IBEW LOCAL 301 February 2023 Newsletter



James Morphew Retires, Chris Donaldson new Business Manager!

Brother Morphew first joined the IBEW in 1978 as an apprentice in the JATC Program. First serving as Union President in 1989 then later becoming Business Manager in 2013. After 44 years with the IBEW Brother James decided to retire. He is enjoying his free time duck hunting and fishing. Thank you, James, for all the years you contributed to the local! Chris Donaldson won the election in July and stepped out of the Local's Organizing role and into Business Manager. He looks forward to increasing the membership and bringing in more local contractors to our Texarkana, Tyler, and Longview jurisdictions.

Organizer Position Open

Interviews will be held March 7th @ 301's Union Hall

An Organizer for the Local is responsible for frequenting the entire jurisdiction while organizing non-union Journeyman, helpers, apprentices, and contractors. You will be provided a vehicle and paid scale at 40 hours per week. You will work closely with the BA and the 7th District's Organizer. Some travel is required. Reporting and documentation are mostly done on a computer/laptop/cell phone.

Notice of Meeting at Tyler, Texas Union Hall

Business Manager, Chris Donaldson, will be at the hall on *Thursday, March 23rd a 6pm* to hold a local union meeting for this area. Please be in attendance to address any concerns.

TRAINING

Officers Training

Monday, March 20th @ 3pm

Steward Training

Tuesday, March 21st @ 3pm

Come by or call the hall to get signed up for either class. Officers are expected to attend Monday's Class.

LOCAL RETIREMENTS

Greater Texas IBEW-NECA Annuity Fund has obtained a new fund administrator. They are working to issue updated statements and launch a new website. Benefit Resources, Inc. can be reached at 713-643-9300.

Arkansas Chapter NECA-IBEW Retirement Plan and Trust

had a loss for the end of 2022. Please watch for your statements this summer and confirm your beneficiaries listed at the top of your statement. If you are married, your spouse is automatically deemed beneficiary unless the correct paperwork is signed.



UNION MEETINGS

Regular Meetings are held at 114 Elm Street, Nash, TX on the 4th Tuesday of every month. A *Meeting Incentive Committee* was formed in October 2022 to encourage more members to attend meetings.

They introduced swag that can only be obtained by attending union meetings. These do not have to be consecutive meetings.

1st meeting – hard hat sticker ◆ 3rd meeting – koozie 6th meeting – t-shirt



deathbenefit fund

Please remit your owed balance as soon as you can:

Darrel Oglesby | *December 13, 1942 – April 10, 2022*

Brother Darrel, of Foreman, Arkansas, joined the IBEW in 1967 and retired from Ash Grove.

James Paul Baker | May 26, 1939 – April 18, 2022

Brother Baker was born in Texarkana, Arkansas, and member for over 60 years.

Bobby Yancy | *October 18, 1934 – April 30, 2022*

Born in Chapel Hill, Texas, Bobby worked in the trade and was a member of the IBEW for over 69 years.

Willard Duffey | May 13, 1934 – June 23, 2022

As a Master Electrician, Willard worked all over the state of Texas through the IBEW and his 56 years membership.

John Hendrick | August 20, 1941 – July 2, 2022

Winning the 1966 Outstanding Apprentice Award in Tyler, Texas, John was a member for over 60 years.

Joe Hampton | *November 7, 1937 – July 26, 2022*

Veteran of the U.S. Navy and retiree of IP Paper Mill, Joe was a member of Local 301 for 58 years.

Alvin Lansdell | *May 17, 1949 – December 13, 2022*

Local to Texarkana, Al was a member of the IBEW for over 46 years.

Dennis Farles | August 3, 1951 – January 30, 2023

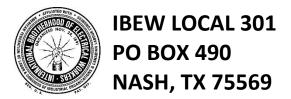
Born in Dallas, Texas, Dennis was formally a member of the IBEW 1151 and passed away in Webb City, MO.

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