

IBEW #354 OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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Brothers and Sisters,

September brought delegates from the United States and Canada together to celebrate the 39th International Convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. This historic event was held where our Founding Fathers first got together, St. Louis, Missouri, and laid the foundation for our great organization 125 years ago. The title to this year's Convention "Our Founding, Our Future" set the stage for an exciting and eventful experience for myself and the rest of the delegates in attendance. Not only did we return to the city where the first-ever union of electrical workers was created but we were also able to attend the opening of the Henry Miller Museum in the boardinghouse where the IBEW was born. There were several pre-convention conferences available to the delegates in attendance: The Renew/Next Gen Caucus, Women's Caucus, Political Caucus and the Electrical Workers' Minority Caucus. All these events provided great information that your delegates will try to bring back to Local 354 as we continue to move our cause forward.

The Convention opened on Monday the 19th of September and ran through Friday September 23rd and was filled with many powerful and inspirational speakers. Along with International President Lonnie Stephenson and International Secretary-Treasurer Sam Chilia, past President Ed Hill, former Secretary-Treasurer's Jerry O'Connor and Lindell Lee addressed us sending the message of remembering our past as we push our cause forward. We also heard from AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka and Secretary-Treasurer Liz Shuler, North America's Building Trades Unions President Sean McGarvey, several prominent politicians and Labor Leaders from Ireland, Italy and Canada all stressing the importance of uniting in our efforts on the Political front.

The International Convention is the time when the delegates from all Local Unions vote on who will lead us and any changes to our constitution, laws and policies. There was not a lot of change in our International leadership as International President Stephenson was elected after filling the unexpired term of past President Hill and International Secretary-Treasurer Chilia was re-elected. We also voted on the Vice Presidents for the 11 Districts and the 8 members of the International Executive Council. There were a handful of amendments made to the Constitution that mostly brought more clarity and detail to the articles they addressed. There will be slight increases to our International dues over the next five years as we try to address the sustainability of the PBF and increase the services from the International Offices. There were also many resolutions adopted as we recommit to further the purpose of the GREATEST UNION in the WORLD. I would encourage you all to talk to the delegates that our Local sent to the Convention to get their views on the proceedings and I would also like to let you know that we will be posting the highlights of each day's events for a more detailed explanation of what happened on the Local website.

I can't close this month's address without stressing to you the importance of the upcoming elections: both Locally and Nationally. I am asking you all to research the candidates that you are thinking about voting for and make sure they have your best interest in mind. If you would like more information on the people in this year's elections, check the website for endorsed Candidate bios or please give us a call and we will help you any way we can.

In Brotherhood,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell Lewis".

VOTE

OCTOBER 2016 MEETINGS

SOUTHERN UNIT

Tuesday 10/4/16 at 7:00 pm
Hampton Inn and Suites
851 West 1250 South

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Wednesday 10/5/16 at 4:30 pm
Local 354 Union Hall
3400 W. 2100 S.
Salt Lake City, Utah

COMMUNICATION UNIT

Wednesday 10/5/16 at 5:30 pm
Local 354 Union Hall
3400 W. 2100 S.
Salt Lake City, Utah

SALT LAKE UNIT

Wednesday 10/5/16 at 7:00 pm
Local 354 Union Hall
3400 W. 2100 S.
Salt Lake City, Utah

NORTHERN UNIT

Thursday 10/6/16 at 7:00 pm
Motel 6
1500 W. Riverdale Road
Ogden, Utah

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Message from IBEW #354 Safety Committee

SAFETY FIRST!



Raymond Lane passed away on August 20, 2016. He was 80 years old and a member of the IBEW for 50 years. His obituary can be viewed at <http://www.sundbergolpinmortuary.com/notices/Raymond-Lane>

Electricity was the second leading cause of death in the construction industry in 2014. The safety committee would like to remind members to use the six steps outlined in NFP70E to ensure electrically safe working conditions.

ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRICALLY SAFE WORK CONDITION

- Determine all possible sources of electrical supply to equipment.
- After properly interrupting the load current, open the disconnecting device for each source.
- Wherever possible, visually verify that all blades of the disconnecting devices are fully open or that draw-out type circuit breakers are withdrawn to the fully disconnected position.
- Apply lockout/tag-out devices in accordance with documented and established policy.
- DON PROPER PPE before testing. Use an adequately rated test instrument to test each phase conductor or circuit part to verify it is de-energized. Test each phase conductor or circuit part both phase to phase and phase to ground. Before and after each test, determine that the test instrument is operating satisfactorily through verification of a known voltage source.
- Ground phase conductors or circuit parts before touching them. Where it could be reasonably anticipated that the conductors or circuit parts being de-energized could contact other exposed energized conductors or circuit parts, apply ground connecting devices rated for the available fault duty.

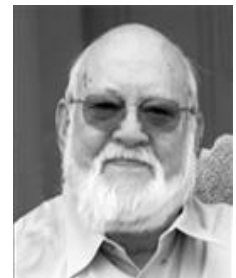


Shannon Bramlett passed away on September 9, 2016. He was 55 years old and a member of the IBEW for 23 years. His obituary can be viewed at <http://www.jenkins-soffe.com/obituary/Shannon-Glenn-Bramlett/Kaysville-UT/1654794>

The steps listed above are for informational purposes only.
This is not intended for training purposes.

Quick reference cards listing these steps are available at the union hall.

We want to remind our members to take the appropriate precautions. Use the above steps as a reminder to help you establish an electrically safe working condition. Never trust that someone else has turned it off and never assume it is de-energized.



Raman Watkins passed away on September 13, 2016. He was 80 years old and a member of the IBEW for 56 years. His obituary can be viewed at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/saltlake-tribune/obituary.aspx?pid=181405870>

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**KEEP
CALM
AND
GET YOUR
FLU SHOT**

**Free Flu shot clinic on October 20th,
2016 from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.**

**Clinic will be at the IBEW #354 Office.
3400 W 2100 S SLC Utah 84119.**

**Shots only, no mist this year per medical
recommendation .**

Call 801-972-9354 with questions



Hiram Seppi passed away on September 10, 2016. He was 95 years old and a member of the IBEW for 63 years. His obituary can be viewed at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/saltlake-tribune/obituary.aspx?n=hiram-seppi&pid=181396090>

We are currently on Death Assessment #135