



IBEW LOCAL 343 UNION NEWSLETTER 3RD QUARTER

Business Manager Report by Chad Katzung

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy. It has been a whirlwind lately with the COVID – 19, the slowdown in the economy and work picture. As the state starts to allow businesses to reopen, we are also working on plans to reopen the hall and by the time you receive this, it may already be open. I am committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all the local's employees as well as the membership. My goal is to minimize the transmission of COVID-19 but that will require the full cooperation of the membership to be successful. We will be setting up hand sanitizer stations as you enter the building and we ask that you use them before any interaction with the staff. We will be sanitizing everything daily and after any contact by members. We ask only one member in the lobby to practice social distancing. Facemasks will be at your discretion and will not be required.

I know a lot of you have seen changes on the job sites as well. A few of you are unhappy with

contractors now requiring you to wear a facemask on the job, and I understand, but the contractors are required to maintain a healthy work environment and if the contractor feels facemasks are required to maintain a healthy work environment then they are within their rights to ask you to wear it. Also, we are now seeing health screening questions being asked before entering a job site. Again, the contractor is within their rights to ask, but the survey questions must be reasonably related to the risk of spreading COVID-19. The Employer cannot ask if the employee or applicant has any specific medical condition that makes them more vulnerable to COVID-19 and cannot ask the employee to list their medical conditions. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding questionnaires or health screenings on the job or feel questions maybe crossing the lines.

I am also sorry to say that we have decided to cancel this year's summer picnic. The stipulations that are in



place by the state are making it almost impossible to hold the picnic and keep everyone safe. I am happy to say that we will not skip over the locations the banquet and picnic were to be held at this year. We have already made the reservations in Albert Lea for next year's awards banquet and will secure the same location in Winona for the picnic.

The new Inside and Western wage rates for 2020-2021 are attached. The new rates will take effect on July 1st. I want to thank the membership for your patience and understanding through all of this. We have all had to make a lot of changes in how we work and how we can conduct business.

Again, if you need anything or have questions do not hesitate to call. In solidarity

Chad Katzung

Chad Katzung
Business Manager



Owatonna / Mankato & Western Minnesota Areas by: Shane Meier

WORK PICTURE: OWATONNA/MANKATO/WESTERN MINNESOTA

The work is holding steady as of right now. The Costco Warehouse in Owatonna is going strong & will be hiring some more workers in the next couple of weeks. There are a lot of Solar Projects coming up and they are scattered throughout our area. We know not everyone likes the solar, but we need to keep as much of it Union as we can and fill the calls the best we can. There are still a couple of School Bond Referendums that will be coming out for bid later on this year, the ones that have already bid on the Western side have mostly gone Non-Union.

Mankato & Western Minnesota jobs are popping up for bid, but we are seeing a lot of electrical contractors on these bids that we have not seen in a long time. We will continue to aggressively go after this work and do the best we can to secure work for our members. On a positive note interest rates are at an all-time low & hopefully that will keep people building projects. As of writing this letter our State is in a special session & will hopefully pass a Bonding Bill that will be very helpful to the Construction Industry.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer even though we are in some trying times, we will get through this and come out stronger & wiser. If you have any questions about things going on or see a project that you have questions on, don't hesitate to give us a call.

In Solidarity
Shane Meier



Condolences:

Ret. Bro. Orval Marquardt, Jr. of North Mankato, MN, passed away April 6, 2020. Orval had been a member since May 1994

Bro. Michael W. Jochim of Prior Lake, MN, passed away April 9, 2020. Michael had been a member since April 6, 1990

*If you're thinking of retiring, or maybe you just have questions as you're in the planning stage, please give Bonnie a call to set up an **appointment** time. 507-282-7081 ext 112*

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Dates to Remember:

07/01/20: 3rd Quarter Union Dues Due
07/03/20: **Local 343 Offices CLOSED (Observing 4th of July)**
07/08/20: **Union Meeting/ New Member Swear-In, VFW Club, Owatonna, MN - *TENATIVE***
08/12/20: **Union Meeting/ New Member Swear-In, VFW Club, Owatonna, MN - *TENATIVE***
08/22/20: **Summer Picnic - CANCELLED**
09/07/20: **Local 343 Offices CLOSED (LABOR DAY)**
09/09/20: **Union Meeting/New Member Swear-In and Comet Training, Rochester Union Hall- *TENATIVE***
10/01/20: 4th Quarter Union Dues Due

Pensions:

Micheal I. Martinson – Lewiston, MN – Member since January 1998 – Pension 5/27/2020

Scott A. Shonkwiler – Rochester, MN – Member since December 1982 – Pension 5/29/2020

Edwin G. Kramer – Rochester, MN – Member since February 1986 – Pension 5/31/20

John M. Penkava – Winona, MN – Member since December 1982 – Pension 5/29/2020

James P. O'Donnell – Austin, MN – Member since December 1990 – Pension 6/2/2020

Compliance Officer Report



Prevailing Wage / Davis-Bacon

Prevailing wage laws require that construction workers be paid wages and benefits that are found to be “prevailing” for similar work in or near the area of the project that is to be completed. These laws were passed as a means of improving labor conditions across the states. The first prevailing wage law was passed in Kansas in 1891. Minnesota passed their law in 1973. Prevailing wage applies to construction projects that are financed in whole or part by state funds.

