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LOCAL 5 NEWS & VIEWS



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SPRING 2021

Build Back Better



“Enormously Productive” that is what IBEW International President Lonnie R. Stephenson said after one of his two recent meetings with Joe Biden, the 46th President of the United States. Brother Stephenson believes that Joe Biden has lived up to his promise as “the most pro -union president you have ever seen”.

The Build Back Better Plan.

The American Rescue Plan

On March 11th, the President signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan. Most know that this legislation provides a new round of stimulus payments for most adults, extends unemployment benefits for those who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic, waives income taxes on a portion of those benefits, increases recovery resources for small businesses and non-profits. Most do not know that this legislation attached “Butch Lewis” legislation that helped shore up troubled multi-employer pension plans so that they remain solvent. The pensions that IBEW members count on were never at risk. Those troubled plans threatened to tax our pension which would reduce benefits that our members depend on. The American Rescue Plan fixed this threat to our pensions.

Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh

President Joe Biden chose Laborers Union member and former President of the Boston Building Trades Marty Walsh as

Secretary of Labor. Secretary Walsh was a second-generation Laborer and former Mayor of Boston. Labor Secretary Walsh is a union member that understands the plight of workers. Secretary Walsh has overcome many challenges and is that kind of hard-working union member this country needs as head of the Department of Labor.

The American Jobs Plan

On March 31st, the President introduced the American Jobs Plan. This multi Trillion-dollar plan hopes to create not only millions of good jobs—it will invest in America. We know our crumbling infrastructure needs investment. The roads, bridges, electrical grid, broadband, water quality, navigation—the very backbone of our country needs rebuilding. Most of our infrastructure is old and in need of repair. The American Jobs plan legislation is in negotiations now and if passed into law will repair and rebuild much that has been taken for granted and create opportunities and jobs for the future. Please let our politicians know that you support the American Jobs Plan, and that America needs to invest in herself to keep her great.

The PRO Act

The Protecting the Right to Organize Act (PRO) was passed by the House of Representatives and is in the Senate’s Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. The decline of union membership in the USA has been a tragedy for our country. Unions built the middle class. Anti-union politicians and corporations have worked tirelessly and systematically breaking unions with legislation and tilting the field in their favor. It is not a fair fight. The passing of the PRO Act would level the field and empower workers to exercise our freedom to organize and negotiate for better wages and working conditions. A union contract is the single best tool to ensure workers—all workers—have safe working conditions and earn a fair wage. The PRO Act needs to be passed by the senate and signed by the President

Business Manager's

Corner by Michael Dunleavy



It feels like we just voted and yet here we are, again, approaching a May Election Day. The November election demonstrated the importance of our vote and who we elect to office. You only have to look at the difference between the attack on working people and unions that took place under the previous President and the restoration of worker's rights and pension protections under our current President Joe Biden. It is just as important to elect the right candidate to Local office as it is to elect them to National office. There are candidates for all offices that would like to eliminate your right to form and belong to a union. These same concerns are evident in judicial races as well. So, I strongly urge you for your own benefit and for the benefit of your fellow union members to go to the polls and cast your vote for the IBEW Local Union No. 5 Political Action Committee endorsed candidates listed in this newsletter.

I, also urge you to maintain all recommended COVID-19 protocols. All Local 5 members should get vaccinated and continue to mask until the danger of contracting and passing on a variant has diminished. If and when a booster shot is recommended, I encourage you to get that as well. Please reference the Local Union website for changes to union meeting attendance requirements. The International/NECA memorandum creating furloughs ends June 1st as does the moratorium on issuing strikes. All other referral rules return to pre-COVID status, including in-person signups on June 1st. The morato-

rium on using banked hours as well as the increased Sick and Disability payout ends on June 30th. I would like to point out that the cooperation between NECA and the Union in an effort to help and protect our members at both the Local and National level was extraordinary.

I am sad to note that we were forced to cancel our annual Family Picnic and to alter the schedule of our drug test and tool sale. It will be held on Friday, June 11th from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 12th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in Pittsburgh at our complex. Also on Wednesday, June 16th from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Clearfield at our Apprentice Training Center. Please monitor our website for the status of our annual Labor Day event at our complex in Pittsburgh.

I would like to thank retired Executive Board member, Norm Brice. Brother Brice could be counted on to support the Local Union and our members whenever called upon. Most people are not aware of the time commitment and the responsibility that the Board Members take on. If you see Norm, please thank him for his efforts. I want to take this opportunity to thank him and wish him a long happy and healthy retirement.

