

# IBEW Local 405

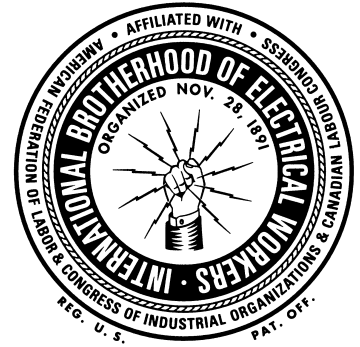
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## ***News & Information***

*Bill Hanes, Business Manager*



We were able to have our General Meeting in June. This was our first meeting since February and it certainly had a different look than normal. I would like to thank those who showed up for adhering to the social distancing that was set up and for wearing masks. This will probably be the norm for the next few months since it looks like the number of positive cases are on the rise in both Linn and Johnson counties. It was announced that RENEW will also be resuming their meetings starting with the first Thursday in July. I am currently looking for a location to have an Iowa City Unit Meeting in July. The parks are open, but the pavilions are on a first-come, first-served basis at this time, so we would not be able to guarantee a site. The Iowa City office is a limited space, but we could manage a meeting there with social distancing, depending on the number of attendees. I will post on our website and Facebook once a location has been determined.

Nominations have closed and once the Judge verifies all candidates eligibility and willingness to serve for the office to which they were nominated, ballots will be printed and sent out. You should receive your ballot by July 15th. If you have not received it by then, call the Hall and we will let the Judge know so that we can verify the address and if necessary he can mail a replacement ballot. Your ballot will come in an envelope that says "Election Materials Enclosed". Please take a few minutes and participate in the election of your Local 405 Officers.

In an effort to track the affect that the COVID-19 Virus has had on the Local and the IBEW as a whole, I am asking that if you have been diagnosed as a positive for COVID-19, please contact the Hall and let me know. I know there are a number of members who have had the symptoms, but were not able to be tested, but the tracking is only for those who were able to test.

The Iowa Legislature went back into session for two weeks following an extended shut-down due to COVID-19. The Republicans wasted no time in moving their anti-worker agenda. Their first order of business was to pass a bill that protects factories and employers from being held responsible if their employees are exposed to COVID-19. It makes it nearly impossible to hold them responsible for exposures and definitely does not incentivize them to take precautions to protect their employees. They followed this up with an attack on professional licenses in Iowa. The Iowa, IBEW Conference was able to join other groups and have the worst of this legislation removed, but what passed is an insult to anyone who has been through an apprenticeship. In the remaining days, along party-line votes, the Republican-controlled chambers made it harder for the County Auditors to send out Absentee Ballot Requests. This legislation was opposed by every County Auditor in Iowa, regardless of their political affiliation, but was passed anyway with only to R's in the Senate joining with all Democrats in opposing the bill. The legislature also failed to move forward on restoring voting rights to felons who have fulfilled their sentences. This was a stated priority of the Governor, but the Republicans did not address it.

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# July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 RENEW Meeting 6:30 pm	3 <b>(Holiday)</b>	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8 E-Board Meeting 5:00 pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 General Meeting 6:00 pm	16 Retirees Luncheon	17	18
19	20	21	22 Iowa City Unit Meeting 4:30 pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Delinquent Members

The following members are delinquent in their dues as of *June 23, 2020*:

**Noah Adams, George Baldonado, Jeramie Ellefson, Robert Golden, Douglas Grimsman, Brian Henning, Kevin Kipp, Robyn McCauley, Mitchell Mckusick, Nolan Roberts, David Ruhs, Justin Schowalter, Chase Stinger, Adam Turnis & Kirk Wilson.**

## Retirees Social Club

The IBEW Local 405 Retirees Social Club will be having their regularly scheduled luncheon in July. The Retirees Social Club always meets every third Thursday of the month for their monthly Retirees Luncheon, unless otherwise noted.

In July, they will be meeting at Union Station Sports Bar & Grill, located at 1724 16th Ave SW in Cedar Rapids.

## E-Newsletter

The Hall now offers the monthly newsletter in electronic format.

If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail instead of in the mail, please e-mail Nichole at the Hall at [nclark@ibew405.org](mailto:nclark@ibew405.org).

## JATC Training Center News

*Mike Carson-Training Director*

### **Congratulations to the class of 2020; Job well done!**

**Inside graduates:** Martin Barva, Trevor Bowen, Payden Bradley, Tim Cave, Caleb Cummings, Tristan Frederick, John Halvorson, Mitchell Hess, John Hoppe, Eric Kapayou, Hunter Mann, Brent Morris, William Murphy, Kyle Olson, Joe Stewart, Chase Stinger, David Thompson, Gunner Vaske, Matt Vest, Ben Vozenilek, Robert Watson, Zach Young

**VDV graduates:** Mason Gutzeit, Tyler Steinwand, Travis Sturms

Two (2) online Zoom classes for JW continuing education are available for registration on our website. Please visit [www.crejatc.org](http://www.crejatc.org) and be sure to review the specific criteria in order to participate in the online class. We are hoping to resume classes at the training center this Fall; TBD...