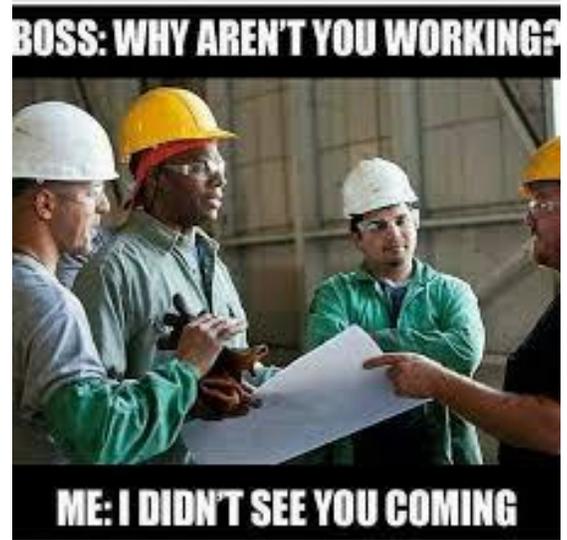
The Davis-Bacon Act is a federal “prevailing wage” law. It was passed in 1931 during the Great Depression to combat the use of out-of-state workers undercutting local wages. The act is named after its sponsors, James J. Davis, a senator from Pennsylvania, and Representative Robert L. Bacon from New York. This bill was prompted as workers from Alabama were brought to New York to complete a construction project. Concerns over worker conditions, displacement of local workers and the pressure to pay low wages are why Representative Bacon introduced the first bill in 1927. After numerous attempts to pass this into law, Senator Davis sponsored a bill which was passed on March 3, 1931. The Davis-Bacon Act covers projects that are federally funded.

Projects with either the prevailing wage or Davis Bacon Acts attached to them require contractors to complete Certified Payroll Reports (CPR’s). The reports document the classifications of the employee, the hours worked, rate of pay and deductions. These reports are subject to the open records law, which allow us access to them creating a great enforcement tool. We review the reports in depth to look for inconsistencies or inaccuracies. We currently have cases filed with the State of Minnesota regarding violations of this law. I also am reviewing payroll reports on two different contractors, both of which show violations, and also have a list of 42 jobs that have started or will be starting this summer that have prevailing wages attached to them.

If anyone has any questions or has any information for me regarding violations, please contact me at jimb@ibewlocal343.org or 507-951-8267.

In Solidarity,

Jim Backus



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## Organizing Department Report

by Justin Drescher

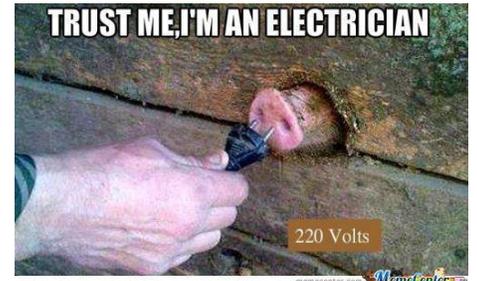
Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health and stability. It has been a strange and difficult Spring and early Summer for us all with Covid-19. Within these changing times it has been a game changer to adjust to new organizing aspects. With the social distancing in place it has made it difficult to meet or even try to engage in conversations with non-union employers and employees on jobsites or even in office or home. We have had to take it to the social networking, learn as we go, and then adjust as much as we can to make them work. I have been able to meet and/or speak with some employees and contractors through these methods. So, it has proven to work, and I have been able to accomplish positive outcomes and have good conversations. Also, I have been working with Jim on Prevailing Wage jobs and enforcement. There are quite a few PW jobs that started this spring and more to start this summer, so we have been keeping track of them as well.

The real organizing and advertising strength of a local comes from the membership. We know it is a lot to ask sometimes, but we need to stay active in our communities and continue to inform our friends and neighbors, as much as we can during this time, of what a Union is, and what it stands for. Without membership involvement, we will not continue to be a strong Union. To those of you who have taken the initiative to be a voice of this local, we thank you. To those of you who have not been involved, please find the time to do so.

In Solidarity

Justin Drescher



## Rochester Rep Report

by Steve Cardell

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that all are well and healthy among these crazy times with a pandemic. Nobody knows when this is going to go back to normal, but hopefully it is soon so that we can re-open the hall and have monthly meetings again.

Work has picked up some with the school projects getting underway and solar sites popping up. Mayo Clinic is still very slow, but hopefully will get going soon. I am starting to get phone calls from travelers looking to go to work as well. I can't say the work picture looks great, as some projects are being postponed. If you are looking to go to work and willing to make the drive to Iowa, they have many unfilled calls at this time. In saying that, I just want to remind you all that unemployment doesn't pay your benefits.... working does.