In conclusion, as always, I urge you to continue masking, social distancing, work safely and to remember to re-sign.

More on the Political Front

I wanted to relay to you my first-hand experience regarding the worldwide pandemic. Back before the pandemic during the Bush 43 presidency, I was invited to attend a meeting with a group of people that were working with UPMC to bring a vaccination facility to Pittsburgh. President Bill Clinton had relayed his pandemic concerns to President George Bush. To his credit, President Bush took these concerns very seriously even acknowledging that the reading material on his nightstand in his residence was about pandemics. We were told at the meeting that the Bush administration plan was to build five vaccination facilities in five regions of the country. The vaccine plants would be in a continuous state of readiness when needed. When ready, the vaccines would be mailed to every address in the country and would be in a patch that would be self-administered by each person. We were also informed at that meeting that starting with President Clinton and continuing with President Bush the Strategic National Reserves were being supplied with items needed during a pandemic. As it turned out, Pittsburgh was not chosen. The first plant was to be built in Texas. After his term expired, President Bush relayed his concerns to President Obama who continued to supply the Strategic National Reserves, orchestrated government funding to start Moderna, created a Whitehouse level pandemic office while working to support the United States Postal Service knowing it would be needed to send vaccines to every address in the Country.

Unfortunately, then came President Trump who closed the Whitehouse pandemic office, tried to downsize the postal service, put nothing in the Strategic National Reserves: to the contrary, he sent masks to China. He also refused to implement the Defense Production Act that would have forced businesses to make vaccines, masks, syringes, vials and other necessary items. He appeared to want a corporate solution exclusive of any government participation. He did initiate Operation Warp Speed then erroneously contended that Pfizer participated in that effort. Then, the Trump administration only ordered enough vaccine for half of the United States population. Once elected, thankfully, President Biden put forward a one-hundred days of masking program, implemented the Defense Production Act and mandated that enough personal protective equipment and vaccine for over one-hundred percent of the population be manufactured. Also, knowing that this pandemic is a worldwide problem, his administration is working with Canada, Mexico, the European Union and the World Health Organization (that Trump dropped out of) to get vaccines distributed around the world to help halt the formations of variants that could travel to the United States and result in the continuation of the pandemic.

As I write this article, Australia has zero new cases and zero new deaths, New Zealand has zero new cases and zero new deaths, and Greece has zero new cases and zero new deaths. Taiwan, one of the most densely populated countries, has had a total of nine deaths since the pandemic began last year. The United States today has 63,169 new cases and 867 new deaths. Our total death count is one of the largest in the world even taken as a percentage of the population at almost 600,000 dead. Experts say that if we would have masked with N-95 masks from the beginning and if all States would have implemented the proper closures, travel restrictions and distancing we would have had under 60,000 deaths. States like Florida refused to require masks and to close businesses because the State is funded primarily by sales taxes. If there was no business there was no State sales tax to collect so their Republican Governor chose money over lives. Then, people ignored recommendations to wear masks and not to travel bringing the disease from States like Florida to States like Pennsylvania that had imposed the proper closures and masking.

In conclusion, it is my opinion that if we would have continued on the path of Clinton, Bush and Obama, we would have suffered a small fraction of the death and illness that we have to date. We can thank Trump and Republican Governors of sales tax States for the eventual deaths of 500,000 Americans and the delay in getting back to normalcy.



Labor Day 2021



For the Pittsburgh Labor Day Parade, we will be meeting at the Local 5 Building Complex starting at 8:00AM for T-Shirt Distribution. The buses will start leaving at 8:30AM to take you to the Parade Site. Please Note: Hats and shirts will only be distributed at our building before the parade – nothing will be given out at the staging area at the Arena!

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Active Members 20 To 40 Year Service Pin Recipients

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 Christopher C. Basista
 David C. Beal
 Brian M. Beckett
 Steven Benton
 Thomas M. Boak
 Chad E. Booher
 Robert A. Boothe
 Robert M. Botteicher
 Steven Brandl
 Parker J. Brinkley
 Laurie S. Buchheimer
 Richard I. Cairns
 Walter M. Caper
 David M. Clark
 Donald E. Colaric
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 Christopher J. Corbin
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 Bryan J. Detweiler
 Carl J. Dietz
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Eric D. Irvin
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 Jonathan Lager
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 John Liberoni
 Christopher Loder
 Eric C. Logan
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 James E. Mccabe
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 Jason R. Mckenzie

