meeting: Thursday November 20, 2014 at 7:30 pm #10-3703 Kochar Avenue Saskatoon

December Local Meeting Cancelled

Due to the recent changes in our bylaws the following localized information meetings will be held in 2015:

- February, June and November – Prince Albert
- April and September – Yorkton
- Monthly meetings in Saskatoon

Negotiations

November 18 and 19, 2014

New Stock Local Merchandise

Stay tuned...coming soon redesigned artwork featured on:

- Hats, toques, sweaters and t-shirts

Make sure our office has your current and correct contact information on file.

Please call **306-384-0529** or email ibewlocal529@sasktel.net regarding address changes.

Fraternally yours,

Garnet G. Greer

Business Manager/Financial Secretary

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