I will be spending time this summer hitting solar sites as there are a lot of them in our jurisdiction, so if you have any questions, give me a shout. I appreciate the calls when you know of project that we are not aware of.

I usually say a thing or two about politics, I think I will leave that alone at this time. However, it is your right to vote, use that right.

I missed the fun I usually have at the banquet every year and all the faces I haven't seen for a while. We'll see you all there next year!

Have a great summer, be safe, productive and remember our apprentices are our future. "Teach. Don't Preach" They are building your retirement accounts.

In Solidarity, Steve Cardell

Please remember to inform the Union Hall if you move or change phone numbers or email address. If you don't keep US up to date, it's hard for us to keep YOU up to date!

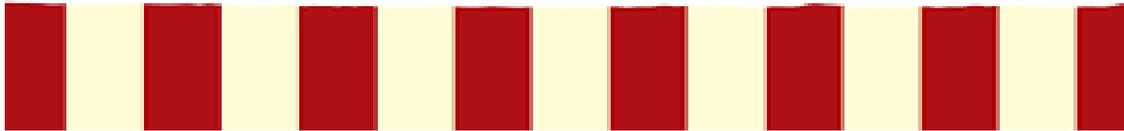
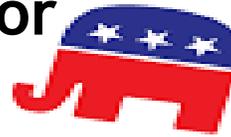
\*This goes for Retirees, too! \*





## Political Coordinator

by Justin Pruett



Here's a quick update on the work I've been doing as your political coordinator. COVID-19 has changed a lot of what I can do. I've missed going to meetings and talking with members in person. We've all had to adapt. For me, that has meant using zoom and talking to people on the phone more. But some things haven't changed. Over the last couple months, I've been looking into the coming election and who we should back. Determining which candidates most fully support our core issues and concerns. Issues like keeping "right to work" out of Minnesota, advocating for stronger prevailing wage jobs, ensuring government backed green energy projects use union labor, and the urgent concern of extending unemployment benefits. Other legislation we oppose includes a bill allowing 16 and 17 year old's to work on a job site, and a bill that would eliminate the state law mandating binding arbitration for terminated public employees and instead proposes a new process in which appeals would be overseen by an administrative law judge.

I've had the opportunity to talk to many of our elected officials and the candidates running against them. There are a lot of issues to be talked about, and I have been working with the AFL-CIO to come up with a list of people we will endorse for the coming 2020 election. We will not just rubber stamp the AFL-CIO candidate list, but instead will forge our own ideas based on what's best for our local. One person we have officially endorsed already is Dan Feehan running for US Senate in District One. This is a great opportunity for us to have our voice heard in DC, because Dan has made it clear that he supports unions and many of the issues that concern us.

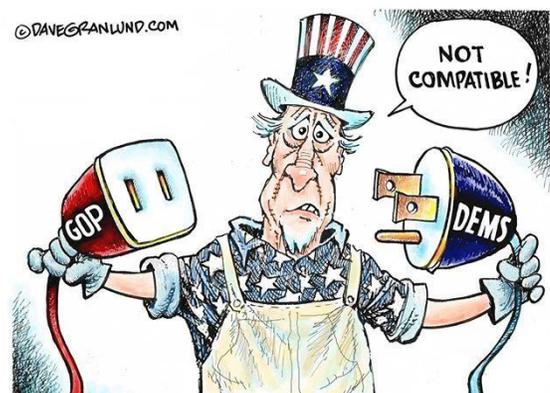
I have also been in contact with our international, and we acquired IBEW Joe Biden signs as well as helmet stickers. You can get both at the Rochester union hall at no cost to you. Signs cannot be put out until June 26<sup>th</sup>.

With only 21% of union members voting in district one we can do better. I have already applied for an absentee ballot for myself that allows voting by mail. It is a quick and easy way to know your vote will be counted regardless of any delays at the polls.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. 507.577.1109 (Wireless)

In Solidarity,

Justin Pruett



**Upcoming Work**

3rd Quarter - 2020

**Rochester area**

6th St. ramp Egan/ waiting for plans on upper stories  
 First Alliance bank/Premier  
 New Horizon Day Care - Hunt  
 Legacy 2 Planning  
 Valleyhigh Senior Apartments - Planning  
 Transit bus garage/Accord  
 Veteran's Memorial Museum - Planning  
 Heart of the City/Peace Plaza Redevelopment  
 Historic Chateau Theater Renovation/ Accord  
 Alatus 2nd St. Egan/ wrapping up  
 Franklin Heating Station upgrades/Parsons  
 Hyatt House hotel/Egan  
 Indigo hotel/ Hunt Electric  
 St. Mary's has released a lot of work  
 Ganda Building Expansion Planning August 2020  
 Wells Fargo Building Remodel/Hunt  
 Townplace Suites/Accord  
 324 Apartments/Accord  
 1102 project (old Virgils) Accord/ Stay  
 Bridge Suites  
 Discovery 2 planning