Mark A. Mikesic
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 Stephen C. Morrocco
 Brian D. Myers
 Daniel J. Patsen
 Benjamin J. Pearson
 William J. Peddicord
 Mitchell R. Pegher
 John A. Perelman
 Joseph A. Perhach
 Floyd P. Peterson
 Richard E. Pfaff
 Gregory R. Pfefferman
 Richard A. Pfeifer
 Richard A. Pieniadz
 David A. Ploskunak
 Joseph V. Plutko
 Anthony S. Polk
 Joseph A. Pope
 David J. Pruchnik
 James E. Ragland
 John D. Ranalli
 Christian L. Riblett
 David R. Richey
 Leon J. Roman

Michael E. Rossman
 Kevin M. Scheafnocker
 Timothy J. Schultheis
 Jonpaul J. Serafini
 Cary C. Shaffer
 Todd M. Shelly
 Edward S. Shepherd
 Dwayne D. Shindledecker
 Brian R. Slavick
 Brian C. Smith
 David M. Spring
 Steven J. Stalder
 Stanley J. Steban
 Bryan T. Stokes
 Joshua J. Varhola
 Jason V. Vautard
 Richard G. Vincent
 Adrian R. Weil
 Michael J. Werner
 Jesse R. Wheeler
 Gregory J. Wohlgenuth
 Stanley E. Young
 Brian R. Zang
 Gregory A. Zimmerman

TWENTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Vincent C. Aluise
 Robert P. Aranos
 Charles C. Baccino
 Banker C. Beach
 Shawn J. Bettwy
 John F. Bryan
 Martin W. Cascioila
 Craig A. Chermer
 Michael J. Clista
 Samuel A. Cocola
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 Thomas S. Jasper
 William L. Jasper
 David A. Javorski
 Richard C. Jones
 Douglas G. Kramer
 Andrew T. Lasher
 Kenneth I. Louder
 Mark L. Lundberg
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 Joseph A. Neal
 David J. Pingree
 Brian G. Proch
 Eric J. Rectenwald
 Patrick K. Santore
 Douglas T. Schiffer
 David R. Schuchert
 Paul G. Shipe
 Daniel S. Smith

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 Raymond R. Thompson
 Robert B. Towner
 Patrick J. Treese
 Michael D. Tretinik
 Raymond D. Valentine
 Stanley L. Vuckovic
 Michael D. Wist
 Scott D. Zeszutek

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David J. Almasy
 David G. Arbogast
 Crystal L. Avery-Drain
 Gerald Bacco
 Frederick T. Bashor
 Alex Belak
 Brian S. Bentz
 Ronald H. B Lack
 James M. Bodack
 Gary P. Bohatch
 David M. Bonetti
 Douglas S. Boody
 Michael M. Boras
 Lee H. Bozic
 Robert S. Cancilla
 Brian K. Clugston
 Wayne W. Colteryahn
 Randy W. Contestabile
 Joseph E. Cornelius

James J. Coventry
 William R. Curry
 James M. Czapik
 Chris Decoske
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 Philip A. Dilonardo
 John S. Dimoff
 Robert W. Doerzbacher
 William R. Edell
 William T. Eger
 Kurt H. Eisengart
 Neal G. Fanks
 James A. Ferne
 Joseph D. Flickinger
 David Francia
 Jeffrey J. Gaertner
 David E. Gardner
 Lane D. Garrison
 Charles D. Gerdes

Dennis P. Ging
 Samuel Goldsboro
 Robert A. Grayson
 Anthony N. Guida
 Albert A. Henze
 Francis M. Hibbs
 Michael J. Hollern
 Gregory J. Ionadi
 Michael A. Jaap
 Alan J. Kaplin
 Martin C. Kassalen
 George J. Kazalas
 Scott T. Kearns
 Joseph R. Kenbok
 Richard A. Kepchia
 Timothy A. Kristobek
 Jeffrey C. Krug
 Timothy J. Laffey
 Thomas J. Laporte
 Michael Lassinger

Kevin B. Lauff
 Lawrence E. Liebler
 Kevin L. Linza
 Raymond G. Luffy
 Troy D. Mackenzie
 James M. Manuppelli
 Joseph R. Marconi
 William R. Mcconnell
 James A. Miller
 Kevin M. Mills
 Frank A. Moletz
 Edward R. Monahan
 Michael S. O'rouke
 Michael K. Osterritter
 Daniel L. Overly
 Joseph M. Podrosky
 Bernard A. Pollack
 James F. Popinski
 Mark N. Puma
 Chris J. Pyle

