



## IBEW LOCAL 343 UNION NEWSLETTER 1ST QUARTER



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### Dates to Remember:

12/23/21: Hall open with **LIMITED** staff  
 (office ladies off this day)  
 12/24/21: Local 343 Offices **CLOSED**  
 (Christmas Eve - \*Observe Christmas)  
 12/30/21: Hall open with **LIMITED** staff  
 (office ladies off this day)  
 12/31/21: Local 343 Offices **CLOSED**  
 (\*Observe New Year's Day)  
 01/01/22: 1st Quarter Union Dues Due  
 01/12/22: Union Meeting/ New Member  
 Swear-In, VFW Club, Owatonna, MN  
 02/09/22: Union Meeting/ New Member  
 Swear-In, VFW Club, Owatonna, MN  
 03/09/22: Union Meeting/ New Member  
 Swear-In, Local 343 Hall, Rochester, MN  
 04/09/22: **Awards Banquet – Albert  
 Lea, MN**

### Pension/Disability:

Michael K. Buck – Farmington, MN – Member since 4/12/2001 –  
 Pension 12/31/2018  
 Allen D. Pickett – Rochester, MN – Member since 12/2/1981 –  
 Pension 7/30/2021  
 Jeffry O. Rosenau – Rochester, MN – Member since 11/8/1990 –  
 Pension 9/30/2021

### Our Condolences:

**Michael S. Lazor** – Faribault, MN – Member since 10/1979 – Retired  
 2/2003 – Died 4/22/2021 (*we found out Sept. 2021*)



### Saluting Those That Serve:

**Ross C. Harding** – Army Reserve  
 Currently on Military Leave  
 (Operation Enduring Freedom – duration 1 year)  
 Deployed 2/5/2021

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**



# Business Manager Report

by Chad Katzung



I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and wish you and your families all the best in 2022.

Unfortunately, all the issues we continue facing with Covid have not gone away and are not getting resolved very fast. As I stated in the last newsletter, we were waiting for OSHA to issue the rules regarding mandatory vaccines. OSHA issued both sets of standards. One for the medical industry and one for employers with 100 employees or more. An executive order was also issued for all federal contractors requiring their employees to be vaccinated. Most of our large contractors are considered federal contractors as well as some of our customers. At this time, both the OSHA standards and the executive order have been temporarily blocked by the court system. We do not know how fast the courts will rule on this. Once we know more, we will let you know. One thing that will continue to happen is the contractors may continue to collect vaccine records until we know if there is a permanent block to the requirements. The reason for this is if the courts find that the OSHA standards or the executive order prevail, there may be little to no grace period for when the mandates go into effect. Therefore, they will need to keep their records up-to-date. Remember, the implementation of any policies or procedures by our contractors related to the vaccination of our members (or members choosing not to get vaccinated) that has a direct effect on the terms and conditions of employment, they are considered mandatory subjects of bargaining. If you hear of any policy changes within the shop you are employed, please check with the union hall to verify that their policies regarding Covid are approved.

One other thing I would also like to ask of the membership is to help teach our apprentices. Not only in performing electrical work but help them understand the contract. I try to meet with all the apprentices 3-4 times a year to discuss the contract, health care plan, annuity, pensions, and referral system. I try to cover as many topics as time allows and the areas that affect them the most. Anytime you have a change in your work hours that may affect their pay, please take the time to explain why that changed. If the contractor you are working for is hiring or laying off, help them understand why we have the referral system and how it works. I have a limited amount of time to spend with them, but I try to cover as much as I can. Covering issues in the field will help them fully understand. The apprentices are our future, and we need them to understand how the contract works. I know lots of you are doing this, and I thank you for that.

I want to thank every one of you for the work you do every day. The last couple of years have been difficult, at best. You have taken on the challenges and helped move this local forward. Again, Happy Holidays and I wish you and your families all the best in 2022.

In Solidarity

Chad Katzung

**Wilson-McShane Corp**  
**(formerly Sturm & Associates)**  
**(800) 535-6373**



As of June 21, 2021, Principal has taken over all our retirement accounts at Wells Fargo. The website for our members to log into to set up their Principal accounts is

[www.principal.com/welcome](http://www.principal.com/welcome)

The phone number is 800-547-7754. You should have received a mailing from Principal. If you did not, please contact them.

# Compliance Officer Report by Jim Backus

Brothers and Sisters,

Wishing all of you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season! I want to thank everyone who may have called or sent a text with information on possible violations throughout the year. The information provided to me is extremely useful and has resulted in successful investigations. Please continue to contact me with anything that you are uncertain about, and I will investigate it. You, as members, are the eyes and the ears of the local, and I hugely appreciate any information that is provided to me.

I am continuing to work on numerous prevailing wage jobs. In quarter four of 2021, up to the time of this writing, I have reviewed thirteen certified payrolls, and filed three complaints with Fair Contracting Foundation, who in turn files it with the appropriate State agency. We are waiting to receive an additional eleven certified payrolls to review. I have sixty-three additional prevailing wage jobs on my list, which are either finishing, in process or will shortly be awarded.