**Austin**

Austin Community center/Hunt wrapping up  
 Well House improvements  
 Hormel still busy/Egan  
 Mayo Birthing Center  
 Airport upgrades  
 Cobblestone hotel A&A 9(non-IBEW)  
 Austin Utilities City Hall-Remodel - Planning  
 Riverland College

**Albert Lea**

Freeborn Wind Energy Project - Planning 200 Megawatt farm. July 2020  
 Twin Lake pump station  
 Mayo Hospital/Albert Lea Electric/Hunt Electric  
 Fire Station/ Fox Electric  
 Halverson School/Thompson electric  
 Riverland College/ Laketown (non-IBEW)

**Red Wing**

3M expansion/on hold  
 Hearth & home Lake City on hold  
 Prairie Island Nuclear fall outage  
 National Eagle center expansion Wabasha  
 Funding getting closer  
 Goodhue school/Schammel Electric

**Winona Area**

YMCA starting/Key  
 LaCrescent/ Hokah schools bidding  
 LaCrescent community center  
 East 3rd street apts  
 Fastenal/ P&T Electric  
 Apartment by Fleet farm - Key  
 Houston WWTF  
 WSU projects on going  
 GHS wrapping up/NEI Electric

**Waseca**

Hospital Work- BLK Electric  
 Birds Eye Plant- Cole's Electric  
 County Building - LakeTown/Javens Electric  
 NRHEG School - LakeTown Electric

**Owatonna**

Viracon Projects- Nietz Electric  
 CDI- Muska Electric  
 Mohs Apartments - Four Season's Electric  
 Costco Distribution Warehouse - Muska Electric  
 Minimizer Building - Waiting to hear on  
 Revol Project - Cole's Electric  
 Daikin Project - Cedar Lake/Cole's Electric  
 Owatonna High School - bidding soon

**Mankato**

Street/Highway Projects - River City Electric/MN Signal  
 Hospital Projects - Master & BLK Electric  
 MSU Small Projects- Master/BLK  
 MSU Dome Project - Hunt Electric  
 Snell PowerSports - BLK Electric  
 Brennan 7 Story Project - BLK Electric  
 Hospital Bed Towers - Project on hold  
 Madison East Mall - Muska Electric  
 Middle School Service Upgrades - LakeTown Electric (Non-Union)  
 Bank Project - Guaranteed Electric (Non-Union)  
 Mapleton School - Bidding Soon  
 Pathstone Assisted Living - BLK Electric

**St. Peter/Le Sueur**

State Hospital Project- Master  
 Cambria -Waiting on  
 Gustavous College Clinical Science Building- Egan Companies  
 River's Edge Hospital- BLK Electric  
 State Hospital Kitchen Remodel - Kirtland Electric IBEW  
 Hy-Vee Store - LakeTown Electric (Non-Union)

**New Ulm**

3m - Hunt Electric  
 School Remodel- Master Electric  
 Martin Luther College Project - Paul's Electric  
 Windings Project - Paul's Electric  
 Kraft Projects - Parsons Electric  
 School Lighting Upgrade - Waiting to hear on

**Fairmont**

Ethanol Plant Work - Dewar Electric  
 Lighting Retrofit Project Schools-Dewar Electric  
 School Project- Dewar Electric  
 Cenex Harvest States Project - Parsons Electric  
 3M Work - Dewar  
 Assisted Living - Waiting to hear on

**Marshall**

Wind Turbine Projects - Muth Electric (Non-Union)

**Renville/Olivia**

Solar Projects being talked about  
 Redwood Falls Hospital - Hunt Electric

**Windom**

Hospital Expansion-Electric Supply Company (Union)  
 School Project - Paul's Electric  
 Tyler School Project - Waiting to hear on

## JUNE 2020 SCMJATC NEWSLETTER

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our newest graduates that have completed their Electrical Apprenticeship: **KYLE MOORE, OWEN SANNES, CARRIE BRANDSOY, ROYCE HAGEN, JOE KEIHNE, MARSHALL WILLIAMS, JOE AUL, BRETT KRUSE, JOHN MASTREY, PAUL SPEVACEK, RYAN UMHOEFER**

### NEC CLASSES 2020 CODE

**IBEW LOCAL 343 MEMBERS—NO COST, other IBEW UNION MEMBERS--\$25 UNION MEMBERS OTHER THAN WITH THE IBEW--\$50, NON-UNION MEMBERS--\$200.00 FOR A 16 HOUR CLASS, 2020 Code Books are available for \$85 (softcover) \$95 (spiralbound).**

**SATURDAY is an 8 HOUR CLASS good for ceu's in MN-WI-ND (8 Code), IOWA-(9 Code) 9 hr class**

**SUNDAY is an 8 HOUR CLASS good for ceu's in MN-WI-ND (8 Code), IOWA-(9 Code) 9 hr class**

**No partial credit of classes is granted, you must attend the entire approved class to receive credit.**

#### THESE CLASSES RUN 8AM TO 5PM

**90 DAY EXTENSION: From the DOLI: Anyone whose license expires in MARCH, APRIL, MAY or JUNE 2020 still have to renew on time. However, if you do not have your CE credits, renew anyway as you will have 90 days to get your CE credits in.**

