

IBEW 354



BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer activities and enjoyed a fun and safe 4th and 24th of July. I wanted to take a moment to update you on developments within our Local. First, I would like to congratulate all new officers that were sworn in at the pin party by our International Representative and former Business Manager, Rich Kingery. We have a great group of officers and I am looking forward to working with all of you. On that same note I would like to congratulate all members that received a service pin this year. Every year at this party I reflect on the sacrifice and struggles of our members to advance the cause of working-class people in our industry. It was truly a special moment for me to be part of honoring you for your service to this great Brotherhood. The party was well attended, and I enjoyed talking with all of you.

I would also like to thank everyone that applied for a staff position. The interest exceeded my expectations and deciding was very difficult. I am pleased to introduce Concetta Defa as our Assistant Business Manager, Mason Lyman as our Business Rep./Dispatcher, Wes Ervin as our AT&T Rep., and Tony Sorro as our new organizer. I have asked Brad Baugh and Jared Brydson to stay on as organizers and Connie O'Very and Faith Griffin to stay on as our office secretaries. Thanks to all of you for accepting these positions.

We had a very successful Officer Training class as well as an advanced steward training class that was very well attended. It was great training that will undoubtedly benefit both sides of our industry on the job. Members can look forward to additional educational opportunities within our Local.

The work picture remains strong and we continue to have many employment opportunities. I am currently working on a Memorandum of Understanding at the Facebook project to change the incentive pay to subsistence at the \$15 per hour rate. This will put more money in members pockets and make it more enticing to attract electrical workers to our Local. Hopefully we can reach this kind of agreement on all other projects offering incentive.

We are moving forward on developing a workable Residential Agreement to increase our presence in this market and gain market share. We will be working with the IBEW Business Development Department to develop relationships with Developers and Contractors doing this type of work.

We have our 19th annual Labor Day Picnic on September 2nd at Magna Park. It starts at 11:00am. We always welcome any volunteers to help with the event. We plan to meet at the hall at 8am to load up and arrive at the park around 9am to set up. Please feel welcome to show up either time if you would like to help. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the event for a great experience. We have many new members so please encourage them to come out and share the day with our fellow Union Brothers and Sisters. There will be additional prizes and food to accommodate our increased membership.

I would also like to encourage all members to support IBEW International President Stevenson's call to action for all IBEW members to support the Construction Trades Exemption on the Department of Labor's Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Program (IRAP) proposed regulation. At this time the construction industry is exempted from the proposal. However, we are concerned that this exemption will not be part of the final regulation. We are asking that all members regardless of classification including family and friends to submit comments to the DOL in support of the construction industry exemption at the following link www.saveIBEWapprenticeships.org no later than midnight on August 26, 2019. We will be sending out a separate mailer to all local 354 members asking for this support.

In Brotherhood,

Steve Woodman

August Meetings

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Wednesday 8/7/19 at 4:30 pm
Local 354 Union Hall
3400 W 2100 S
Salt Lake City, UT

COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

Wednesday 8/7/19 at 5:30 pm
Local 354 Union Hall
3400 W 2100 S
Salt Lake City, UT

SALT LAKE UNIT

Wednesday 8/7/19 at 7 pm
Local 354 Union Hall
3400 W 2100 S
Salt Lake City, UT

NORTHERN UNIT

Thursday 8/1/19 at 7 pm
Motel 6 Riverdale
1500 W Riverdale Rd
Ogden, UT

SOUTHERN UNIT

Tuesday 8/6/19 at 7 pm
Hampton Inn and Suites
851 W 1250 S
Orem, UT



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<https://www.idealnationals.com/content/idealnationals/en.html>

The 2019 IDEAL National Championship is a highly-charged, no-holds barred competition to determine the best electrician in North America. Get amped to show your skills, test your limits, and compete against some of the best tradesmen and women in the industry. This race-against-the-clock competition is where electricians become legends. Plus, throughout the competition, IDEAL is giving away over \$600k in cash and prizes.* And, just for registering, you are automatically entered into the Pack Your Tool Bag Sweepstakes. The competition is scheduled for **8/27/2019 at 4:30 PM.**



Hey Brothers and Sisters,

The RENEW committee will be holding it's monthly bootcamp on **August 17th** from **10 am to 2 pm** for ce/cw's and apprentices to help practice their hands-on skills. The next RENEW meeting will be on **August 13th** at **5:30**. And a big thank you to all of those that came out and participated in the 2nd Annual 8th District Softball Tournament! If you're interested in helping with anything;

Contact me jared@ibew354.org

In Memoriam

[Gene Lewis](#) passed away on May 23rd, 2019. At the time of his passing he was 90 years old and a member for 64 years.

Sidney Wells passed away on July 5th, 2019. At the time of his passing he was 84 years old and a member for 47 years.

[Jerry Byergo](#) passed away on July 14th, 2019. At the time of his passing he was 85 years old and a member for 58 years.

We are now on Death Assessment #157

New Additions to the IBEW Family

Kyle Whitley and spouse Carlee welcomed baby girl Luna May on May 18th, 2019. She weighed 7 lbs 4 oz and was 19 inches long.



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