Each year at this time I research the most common OSHA cited violations in the Construction sector. Below is listed the top 10 Federal violations, from October 2020 through September 2021. (These are nationwide violations, not just specific to Minnesota). The numbers in parentheses behind are the 2020 numbers for comparison. Here is their list, as found on [osha.gov](https://www.osha-slc.gov) website:

1. **Fall Protection-Duty to have fall protection** (29 CFR 1926.501) 4,966 (4,202) violations, from 4,844 (4,091) inspections, with a total penalty of \$25,303,321 (\$22,514,060) assessed.  
Frequently violated requirements include unprotected edges and open sides in residential construction; lack of fall protection when walking/working above 6'; and failure to provide fall protection on low-slope roofs.
2. **Ladders** (29 CFR 1926.1053) 1,872 (1,605) violations, from 1,589 (1,362) inspections, with a total penalty assessment of \$5,122,292 (\$4,779,594). Frequent violations include improper use of ladders, damaged ladders, and weight violations.
3. **Scaffolding-General Requirements** (29 CFR 1926.451) 1,775 (1,733) violations, from 895 (842) inspections, with a total penalty of \$5,456,335 (\$5,057,814) assessed. This section applies to various aspects of scaffolding such as: lack of fall protection; improper access to surfaces, improper placement, weight violations and improper installation of scaffolding.
4. **Fall Protection-Training Requirements** (29 CFR 1926.503) 1,551 (1,268) violations, from 1,493 (1,236) inspections, with a total penalty assessment of \$2,498,902 (\$2,083,802). This section applies to training programs related to anyone who may be exposed to fall hazards. It includes proper procedures in utilizing fall protection systems and proper written record keeping.
5. **Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment-Eye and Face Protection** (29 CFR 1926.102) 1,372 (1,110) violations, from 1,366 (1,109) inspections, with a total penalty assessment of \$4,250,899 (\$3,505,598). This section applies to proper eye and face protection equipment as well as proper use. This equipment must comply with various standards, be durable and be capable of being cleaned easily and disinfected.
6. **General Safety and Health Provisions** (29 CFR 1926.20) 763 (646) violations, from 715 (623) inspections, with a total penalty assessment of \$2,894,307 (\$2,342,908).  
Various aspects of this section include: Working conditions; maintaining programs regarding accident prevention; compliance of equipment; proper training in use of equipment; PPE and use of respirators and record keeping of all the above.
7. **Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment-Head Protection** (29 CFR 1926.100) 761 (587) violations, from 760 (587) inspections, with a total penalty assessment of \$2,065,383 (\$1,602,225). This code is specific to protective headwear in areas of the *possibility* of head injury
8. **Scaffolds-Aerial Lifts** (29 CFR 1926.453) 495 (456) violations, from 448 (407) inspections, resulting in total penalty assessments of \$1,577,796 (\$1,487,780). This code is specific to the proper use of aerial lifts, extensible boom platforms, aerial ladders, and vertical towers. It also has specific requirements regarding restraint systems, weight limits and condition of equipment used.
9. **Excavations-Specific Excavation Requirements** (29 CFR 1926.651) 472 (537) violations, from 291 (326) inspections, resulting in penalty assessments in the amount of \$2,146,484 (\$2,755,927). This code covers underground installations; access and egress from these sites; hazardous atmospheres; stability of these sites and rescue equipment required.
10. **Hazard Communication** (29 CFR 1910.1200) 436 violations from 223 inspections, with a total of \$485,931 assessed in penalties. Not having a hazard communication program topped the violations, lack of information and training on hazardous chemicals and not providing access to safety data sheets.

If anyone has any questions, requests for information, or has any information regarding violations, please contact me at [jimb@ibewlocal343.org](mailto:jimb@ibewlocal343.org) or at 507-951-8267. Be safe and have a great 2022!

In Solidarity,  
Jim Backus





# Owatonna/Mankato & Western MN Rep Report

by Shane Meier

The work picture is holding steady in all these areas, and the contractors have been busy bidding more projects lately, which will hopefully keep us busy into next year. We are still dealing with COVID and keeping up with all the changes that are being done/proposed.

**Owatonna:** the school is going strong, and it looks like R&K is getting help from local contractors on this project. This Spring, once more is done, BLK and Muska will be on-site, and we will hear more.

**Waseca:** the Con Agra project is coming along. As of now, they are holding steady with manpower. I don't know if they will be putting in more calls or not. There has been talk of starting a 2nd shift.

**Mankato:** there is a lot of work being bid on lately, and we're still waiting to hear on most of them. The bed towers had some preliminary work done to get ready for this spring when the majority of the work will start.

**St. Peter:** Gephart is working on the Lund Center at Gustavus College, and they have put out some local workers. We are still anticipating that the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of this project will go this spring and more calls will be coming in. In Le Sueur, Cambria is going on. As of now, it sounds like they will not be hiring anymore as the underground portion is done and we're waiting to hear who is going to get all the rest of the project.

**Western Minnesota** is holding steady with a couple of school projects going on and some re-powers of wind turbines and some more to come.

In Mankato there is a retiree meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Happy Chef off Hwy 169 at 10am. This is a great group of workers with some of the best stories around!!!

I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year...

In Solidarity,

Shane Meier



## Rochester Rep Report

by Dean Hogstad

Another year is winding down, and Christmas time is upon us. I hope everyone is winding down the year on a good note. As we work our way into the holiday season, I hope everyone takes the time to enjoy your time with family and friends. Our days off or double-time days this year are Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day with New Year's Eve Day being a provisional day off. Meaning, if it's worked, the employee and employer agree to a different day off within 90 days. This information can be found in the blue "Inside Construction Agreement," page 17 section 3.02.

Work in the local is still going steady and the spring looks to be starting out strong with several projects already awarded and waiting for the spring thaw to start. Most of the schools being built are enclosed and temporary heaters are set making for some better working conditions. Other projects are slowing due to weather, 'tis the season." Work at Mayo is still going steady.

We are shooting for end of December for online dues payments through the Union Worx app. If you haven't already registered, please do so. If you choose to use the website, you will be redirected to Union Worx to complete the online transaction. If you have your dues withdrawn from your vacation holiday account nothing will change. Moving forward we would like all members to use the Union Worx app, making it a one-stop easily accessible place for information and union business for the members. As I am writing this, I don't have a lot of info on how the dues portion will look on the app but I'm sure it will be straight forward. Look for some screen shots elsewhere in the newsletter regarding how the screen will look.

As always feel free to reach out to me any questions that come up and I will do my best to get you the answers.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!!