**ONLINE CLASSES: If your License Expires in APRIL, MAY, JUNE or JULY you can take an online class and get reimbursed for it by submitting the cost and completion certificate to the JATC. 3 Approved courses are:**

**1: Tradesmance.com, 2: Pacedph.com 3: Jadelearning.com, These are available 24/7**

**Code Classes may be limited in size until further notice. First come first serve. If you do not call 507-529-7721 to reserve a spot you CANNOT JUST SHOW UP and think you will receive credit.**

**Classes will be on the 2020 NEC CHANGES**

|                   |               |                                                         |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>WINONA</b>     | <b>WHEN:</b>  | <b>JULY 25-26, 2020, -Instructor-- CARI HELBERG</b>     |
|                   | <b>WHERE:</b> | <b>RIVER PORT INN, 500 Bruski Drive</b>                 |
| <b>OWATONNA</b>   | <b>WHEN:</b>  | <b>AUGUST 15-16, 2020, -Instructor—CARI HELBERG</b>     |
|                   | <b>WHERE:</b> | <b>HY VEE, Owatonna</b>                                 |
| <b>ROCHESTER</b>  | <b>WHEN:</b>  | <b>SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2020, Instructor, --DAVE HYRKAS</b> |
|                   | <b>WHERE:</b> | <b>IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL 9-80<sup>TH</sup> ST SE</b>      |
| <b>ALBERT LEA</b> | <b>WHEN:</b>  | <b>OCTOBER 3-4, 2020, -Instructor SCOTT HIGGINS</b>     |
|                   | <b>WHERE:</b> | <b>ALBERT LEA UNION CENTER, 1407 Hwy 13 North</b>       |
| <b>RED WING</b>   | <b>WHEN:</b>  | <b>NOVEMBER 14-15, 2020, -Instructor-- CARI HELBERG</b> |
|                   | <b>WHERE:</b> | <b>RED WING IGNITE 419 Bush Street</b>                  |
| <b>MANKATO</b>    | <b>WHEN:</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 12-13, 2020-Instructor-- CARI HELBERG</b>   |
|                   | <b>WHERE:</b> | <b>IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL, 816 South Bend Ave</b>          |

#### CODE-ONLINE NEC-- 4 NIGHT CLASSES 5PM TO 9PM

**WHEN: JUNE 1-3-8-10, 2020, MON, WED, instructor, CARI HELBERG**

**To sign up for this instructor led online class you need to email me your license number and last 4# of your social security number and you will get an invite to the online class. You need a computer that has audio and visual**

**APPRENTICE APPLICATIONS:** Applications can be completed at the JATC office in Rochester or printed off from; [www.SCMNJATC.ORG](http://www.SCMNJATC.ORG), or [www.IBEWLOCAL343.ORG](http://www.IBEWLOCAL343.ORG) CALL to register 507-529-7721 for classes

## South Central JATC Training Director Andy Toft Announces Retirement

The South Central Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) announced on June 15<sup>th</sup> that Training Director Andy Toft is retiring from his position as Training Director. Mr. Toft served as Training Director for the JATC since 1992. During his 28 years at the JATC, he oversaw the training of over 1,000 electrical apprentices from across Southern Minnesota.

We extend our warmest regards and best wishes to Andy in all of his future endeavors, and we thank him immensely for all he has done and brought to the training program over the years. Well done, Andy. Well done!



First of all, I would like to THANK all of the people for making my career interesting and rewarding. I was indentured into the Apprenticeship Program June of 1979 after a year of college and 2 years of trade school. The first day on my first job I was handed a jackhammer to open up the road on a traffic light project. What had I gotten myself into, I thought. 4 years and 4 different contractors later I had seen and done a lot. Became a Journeyman Electrician in 1984 and a Master in 1985. In 1984 I was appointed to the JATC committee and was involved with the process of hiring a Training Director. I began teaching night school in 1990 and taught for 10 years. In 1992 I was hired part time as our 2<sup>nd</sup> Training Director. In the summers I would take calls off the book and work for contractors. In 2000 I was hired as a full time Training Director.

We have seen nice growth in our program over the years. When I started our jurisdiction covered 39 counties and we had night school in St Cloud, Hutchinson, Mankato, Albert Lea and Rochester. I worked with a lot of good and dedicated instructors through the years. About 975 inside apprentices have been indentured and 175 Residential Trainees during my time. We have turned out some great electricians and leaders to carry on our industry. We now run a day school program in Mankato and Rochester in our own training centers. This is so much better not having to rent classroom space and now have our own labs to work in.