John F. Radacsi
 Jay D. Reed
 Raymond S. Ritter
 Charles H. Robison
 James A. Ryan
 Mark A. Siwik
 Gerald J. Sladic
 Richard B. Sowash
 Stanley J. Stavish
 Clark Stewart
 Scott P. Straynick
 James J. Stynchula
 George J. Sullivan
 John R. Trulick
 Carl W. Turner
 Neal D. Unger
 Kenneth R. Weiss
 Stephen D. Werner
 Jon E. Wuycheck

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 Anthony J. Boyd
 Kenneth R. Delraso
 Albert F. Dicello

Thomas J. Dimarco
 Paul A. Duda
 Benjamin Hoffman
 Gerald S. Kopach

Richard R. Mckenzie
 John J. Raleigh
 Mark P. Randig
 Lester P. Voit

Steven R. Weltner
 Brian D. Wiefling
 Robert B. Wiefling

James G. Witzberger
 Dale L. Yoder
 Brearden D. Young

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Michael R. Dunleavy
 Ronald A. Dunleavy

Albert G. Lonzo
 Scott J. Matz

Curt L. Miller
 Daniel B. Pauly

Robert A. Rebovich

Timothy V. Wisyanski

Local No. 5 Endorsed Candidates 2021 Primary Election Tuesday, May 18th.



Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**SUPREME COURT
SUPERIOR COURT
COMMONWEALTH COURT
COMMONWEALTH COURT**

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TIMIKA LANE
AMANDA GREEN HAWKINS
DAVID SPURGEON**

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PA HOUSE DISTRICT NO. 59

MARIAH FISHER

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

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COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 12
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PATRICK CATENA
BOB PALMOSINA
BRUCE BEEMER
BILL CAYE
JESSEL COSTA
ELLIOT HOWSIE
DAN KONIECZKA
SABRINA KORBEL
ZEKE REDIKER
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PITTSBURGH

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CITY COUNCIL 4 ANTHONY COGHILL
CITY COUNCIL 6 DANIEL LAVELLE
CITY COUNCIL 8 ERIKA STRASSBURGER
SCHOOL BOARD SYLVIA WILSON**

FAYETTE COUNTY

**RECORDER OF DEEDS TRACY VARGO
TREASURER DEBORA APICELLA**

TV Talk

By Jim Ryan

We are now 14 months into the COVID-19 pandemic that saw businesses and schools close, mask wearing become a political issue, the proliferation of Plexiglas, and a radical change in how television is made. These changes include unique scheduling at our TV stations, the pairing of a news photographer with a reporter as much as possible, editors and graphics working from home, sporting events with either no or a drastically reduced number of fans, and freelance truck technicians working on a World Feed where social distancing is implemented as best as it can. It seems as if the light at the end of the tunnel of this pandemic is near, but I don't think that that means we will return to pre-pandemic workflows.

In the sports freelance world, the REMI was something that we knew was on the horizon, but the pandemic has, without a doubt, accelerated the timeline of these becoming the norm. The question is, has the pandemic changed what that norm may have been? I believe that most people saw the REMI shifting the majority of the technicians and production personnel to a remote studio, leaving only the camera operators, utilities, video and possibly an audio 2 at the venue. This would have led to a drastic reduction of technicians needed, especially on the visiting feed. Now, due to the scramble to get sports television going during the pandemic and more cloud based workflows, it is believed that more technicians will be working at the venue while the production team will remain in their home city. A main reason driving this is that building a control room is quite expensive, and just as expensive to keep up to date. Therefore, it seems more cost effective to continue to use the trucks that are out there, but to have connectivity through the cloud which reduces signal latency. Hopefully this will be where sports broadcasting goes, to keep a more traditional Dual Feed along with the technicians that work on them.

For those that work at TV stations, it is hard to predict if workflows will remain as they have been in a pandemic setting, return to a pre-pandemic setting, or something in between. It is possible that technicians may be allowed to continue to operate equipment from home, much like companies are seeking to have a workforce that can work remotely a few days a week and be in the office other days. However, I am fairly certain that the way in which schedules were modified to maintain socially distant, bare-bone staffing will go away. News photographers will see very little change as not much has changed in their day to day work aside from social distancing. News photographers have always been, and remain, the frontline workers in Broadcasting. Throughout the pandemic, they have continued to work with the public and work from other frontline locations such as hospitals, accidents and fires. They should be commended for the hard work that they continued to do on a daily basis throughout the pandemic.