In solidarity,

Dean



## Upcoming Work

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### Rochester area

Memory Care Center - Accord  
 New Middle School 65th St. - McMartin  
 Discovery Square 2 - Parsons  
 Valleyhigh Senior Apartments - Planning  
 Veteran's Memorial Museum - Planning  
 Cascade Lake Park - upcoming (bonding bill)  
 Heart of the City/Peace Plaza Redevelopment - Hunt  
 North Pointe Dental - Accord  
 Gonda Building Expansion postponed until 2023 (possibly sooner)  
 Hayfield area solar - (non-IBEW)  
 Mayowood Apartments - Accord  
 Rochester WWTF - (non IBEW)  
 Byron-Oxbow Park - Accord  
 ZED education building in Kasson - Accord  
 Oronoco WWTF - Bidding  
 Longfellow school - Egan  
 Harriet Bishop school - Egan  
 Kellen research building - Hunt  
 Biorepository Expansion (Mayo Marvin Bldg.) - Egan  
 Pine Island Early Childhood Center - Accord  
 New Mayo Parking Ramp - Hunt  
 RPU Marion Road sub-station - On hold  
 Storage Units by Fleet Farm and Costco - Accord  
 Luther Park Place Motors - Accord  
 Mayo Employees Credit Union - Accord  
 Century High School Pool Addition - Egan

### Austin

Hormel - Egan  
 Austin WWTF-upcoming (bonding bill)  
 Nutek Bio-Science Building - Egan  
 KSMQ TV Station - Fox

### Albert Lea

Twin Lake pump station  
 Mayo Hospital/Albert Lea Electric/Hunt Electric  
 Mercy 1 - Albert Lea Electric  
 Vortex cold storage - Albert Lea Electric  
 New Water Tower - Albert Lea Electric

### Red Wing

3M expansion/on hold  
 Treasure Island Casino Solar-planning  
 National Eagle center expansion Wabasha - Key Electric  
 Goodhue school - Schammel Electric  
 Red Wing-numerous townhomes- Munson  
 Health & Human Services- NEO  
 60 new town houses - (non IBEW)  
 Dairy Concepts/DFA Zumbrota/ large expansion (non IBEW)  
 Zumbrota Apartments - Accord  
 Zumbrota High School Band Room - (non-IBEW)

### Winona Area

YMCA ongoing Key Electric  
 East 3rd street apts - Accord  
 Apartment by Fleet farm - Key  
 Houston WWTF - Killmer  
 St. Charles High School - Egan  
 Houston CO Hwy Shop-Caledonia - Kish

### Winona Area (continued)

Children's Library Renovation - planning  
 WSU projects on going - P&T Egan Key Bauer  
 Electro Tech all working small projects  
 St. Marys college - Key electric IBEW and Normans (non-IBEW)  
 Lanesboro School - Schammel  
 Winona Co Jail- Key Electric  
 Chatfield Center for the Arts - Egan  
 Caledonia WWTF - Key Electric  
 Traffic Management System Winona - Egan  
 CHS control upgrades - Egan  
 Waters Edge Apartments - Accord

### Owatonna

CDI- Muska Electric  
 Mohs Apartments (72 Unit) - Four Season's Electric  
 Bosch Warehouse - Bloomington Electric (IBEW)  
 Minimizer Building - Cole's Electric  
 Revol Project - Cole's Electric  
 Lumber One Apartments - Bertram Electric (Non IBEW)  
 Owatonna New High School - Site Lighting  
 BLK Low Voltage Muska School Wiring R&K (NON UNION)  
 Owatonna HVAC Upgrades - Cal-Tex  
 Highway 14 - Premier/River City Electric  
 Costco - Possible E commerce building 2021  
 Hotel - Berd Electric (Non IBEW)

### Waseca

Hospital Work- BLK Electric  
 Con Agra - Parson's Electric Site Lighting  
 Hunt Electric  
 Signal Work - River City Electric  
 Spire - Fraser Morris (IBEW)

### Mankato

Street/Highway Projects - River City Electric/MN Signal  
 Hospital Projects - Master & BLK Electric  
 MSU Small Projects- Master/BLK/Paul's  
 Hospital Bed Towers - Parsons possible start this fall/winter  
 Mapleton School - Laketown (Non Union)  
 MTU Expansion - BLK Electric  
 Woodside Apartments - Muska Electric  
 Gas Station - Guaranteed Electric  
 Hy-Vee Expansion - Proposed for 2022  
 School HVAC Upgrades - BLK Electric  
 5 West Apartments - BLK Electric  
 Berry Global - Master Electric  
 Sam's Club remodel - Muska  
 Truck Shop - Just bid waiting to hear on  
 Land Mark Project - Waiting to hear on  
 Johnson Outdoors - Laketown (Non Union)  
 Bethany Field House - BLK Electric  
 Slim Chickens - waiting to hear on  
 Sinclair Flats - waiting to hear on  
 MSU Generator Replacement - waiting to hear  
 Caliber Collision - waiting to hear on

## Upcoming Work

### Mankato (continued)

Old Shopko Drummer Bought - waiting to see if it goes out for bids  
HWY 14 Nicollet to New Ulm - River City Electric

### St. Peter/Le Sueur

State Hospital Project- waiting for state funding  
Cambria - Muska  
Gustavous College Lund Center - Gephart/BLK  
State Hospital Green Acres - LakeTown (Non IBEW)  
Kasota Apartments - Paul's Electric  
Cambria Polish Line - BLK Electric

### New Ulm

3m - Hunt Electric  
School Remodel- Master Electric  
Martin Luther College Project - Paul's Electric  
Kraft Projects - Parsons Electric  
Rec Center - Community Electric  
Redwood Falls Justice Center - Community Electric  
National Guard - Paul's Electric