In 1999 I was appointed to the MN State Board of Electricity by Gov. Jesse Ventura, followed by 2 appointments from Tim Pawlenty and 1 from Mark Dayton. I think the most impactful decision we made along with protecting the credibility of our Electrical Licensing was the classification of Solar Photovoltaic Panels as electrical equipment. That requires a licensed electrician to install. With the changing technology of grounding panels which now include the racking as part of the grounding system, this substantially increased work for our electricians by tens to hundreds of thousands of manhours. I was also privileged to pass on my board chair position to the first female board chair.

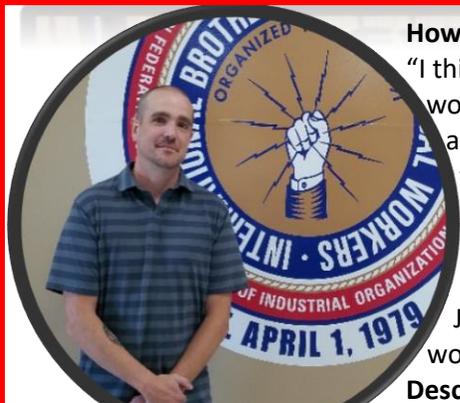
In the words of Paul Wellstone "If we don't fight hard enough for the things we stand for, at some point we have to recognize that we don't really stand for them". I believe in the union and the apprenticeship. If all of our membership that says they stand for the union would support the union in actions and deeds, what a difference we would see.

Thank you and Fraternally

Andy Toft



# I.B.E.W. - N.E.C.A. ELECTRICAL TRAINING



**Introducing  
Michael Bambrick, Jr  
Training Director**

**How do you balance your career with your family?**

“I think the biggest thing is to find time to focus on the family side of life without worrying about work. For me that has become a mix of coaching youth sports and participating in outdoor activities with the family. When it’s time for the family, you have to concentrate on the family. Work will always be waiting for you when you’re ready.”

**How has the SCMNJATC helped you in your career development?**

“I owe a lot to our local JATC program. Between coming up through the program and getting my JW license, becoming an Instructor with the local, and now Training Director, the JATC has helped me achieve my goals every step of the way. I really don’t know where I would be at this point in my life without the providing me with the resources they have.”

**Describe what you were like at age 10.**

“When I was 10, I enjoyed playing sports and being outside. I believe my career aspirations at 10 consisted of being a pro football player that also owned a pet store or a veterinary clinic.”

**Tell us something about your family that might surprise us.**

“I come from a family of electricians and teachers. I can count a number of family members that are also members or retirees of 343 and just as many people in the education field.”

**Tell us a little about yourself and your family:**

“Graduated from apprentice program in 2018. I am married and have two kids.”

**What advice would you give to new apprentices?**

“Understand the opportunity that has been presented to you. Work hard, stay focused, and earn the privilege. Strive to stay employable.”

**What does true leadership mean to you?**

“Not only guiding pupils towards a particular goal, but providing the tools and the structure that will allow them to think for themselves once that guidance is gone”

**What do you like most about your job?**

“Passing knowledge along”

**Are you messy or organized?**

“Organized”

**Motto or personal mantra?**

“If it needs doing, get it done.”

**You’re happiest when?**

“I’m happiest when I’m tinkering, or watching my kiddos learn”



**Introducing Dustyn Marks  
SCMNJATC Instructor – Rochester**

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**John Powrie would like to thank 343, Graybar Electric, Foster Electric, and Border States Electric for the donations for the Sparky Fishing Opener this year – the weather was perfect, and it was a great turnout!**



Kelly Powrie - Catfish  
~~Mitch Jerowski~~  
Mitch Jerowski - Walleye  
Larry Liffrig - Pan Fish  
Johnny Saterdulen - Northern Bass  
All The Winners





# IBEW Local Union 343

## UNION DUES - 2020

CLIP & SAVE

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- **Union Dues DUE DATES:**

Union Dues are due the 1<sup>st</sup> of each (beginning quarter) month:

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter = January 1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter = April 1<sup>st</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter = July 1<sup>st</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter = October 1<sup>st</sup>

- **Union Dues AMOUNTS:**

Beginning first quarter of 2020 (January 2020), the International Increase is as follows:

|              |                           |        |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------|
| “A” Members: | Per quarter (3 months)    | 123.00 |
|              | Semi-Annually (6 months): | 246.00 |
|              | Yearly (12 months):       | 492.00 |

|               |                           |        |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------|
| “BA” Members: | Per quarter (3 months)    | 66.00  |
|               | Semi-Annually (6 months): | 132.00 |
|               | Yearly (12 months):       | 264.00 |

- **Processing Fees:**

Dues are to be paid (at least) Quarterly in advance. If your dues are not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the designated month, there is a \$20.00 Processing Fee added to your account (monthly) until your Dues are paid.

- **I.O. Reinstatement Fees:**

If your dues are still in arrears after three (3) months, there is an I.O. Reinstatement Fee added to your account:

\$30.00 for “A” Members

\$3.00 for “BA” Members

Local Union Processing Fees added to your account as well

- **Insufficient Funds Charge: Per the Executive Board Policy (revised 10-17-11)**

Each member writing a check with insufficient funds to Local 343 shall be charged **\$30.00 fee**. After writing a check with insufficient funds to Local 343 all future payments, for a one year period, shall be made by cash, money order or credit.