For our Audio-Visual members, any return to normalcy will be a relief to this segment of our membership that was hit the longest by the pandemic. Over the last 14 months, there have been very few productions at the convention center, and those were manned with very small crews. It's hard to tell if and when large conventions will return, and what they look like on the other side. They could go back to the way they were, or they could be smaller with a virtual attendance component.

Whatever post-pandemic broadcasting looks like, be assured that IBEW Local #5 is here to be your voice in the areas of jurisdiction, working conditions, safety and much more. So please help us to be that voice by communicating with the union as soon as you know of any changes to any part of your job.

Stay safe and healthy. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 412-432-1445.

L to R: Jim Ryan presenting Rege Kaminiski 50 year pin. Brother Kaminiski works for WPXI.



CREDIT UNION NEWS

On-line Banking

On-line banking has come to the credit union. If you have not enrolled simply call the credit union to request a link be securely sent to your e-mail address or download the app to your Apple or Android device and set your account up today. You can also find the link to enroll on the Credit Union website at: <https://ibew5.virtualcu.net/>. Once you have registered for on-line banking you can check your balance, request a check, transfer loan payments and complete a loan application. Call the credit union at (412) 432-1152 to enroll today or if you have any questions or concerns.

4 WAYS TO BEGIN PREPARING FOR YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

- 1. Make a budget and stick to it.** Budgeting is the most effective way to manage your money. Create and monitoring a budget allows you to pay bills, adapt to changes, and achieve financial milestones like buying a home or sending a child to college. Budgeting also helps you save for emergencies. If you don't know how to create a budget, there are plenty of online budget building tools that you can find and a pen and paper work just as well.
- 2. Build your emergency savings.** Unexpected expenses happen, and they can throw you into a financial tailspin. According to a 2018 Bankrate study, about half of Americans are not financially prepared to cover expenses that come with illness, job loss, or even home and auto repairs. Establish and fund an emergency expenses savings account, rather than using credit cards.
- 3. Plan for retirement now.** Unlike death and taxes, retirement only comes for us if we plan for it. The average American will spend 20 years in retirement, and just like emergency savings, fewer than half of Americans take the steps needed to set themselves up for a secure retirement. Without savings, either you would need to earn that money or cut way back if you plan to rely on Social Security. For many people who enter retirement without any saved cash, their only source of income ends up being Social Security. Establish and fund your retirement plan today.
- 4. Take control of your credit.** You need to understand how to effectively use your credit to your benefit. That doesn't just mean pulling the plastic out of your wallet every time you need something. The better your credit score the less in fees and interest you may have to pay. Check your credit score regularly, so when you're going for that loan for a home, car or college education, you don't get surprised.

Even though money can't buy happiness, managing it properly can help you avoid all kinds of problems while being prepared for the unexpected events in life.

Hours of Operation
Monday & Thursday 9am-7pm
Tuesday & Wednesday 9am - 3pm
Fridays 9am-NOON
Holiday Closings
Monday, May 31, 2021
Friday, July 5, 2021



BEST WISHES TO PENSIONERS

The officers, and members of Local 5 congratulate these newly retired members and wish them a long and healthy retirement:



OCTOBER 2020

Alan S. Branchen
Steven M. Creamer
Brad K. Gindlesperger

Joseph R. Hergenroeder
Ronald G. Novorolsky
Frank J. Rodgers

Michael J. Shemerdiak
David M. Thomas
Tim R. Tyler

NOVEMBER 2020

Ronald L. Auther
Dale O. Brown

Steven A. Crelli
Timothy R. Edwards

Mark A. Reibie

DECEMBER 2020

Joseph J. Church
Richard J. Crowe
Timothy B. Emory
William H. Fawcett
Barry A. Galcznski

Vernon P. Gillenberger
Donald E. Kendi
Dean H. Labby
Carolyn I. Libert
Robert E. Lightner

W. Donald McNary
Jeffrey L. Reish
Maureen D. Roman-Possage
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JANUARY 2021

Martin W. Casciola
Keith R. Gregowich

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Robert R. Knapp
Mark A. Matish

James P. Romanak
Jack A. Teeter

Craig R. Thomas
Raymond R. Thompson

MARCH 2021

Norman C. Brice
David F. Clapper
Bruce J. Cogan
Thomas J. Dimarco

Russell R. Duke
John M. Hirleman
William J. Kane
P. Gary Lutz

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Daniel B. Pauly
Edward J. Thein
Stanley L. Vuckovic

It is very important to notify the Local Union promptly of any mailing address or phone number change!