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### Fairmont

Ethanol Plant Work - Dewar/Master Electric  
3M Work - Dewar/Master  
Assisted Living - LakeTown Electric  
GRE Work - Dewar/Master  
Government Center - Guaranteed Electric (Non IBEW)  
School Project Trades Center - Paul's Electric  
Community Center - Being discussed  
Jackson Government Center - Paul's Electric  
Springfield School - Paul's Electric

### Marshall

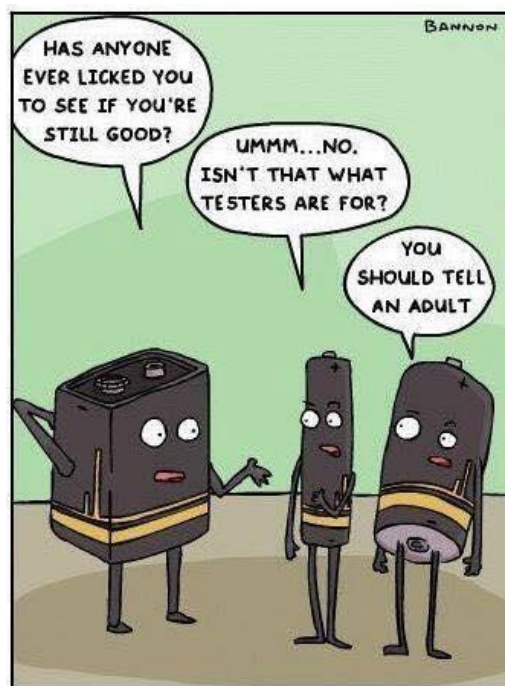
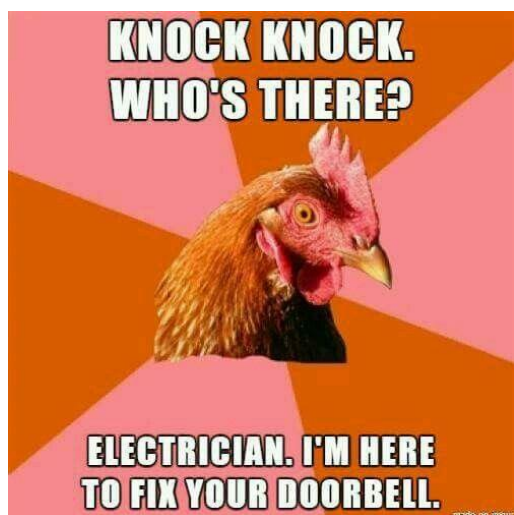
Wind Turbine Projects - Renew Electric (IBEW)  
Event Center - waiting to hear on

### Renville/Olivia

Solar Projects - Premise Electric (Non IBEW)

### Windom

Hospital Emergency Room - Paul's Electric  
School Project - Paul's Electric  
Prime Pork - Master Electric



## Organizing Department Report

by Justin Drescher

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health!

I cannot believe that Christmas is already pretty much here. We made it through the fall and hunting seasons are mostly done with! I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving success in the fields! I've been quite busy since the last newsletter; we still have open talks with non-union employees, as well as some employers. As always, the employees are interested in our wages and benefits. We have had some new Journeyman and a few apprentices become new members since the last newsletter. I ask that if you ever have a chance to meet them or see them on job, to please welcome them and help them acclimate to their new career paths.

We've also attended the 2021 Virtual Membership Development Conference which ran for 4 days, and I also sat in on Organizer Training for 2 days for the Membership Development Conference as well. It was very informative and straightforward! We learned about new social media platforms, internet sites, and other tools that are tailored directly for people within the trades. Most of it was presented to help organizers reach more electricians or other and help promote the IBEW!

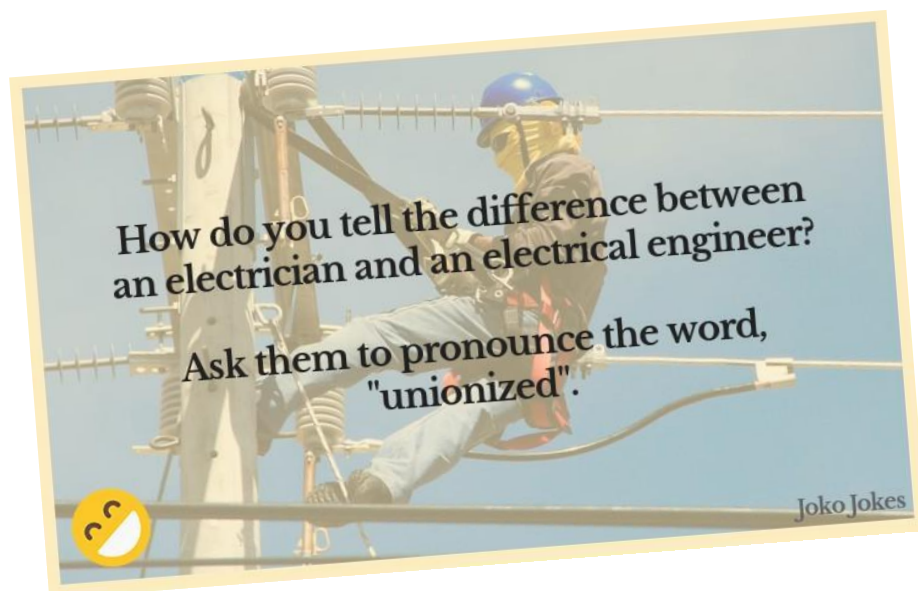
As a whole state, MN organizers are meeting monthly. Just recently, we had a Blitz that local 343 put together on a larger contractor within 3 of the jurisdictions across southern Minnesota and the metro area. It was a successful run, and we were able to hit about 60 of their employees. We had some reach out from it and show some interest in the IBEW! We are also planning another Blitz on a bigger contractor coming up in January. The organizers from Locals 292, 110 and 14 and myself recently set up a booth at the 2021 Midwest Electrical Expo. We were able to meet a lot of people, get our message out, and let them know what the IBEW is all about

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

As always, I urge you, the membership, to be vocal in your communities about being an IBEW member. The more we all talk about the benefits a union provides us, the less stigmatism there will be within the unrepresented sector of our electrical industry. As we all know, we are just normal people raising families and helping support our communities and local economies in search of a better standard of living than what the "Open/Merit" electrical contractor can provide, and we need to make sure that the unrepresented workers of our industry know what else is out there. Our future depends on it.