- **Methods of PAYMENT:**

1) Cash – In person only

2) Check (**Be sure to include Member’s full name**)

3) Money Order (**Be sure to include Member’s full name**)

4) Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card–In Person, or On-Line (NO Telephone payments!)

5) Automatic Dues Withdraw from your Vacation/Holiday check:

“A” members have the option of having their Dues Automatically withdrawn from their Vacation/Holiday checks! Electrus Federal Credit Union will automatically withdraw Union Dues payments (Semi-annual amounts only) and send them to IBEW Local 343 for processing.

\*Call the Hall (Colleen) for complete details and a form.

6) Drop Box (not Pick up Box!)– Located next to Front Door at Union Hall (Rochester only)

## Welcome New Members!

5/27/2020 – Wenzel Koula



5/29/2020 – David Gerber



Due to meetings being cancelled (because of corona virus) lots of improvising had to be made. In May, we welcomed 2 new JIWs to our membership – They were sworn in at the Rochester Hall by Steve Cardell and Justin Drescher.

Please help us welcome:

Wenzel Koula became an official member on May 27, 2020

David Gerber became an official member on May 29, 2020

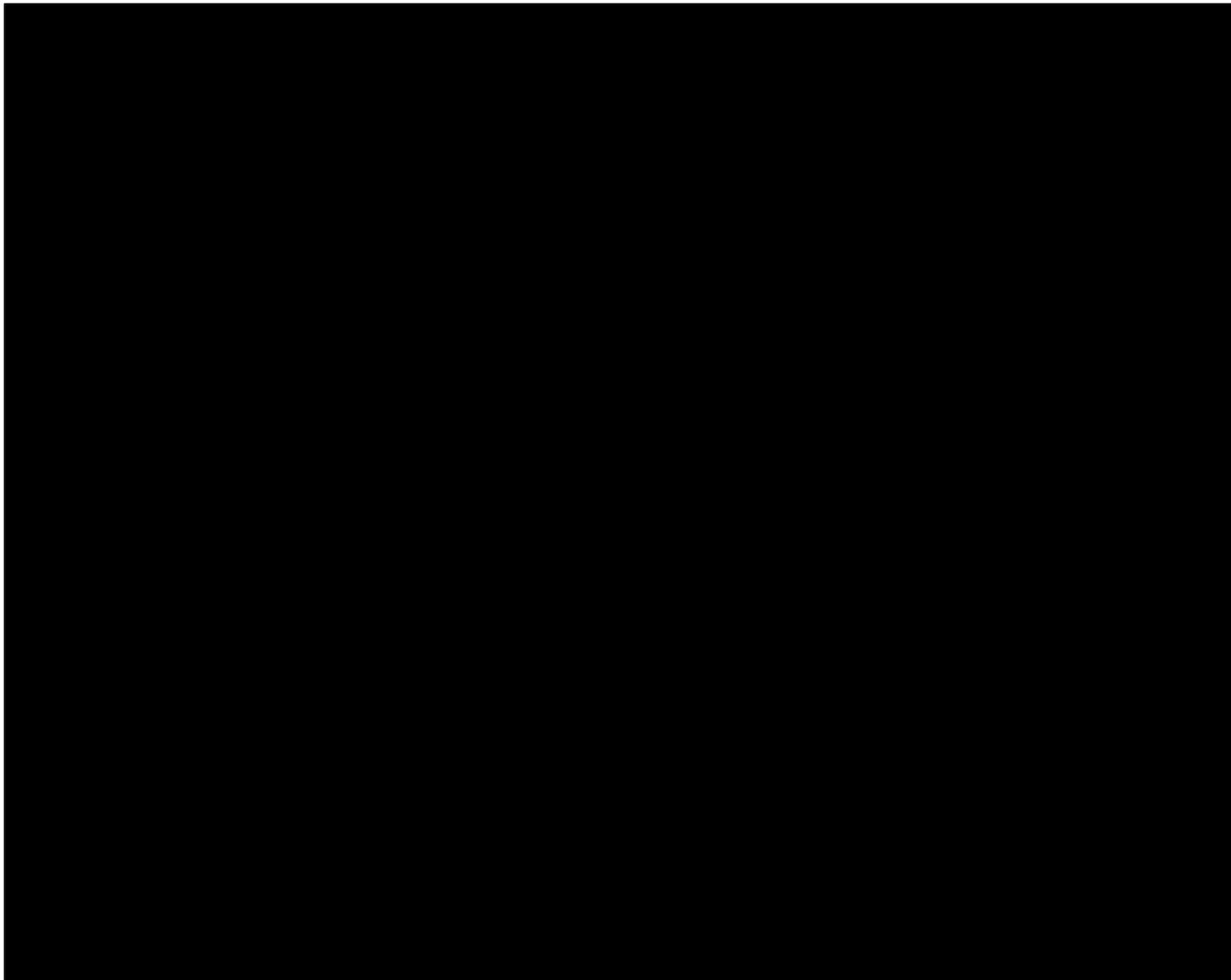
### Military Leave:

Jonathan M. Marquardt

Local 343 Apprentice and member of the Army Reserve, Brother Marquardt was called to duty for a period of 400 days beginning June 18<sup>th</sup> in support of Operation Enduring Freedom – Horn of Africa. God Speed.