BENEFIT INFORMATION

IBEW LOCAL 5 OFFICE: 412-432-1400 or Toll Free 1-800-225-IBEW

Judy Elkanich: Pension applications, deceased member notification / information, beneficiary changes, scheduling of appointments with the Business Manager, "Honorary and Participating" withdraw information..

Cate Eichner: Highmark, Security Blue, Freedom Blue, Pensioners \$10 Dental and Optical Premium and Maintenance assessments.

Courtney Steingraber: Dues payments and inquiries, change of address notifications, and BA Member information and "Military Card" requests.

National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA): 412-432-1155

Chris Cottrill: Scholarship information.

JATC Apprenticeship Office: 412-432-1145

Lisa McManus: Apprenticeship information.

W.P.E.E. Pension Fund: 412-432-1156

Pension benefit calculation inquiries and questions; W.P.E.E. Insurance Trust Fund death benefit beneficiary updates; and Workers Compensation pension and insurance benefits.

W.P.E.E. Insurance Trust Fund 412-432-1130 or Toll Free 1-800-382-1428

All insurance-related questions, including Hospital, Emergency Department, Medical/Surgical, Major Medical, Dental and Vision; Pensioners Dental & Optical Claims.

Secretary of Funds: 412-432-1128 or Toll Free 1-877-782-1817

Beneficiary changes, ERTS, contractor contribution information, benefit hour information, vacation check inquiries.

W.P.E.E. Deferred Compensation and Sick and Disability: 412-432-1144

Deferred Compensation, Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) withdrawal, and Sick and Disability benefit inquiries.

Central Data Services (CDS): 412-432-1125 or Toll Free 1-877-782-1410

Pension benefit calculation inquires and questions; W.P.E.E. Insurance Trust Fund death benefit beneficiary updates; and Workers Compensation pension and insurancebenefits. All other fund-related questions.

IBEW Local 5 Federal Credit Union: 412-432-1152

Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM to Noon

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William H. Krupitzer	March	29,	1939	-	Oct.	6,	2020
Robert A. Peters	August	30,	1951	-	Oct.	9,	2020
Robert E. Kelly	Dec.	22,	1949	-	Oct.	10,	2020
Arthur W. Anderson	July	3,	1951	-	Oct.	22,	2020
Terry W. Hollis	Feb.	15,	1943	-	Oct.	25,	2020
John M. Davis	August	19,	1961	-	Nov.	4,	2020
Michael Fisanick	Oct.	4,	1942	-	Nov.	6,	2020
Edward R. Hockenberry	June	27,	1927	-	Nov.	23,	2020
Charles P. Lawrence	August	10,	1935	-	Nov.	24,	2020
Clyde P. Schumm	March	13,	1943	-	Nov.	24,	2020
William J. Coll	April	14,	1937	-	Nov.	30,	2020
George R. Liptak	Nov.	19,	1940	-	Dec.	6,	2020
David J. Cornelius	May	1,	1939	-	Dec.	12,	2020
Anthony M. Vinglas	March	10,	1942	-	Dec.	15,	2020
John B. Hileman	July	11,	1943	-	Dec.	18,	2020
James V. Keirn	Oct.	10,	1944	-	Dec.	24,	2020
Adolf A. Schultz	Sept.	26,	1946	-	Jan.	6,	2021
David M. Long	June	16,	1961	-	Jan.	12,	2021
John R. Myers	Oct.	15,	1958	-	Jan.	5,	2021
Anthony A. Bianco	April	23,	1932	-	Jan.	19,	2021
Howard J. Snyder	Jan.	11,	1926	-	Jan.	22,	2021
Charles D. Nickum	August	26,	1939	-	Jan.	29,	2021
Robert J. Stewart	June	10,	1932	-	Feb.	8,	2021
Harry J. Wilson, Jr.	Feb.	12,	1954	-	Feb.	12,	2021
Benjamin Greenwood	March	12,	1940	-	Feb.	16,	2021
Drew J. Unger	July	2,	1954	-	Feb.	11,	2021
David R. Schuchert, Sr.	Feb.	28,	1951	-	Feb.	11,	2021
Ronald M. Bickel	Oct.	30,	1939	-	March	16,	2021
Thomas H. Schunk	Sept.	1,	1949	-	March	27,	2021
David H. Canovali	Jan.	10,	1932	-	March	22,	2021
Andrew J. Galioto	March	22,	1943	-	March	29,	2021

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Mitchem L. Whelan	July	24,	1996	-	Oct.	11,	2020
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