In Solidarity,

Justin Drescher



**Did you hear about the electrician that got shocked but didn't die?**

**It was no big deal, he said –**

**It didn't even phase him.**





## "A MINUTE WITH MIKE" - SCMNJATC Training Director, Mike Bambrick

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good spirits, as well as in good health.

The 2022 CEU schedule is out, and available to view on both the [ibewlocal343.org](http://ibewlocal343.org) site as well as on the [scmnjatc.org](http://scmnjatc.org) site. We will be following a similar model to the schedule that we had for 2021. A mix of both in-person Rochester and Mankato classes as well as regular online classes. The biggest change you will see moving forward is that you now have the option to click the "REGISTER ONLINE" button for a class that you want to attend, and reserve your spot right from the website while you are viewing the schedule. Of course, you can still contact me directly either via email or phone to get signed up as well. Please make sure you sign up for the class you want to attend. It helps us know what we need to have on hand for any given upcoming classes as far as books, and refreshments. It also helps make sure that everyone gets into the class they intended without needing to worry about there being enough room when they arrive.



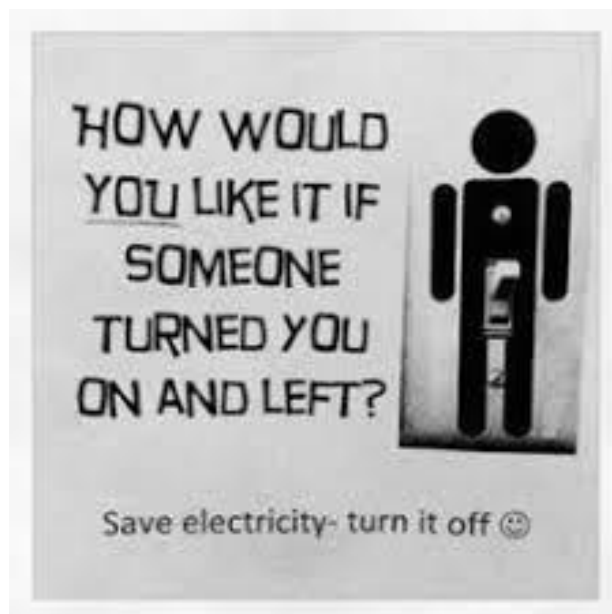
We are in the preliminary planning process for another Master's Prep class with Scott Higgins this spring. The 2021 class was a success, as we had multiple journey workers that were able to obtain their Master's licenses upon completion of that class. To that end, if you think you would like to attend the same class this spring, please let me know so I can get your name on my list of interested members. Once I have some more concrete information regarding the schedule, I can start reaching out to you individually to get the details finalized.

On the JATC side of things, we have also now published on our website a rough schedule of when to expect to hit specific milestones during the hiring process based on when we receive your application. I wanted to include this note, because I know many of you may know an individual that has an interest in joining our industry. I also know that many of those individuals might assume that because you are part of 343, you also know exactly when everything occurs. While it doesn't give exact dates for the events to occur, we do have the months an applicant should anticipate taking their aptitude test, and receive an interview based on the date that they were able to get their applications submitted.

It feels like we were just getting the 2021-2022 school year going, and we're suddenly halfway through it. Please take care of yourselves, and I hope to see you at an upcoming event soon!

Respectfully,

Michael Bambrick, Jr.





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## NEC CLASSES 2022 CODE

### CONGRATULATIONS

**to our newest graduates Collin O'Bieglo, Mikayla Mensink,  
Alex Fiebelkorn, Kyle Potaracke and Anthony Minor**

**IBEW LOCAL 343 MEMBERS** working under the Inside Construction Agreement—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**

**NEC 2020-1 Changes for Chapters 1-2 & 3, SATURDAY is an 8 HOUR CLASS** good for ceu's in, MN-(8 Code), WI-(8 Code), N.D- (8 Code), (IOWA-(9 Code) 9 hr class)

**NEC 2020-2 Changes for Chapters 4-5-6-7 & 8, SUNDAY is an 8 HOUR CLASS** good for ceu's in, MN-(8 Code), WI-(8 Code), N.D.-(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 16 HOUR CODE CLASSES ARE GOOD FOR 16 CEU HOURS IN MN, WI & ND, IA IS GOOD FOR 18 CEU HOURS**

**ALL WEEKEND CLASSES RUN 8AM TO 5PM**

First come, first serve. If you do not email or call and register you CANNOT JUST SHOW UP.