**IBEW LOCAL UNION 343**  
**INSIDE AGREEMENT**  
**WAGE & FRINGE BENEFIT PACKAGE**  
**7/1/20 – 6/30/21**

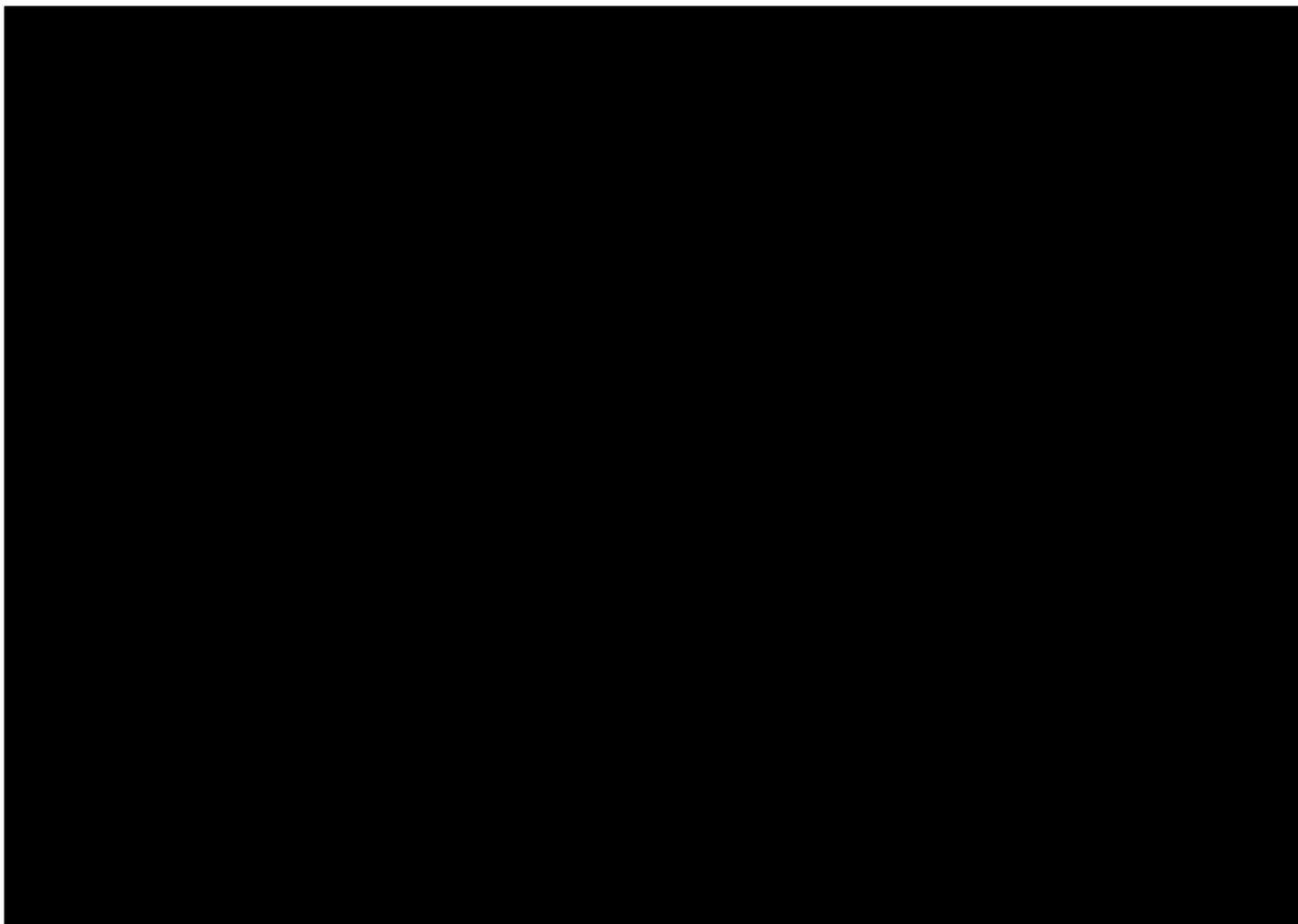


**IBEW LOCAL UNION 343**

**Western 10 County Agreement**

**WAGE & FRINGE BENEFIT PACKAGE**

**7/1/20 – 6/30/21**



# GROUNDWIRE

IBEW Local 343 Newsletter

9 80<sup>th</sup> Street SE  
Rochester, MN 55904

**New Wage Rates Enclosed**

**SUMMER PICNIC – CANCELLED due to COVID 19**

**We hope to have a “normal” year next year!!**