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Prescription Safety Glasses

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Group #: 56700 (Alliance Select)

Delta Dental of Iowa  
(800) 544-0718  
Group #: 92485

# Members in Arrears As of June 23, 2020

## **Acme Electric**

Marcus Beard  
Alexander Kurser  
Lowell Meier

## **Baker Electric**

Scott Clark

## **CI3**

Troy Davis

## **ESCO Electric**

Trevor Bowen  
Andrew Johnson

## **Gerard Electric**

Joseph Pecoraro  
Daniel Purkeypile  
James Reel  
Tom Schultz  
Darrell Spencer

## **Hawkeye Electric**

Chad Andersen  
Todd Catlett  
Jacob Durgin  
Cavin Kelly  
Shane Palmer  
Alan Rutan

## **Justice Electric**

Josh Abrams  
Richard Ainesworth  
Kyle Durgin  
Robby Spencer

## **J. W Koehler**

Martin Barva

## **Munson Electric**

Harlan Demean  
Karl Kirkpatrick

## **Nelson Electric**

Cole Kurtenbach  
Michael Negro  
Marcus Opfer  
Lawrence Routt  
Seth Scott  
Jeffery Steffensmeier  
Dan Tyne

## **Paulson Electric**

Matthew Biewen  
Brian Peyton

## **PEC**

Keith Kaiser

## **Premier Electric**

Eric Colsch  
Gerald Mittan

## **SE Electric**

Nathan Beyrle

## **Tri-City Electric**

Steve Barske  
Stephen Goodanew  
Justin McVay  
Todd Paulsen  
Aaron Vulich  
Matthew Walderbach

## **Out of Work**

Stephen Canty  
Chad Ehret  
Lance Handel  
Douglas LeMaster  
Darrell Miller  
Steven Morrow  
Beau Nelson  
Dana Pasker  
George Stewart  
Mark Tully  
Kevin Urquidez  
Kevin Wood

## **CPR/First Aid Classes**

Nichole is now able to teach CPR/First Aid Classes in a new format called "Blended Learning". The lecture portion of the classes are now done online and the hands on portion will be done on a one-on-one basis by appointment only. CDC guidelines on social distancing will be followed and CDC/American Red Cross Guidelines will be followed as far as increased sanitization of training equipment. If you are interested in taking a Blended Learning CPR/First Aid Class, call Nichole at (319) 396-8241, option 4, and she will get you set up in a class and set a time to do your hands on portion.

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It remains to be seen if the Governor will live up to her promise to issue an executive order and restore those rights. Overall the workers in Iowa would have been better off if the legislature had stayed home. We have elections coming in November and it is vital to take back at least one chamber to prevent these continued attacks from being passed. The campaigns and the get out the vote efforts will have a new look this year as well. Most of the contacts by the Iowa Fed and the Hawkeye Labor Council will be by mail or over the phone, since door-knocking could put people at risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. Please get involved in this election.

At the last General Meeting Steve Mammel was approved for his IBEW Pension. Two new Members were sworn-in, so be sure to congratulate Mickey Harris and Adam Hummell the next time you see them. Finally, we are sorry to report that Richard Ingles, 82-years old, 59-year Member of IBEW Local 405, passed away on June 12, 2020.

## **Safe Ways to Make the Most of Summer**

Memorial Day has come and gone and while most businesses are now open to some extent, summer is looking a bit different than it has in past years. With a lot of recreational activities cancelled and pools closed, it's important to find ways to stay active and entertained. Below are some ways you can enjoy summer, despite the changes that have resulted from COVID-19.

**Go Outside** - Research shows that exposure to nature can improve some mental health conditions or at least help with certain symptoms, such as stress, anxiety and even memory. Participating in an outdoor activity that involves interaction with nature such as gardening, taking care of your lawn or even filling a bird feeder is beneficial for people of all ages.

**Get Active** - It's no secret that physical activity helps improve your mood and reduce stress and anxiety. Being active does not mean you have to go for a 3-mile run; it can be as simple as walking around the block, playing in the sprinkler with the kids or even the dog, finding a fun yard game that you enjoy like bocce ball or cornhole, or going fishing or biking.

**Try Something New** - Now, more than ever, is a great time to try out a new hobby or skill. Perhaps you've wanted to expand your cooking or baking repertoire, learn how to sew or knit, make those fancy cappuccino concoctions you love to order but have never made yourself, start a couch to 5K or even learn a new language.

No matter what you choose to do, remember to be fully present in the moment. Set aside time for fun so you can put down your phone, silence your notifications and enjoy. If you would like more help with changes or transitions in this new normal, contact your EAP provider at (319) 398-6694.

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