**!!!YOU MUST CONTACT MIKE BAMBRICK AT [mbambrick@scmnjatc.org](mailto:mbambrick@scmnjatc.org) OR CALL 507-529-7721 TO REGISTER!!!**

## IN-PERSON CLASSES

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**FACEMASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**ROCHESTER**      **WHEN:**      JANUARY 29-30 – Instructor – Dave Hyrkas  
**WHERE:**      IBEW LOCAL 343, 9 80TH ST SE

**MANKATO**      **WHEN:**      FEBRUARY 26-27 – Instructor – Scott Higgins  
**WHERE:**      IBEW LOCAL 343, 816 South Bend Ave

**ROCHESTER**      **WHEN:**      MARCH 19-20 – Instructor – Cari Helberg  
**WHERE:**      IBEW LOCAL 343, 9 80TH ST SE

**MANKATO**      **WHEN:**      MAY 14-15 – Instructor – Cari Helberg  
**WHERE:**      IBEW LOCAL 343, 816 South Bend Ave

**ROCHESTER**      **WHEN:**      OCTOBER 8-9 – Instructor – Dave Hyrkas  
**WHERE:**      IBEW LOCAL 343, 9 80TH ST SE

**MANKATO**      **WHEN:**      DECEMBER 10-11 – Instructor – Scott Higgins  
**WHERE:**      IBEW LOCAL 343, 816 South Bend Ave

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## ONLINE CLASSES

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WHEN: JANUARY 4, 6, 11, 13 – Instructor – Cari Helberg  
 4 EVENINGS TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS: 6:00 – 10:00 PM  
 2-HOUR IOWA BOOSTER CLASS – MONDAY, JANUARY 10: 5:30 – 7:30 PM  
*FOR THIS CLASS YOU NEED TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN JANUARY 2*

WHEN: FEBRUARY 12-13 – Instructor – Cari Helberg  
 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
*FOR THIS CLASS YOU NEED TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 10*

WHEN: MARCH 1, 3, 8, 10 – Instructor – Cari Helberg  
 4 EVENINGS TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS: 6:00 – 10:00 PM  
 2-HOUR IOWA BOOSTER CLASS – MONDAY, MARCH 7: 5:30 – 7:30 PM  
*FOR THIS CLASS YOU NEED TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 27*

WHEN: APRIL 9-10 – Instructor – Cari Helberg  
 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
*FOR THIS CLASS YOU NEED TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN APRIL 7*

WHEN: MAY 1, JUNE 2, 7, 9 – Instructor – Cari Helberg  
 4 EVENINGS TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS: 6:00 – 10:00 PM  
 2-HOUR IOWA BOOSTER CLASS – MONDAY, JUNE 6: 5:30 – 7:30 PM  
*FOR THIS CLASS YOU NEED TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN MAY 29*

WHEN: JULY 9-10 – Instructor – Cari Helberg  
 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
*FOR THIS CLASS YOU NEED TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN JULY 7*

WHEN: AUGUST 2, 4, 9, 11 – Instructor – Cari Helberg  
 4 EVENINGS TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS: 6:00 – 10:00 PM  
 2-HOUR IOWA BOOSTER CLASS – MONDAY, AUGUST 8: 5:30 – 7:30 PM  
*FOR THIS CLASS YOU NEED TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN JULY 31*

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 10-11 – Instructor – Cari Helberg  
 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
*FOR THIS CLASS YOU NEED TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 8*

WHEN: NOVEMBER 1, 3, 8, 10 – Instructor – Cari Helberg  
 4 EVENINGS TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS: 6:00 – 10:00 PM  
 2-HOUR IOWA BOOSTER CLASS – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7: 5:30 – 7:30 PM  
*FOR THIS CLASS YOU NEED TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 30*

WHEN: NOVEMBER 29, DECEMBER 1, 6, 8 – Instructor – Cari Helberg  
 4 EVENINGS TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS: 6:00 – 10:00 PM  
 2-HOUR IOWA BOOSTER CLASS – MONDAY, DECEMBER 5: 5:30 – 7:30 PM  
*FOR THIS CLASS YOU NEED TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 27*

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You will be sent a link for the online class. If you do not receive the link by the day before class at noon, you need to contact us. For you to get credit you will need to see the instructor and the instructor needs to see you via the online portal.

## It Can Happen To Anyone....

It won't happen to me, It won't happen to anyone I know, can it?

After my first, First Responder training class, I left class not sure how I would react if a life threatening situation occurred and it was up to me to react to the situation. I am sure most of my classmates felt the same way, until what I had hoped would never happen, happened.

Opening day of deer season started like any other year; laughs and fun with friends and family. Deer drives had been going well and we never had a thought go through any of our minds that something could go so wrong so quickly.

It was near the end of the day and the last drive of the day. The drive was taking place in an area we call Beaver Creek. It would consist of five members of the group pushing the deer and the rest of the group sitting. The five walkers consisted of my cousins, J, D, T, M, and myself. In this piece of woods there was a creek that needed to be crossed to get to our start spot. J and I crossed on an over-hanging log that the rest of the group was not comfortable crossing as they chose to continue down the creek to find a shallow crossing area.

J and I caught up with the rest of the group. We came upon M walking in 2ft of water carrying his gun across to J and I. As M made it back across to take T and D's guns back across to J and me, the day took a very hard turn for the worse.

M turned to J and me, and with a sigh M fell to the creek bed. At first, we all chuckled out with the thought that M had just tripped. But after a few short seconds all four of us were in the water picking up and dragging M's thrashing, unresponsive body from the ice cold water.

As we got M to the riverbank and got him on his side, attempting to help him get the water out, we were positive at that point that he was having a seizure. T went running for his truck to catch the rest of the group, while J, D, and I tended to M.

The condition of M was not improving by any means, and he began to stop breathing. That moment the idea of CPR came to mind, but D and J were not sure what was the best move. As we saw M begin to stop shaking and still not breathing, I decided to begin CPR.

After the first set of compressions and breaths, still nothing. After a few more compressions, a small breath came out, but still not enough. As I continued with 3 compressions, I watched the life come back into M's face and out came a huge yell and gasp from M! He was completely unaware of what had happened.

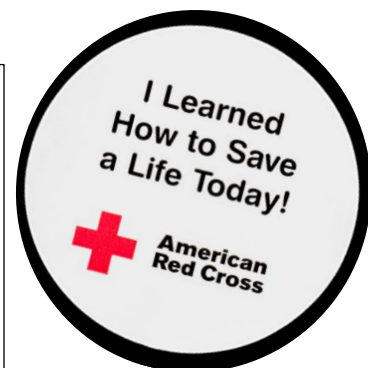
As J, D and I asked M simple questions, the rest of the group arrived. Along with the entire group, we got M to the Mayo Clinic. M got out of the hospital totally fine with just a few minor rib fractures and some bruises from CPR.

If it weren't for the training that I had received from the JATC, and the great teamwork and courage of my cousins, M would not have made it out of the woods that day.

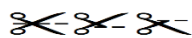
\*Out of respect for his family and friends, Walker only used the first initial of his friends/family.

Thank you, Walker for sharing your story! Thank you to our amazing CPR instructor!!

**THANK YOU, Walker, for being in the right place – at the right time – and saving a life!! – Well done, young man. Well Done!!**







# IBEW Local Union 343

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## UNION DUES - 2022

DUES DUE DATES.....DUES AMOUNTS.....PROCESSING FEES.....I.O. REINSTATEMENT FEES.....  
AUTOMATIC DUES WITHDRAWAL PLAN.....PAYMENT

- 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 2022 (January 2022), **NO INCREASE for 2022:**

“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!  
\*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)

# IBEW LOCAL UNION 343

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= Union Meetings



= Membership Dues are DUE



= Awards Banquet - Albert Lea, MN



= Re-Sign (JIW's - 10th-16th)



= HOLIDAYS - Local 343 offices are CLOSED: May 30th - Memorial Day; July 4th - Independence Day; September 5th - Labor Day; November 24th - Thanksgiving;



= PROVISIONAL HOLIDAYS- Local 343 offices are CLOSED: April 15th - Good Friday; November 11th - Veteran's Day; November 25th - Day after Thanksgiving;



= PROVISIONAL HOLIDAY FOR LADIES IN THE OFFICE (THEY WILL BE OFF THESE DAYS - OFFICE WILL BE RUN BY THE UNION REPS - PLAN ACCORDINGLY)

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



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## Welcome New Members!!!



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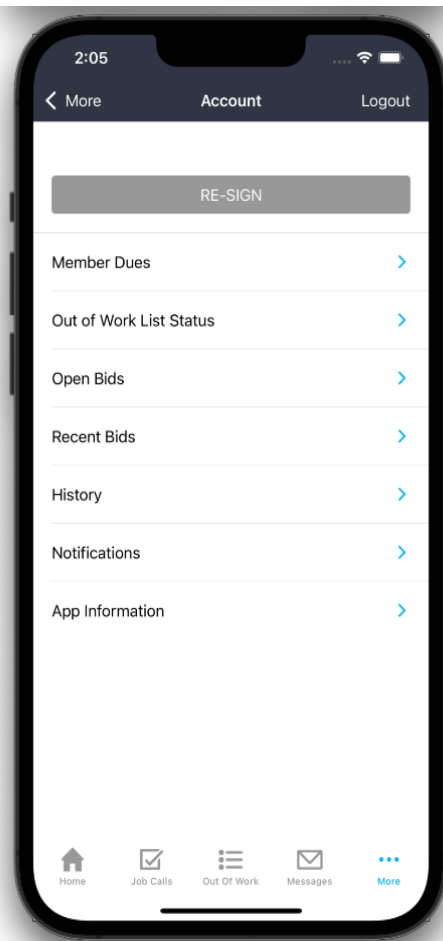
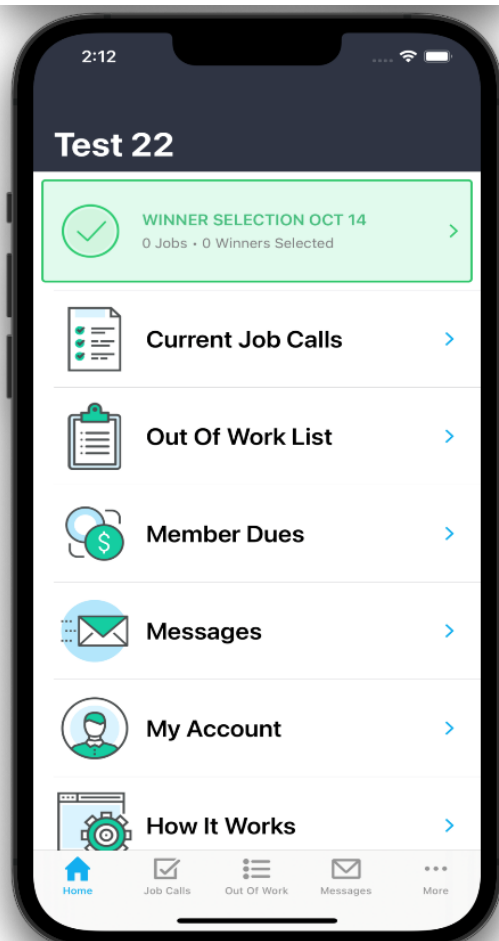


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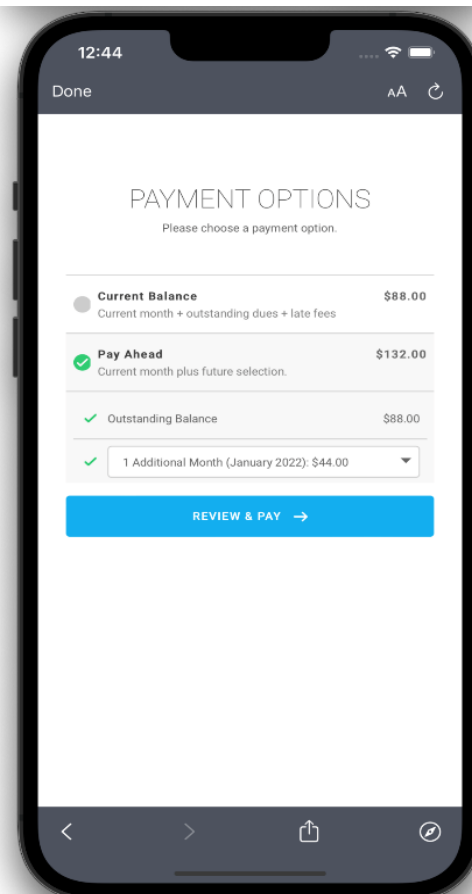
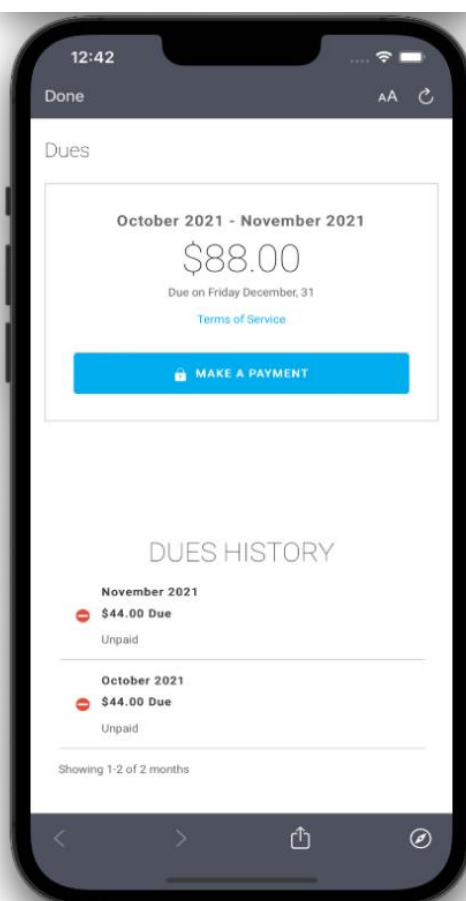
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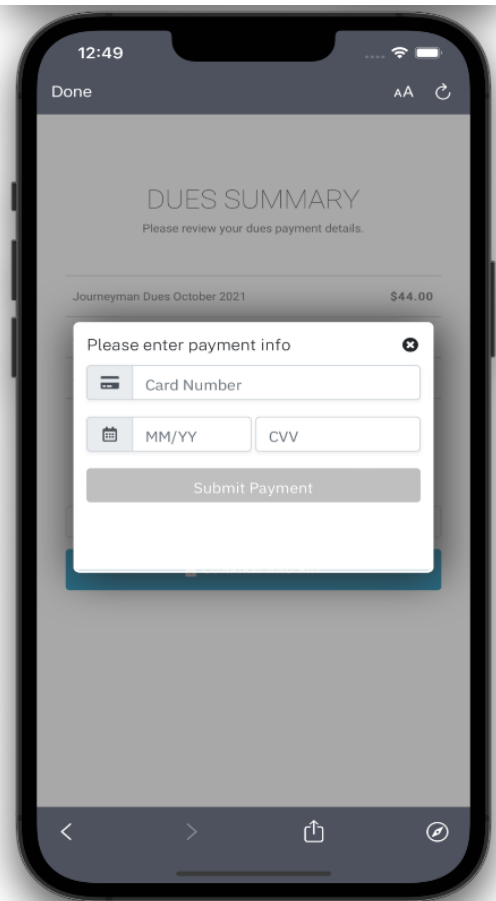
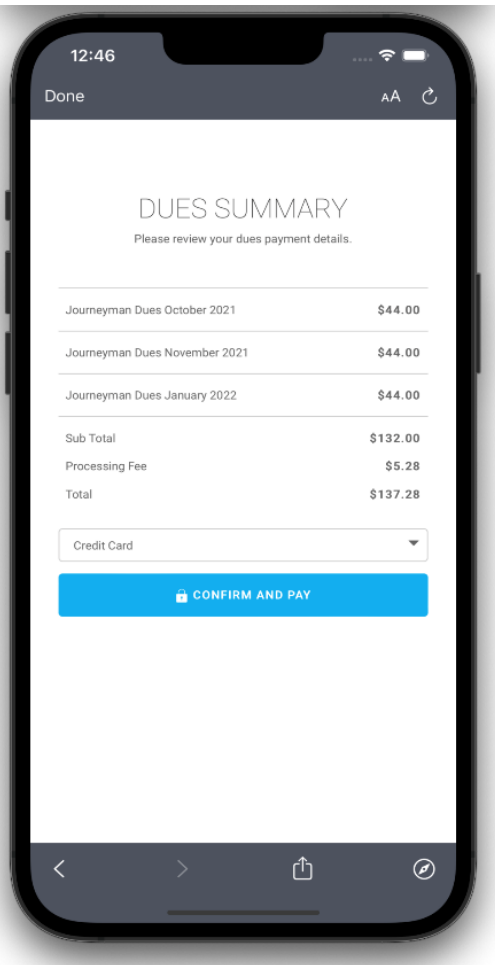
# Union Worx App - Registration



Click on "Member Dues" tab either on the Home screen or your account screen.  
Click on make a payment, then choose how much you want to pay.



# Union Worx App - Registration



Click "CONFIRM AND PAY," enter your credit card info and click "SUBMIT PAYMENT."

Once we receive confirmation of payment your dues receipt will be sent in the mail.

Your screen will look a little different in that we will still be accepting payment for quarterly dues, like we have in the past not monthly. If you are using your vacation account to pay your dues that will stay the same and you won't need to use the app. The website will change with a link that takes you to Union Worx for payment. If you have any questions let me know.

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# GROUNDWIRE

IBEW Local 343 Newsletter

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

New way of paying for your dues is coming soon... see inside  
for details! PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER!! - Stay  
informed of what is going on in your Local. This is YOUR  
Union!!