



# INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 5 NEWS & VIEWS



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IBEW Local 5 Meeting Hall, Training Center, And Headquarters Building 5 Hot Metal Street Pittsburgh, PA 15203-2355

SPRING 2025

## UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

### Dramatic changes are coming to the Oakland skyline and beyond!

The University of Pittsburgh is undergoing several new additions to the main campus in Oakland and Hazelwood Green.

The Arena and Sports Performance Center will be a modern training area with cutting edge equipment and conditioning for Pitt athletes as well as a home for Pitt Volleyball, gymnastics and wrestling.

At the intersection of Fifth Ave. and Halket St. is a new 10 story building set to be the future state-of-the-art hub of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, which will include street level retail space and underground parking.

In Hazelwood Green, Pitt BioForge will be a state-of-the-art biomanufacturing facility in collaboration with Elevate Bio to develop novel cell, gene treatments and therapies.

Located in the heart of the main campus is the new Recreation and Wellness Center. This is a 270,000-square-foot building that is designed to be a wellness destination for students. The center, designed with a holistic framework, will feature a meditation and yoga space, a pool, weight-lifting equipment, a jogging track, volleyball and basketball courts and a dining space. This project will transform access to the upper campus and provide a more accessible option to those who do not want to make the trek up Cardiac Hill.



Fifth and Halket



Recreation and Wellness Center



Arena and Sports Performance Center



BioForge

photos courtesy of University of Pittsburgh Office of Planning, Design and Construction



Corner by **Tom McIntyre**

I would like to begin by hoping all members and their families had a great holiday season and survived the cold, snowy winter we experienced this past year. I want to thank all of the members that participated in our holiday parties here in Pittsburgh and throughout our jurisdiction, as we had great turnouts and enjoyed some good food and beverages.

The work picture remains strong through 2025 with many large projects full throttle. Pittsburgh International Airport projects, The Terminal Modernization project and the Multi-Model Complex are to meet substantial completion agreements by June 30th, 2025. This does not mean that the project will be completed then but should start to scale back and move manpower to other projects or start to see some layoffs. It appears that the Airport Authority is looking at a grand opening in September or October of this year. The UPMC Presbyterian Hospital and Transplant Center continues to grow its manpower and is scheduled to be completed later in 2026.

I did want to touch on some changes we are expecting to see in our jurisdiction with our normal customers and their work situations. We do a lot of work at the various universities and colleges throughout our area. They are all experiencing major funding cuts from the Federal Government. The first thing that gets cut is construction. We already know that Pitt, C.M.U. and Duquesne have all put future construction projects not deemed necessary on hold. That will be consistent across our jurisdiction, all the way to Penn State up to Slippery Rock and Pitt Bradford. The cuts to medical research programs also cut into substantial work that we do a lot of as far as wiring the various labs and facilities that house these experimental laboratories. We also know that our major medical facilities plan on scaling back on their construction as well. These facilities include UPMC, Allegheny Health Network and most of the medical networks in our jurisdiction. Cuts to Medicaid that are being discussed will also affect our work opportunities. This is not gloom and doom, brothers and sisters, as we still have work opportunities. We attended a meeting with all of the Building Trades Local Unions whose jurisdiction covers the former Homer City Power Plant. This potential project is all but certain and ready to move forward very soon. Kiewit has been chosen as the contractor to perform the work under the National Construction Agreement. All of the permits needed by the State have been approved by the Shapiro Administration and are in hand. This project could begin as soon as the third quarter of 2025 and is being projected to be larger than the Shell Cracker Plant just completed in Beaver County. We do see other potential projects that are also being looked at in our area, so we feel a little optimistic about our future work outlook.

I hope to see all of you and your families at our annual "Denny Miller Family Picnic" being held at Idlewild Park on Saturday, June 21st, 2025. Also at our Annual Labor Day events on Monday, September 1st, 2025 here at our facilities at 5 Hot Metal Street.

Stay safe, brothers and sisters.

**New Officers & Staff Appointed****James Crispell  
Business Agent****Christopher Gualazzi  
Executive Board****David Mazza  
Examining Board****Follow us on social media**

# Active Members 20 To 45 Year Service Pin Recipients

## TWENTY YEAR PINS

Jeffrey D. Arnold  
Waylon C. Boyer  
Brian J. Brugos  
Philip E. Clifford  
Richard W. Cousins  
Jeremy J. Dusheck  
Alfred L. Franklin  
Ryan M. Friday  
Devlin M. Gebert  
Nicholas J. Gross

Justin C. Hankey  
Joshua M. Heckathorn  
Edward K. Hiles  
Martin J. Kendra  
Brandon E. Kisiel  
Steven J. LaPlace  
Anthony P. Laskey  
Robert Leroy  
Jeffrey S. Levine  
Ryan R. Maley

Michael J. Mathews  
David F. Matrascia  
John F. McCarthy  
Brian W. McCreary  
John E. McFadden  
Jesse Mikec  
Gordon W. Mikita  
Bryan M. Moser  
Robert M. Murray  
Timothy B Perkoski

Jeffrey A. Peters  
Michael J. Peterson  
Robert W. Priester  
Gary C. Pritchard  
Justin J. Quallich  
Travis L. Reading  
Eric R. Schiffer  
Jason M. Sharp  
Ian D. Singer  
Matthew A. Sinkus

David R. Snyder  
Edward A. Terpack  
Patrick R. Tevis  
Joseph P. Thom  
Justin M. Thorpe  
Cary D. Toaso  
Steven D. Truitt  
Gregg E. Winkler  
Michael T. Zahorchak

## TWENTY FIVE YEAR PINS

William S. Anderson  
William M. Balaban  
Paul H. Baumiller  
Robert B. Beck  
William J. Betz  
John B. Bianconi  
Ben D. Bishop  
Jody O. Bradley  
Michael E. Brusco  
Kevin W. Caccia  
Robert W. Campbell  
Raymond P. Caputo  
Christina M. Carter-Varesko  
Kevin M. Cassidy  
Kirby D. Christie  
Robert S. Ciorra  
Tim E. Collins  
Joseph M. Cox  
Mark E. Cravener  
Brian S. Crawford  
Benjamin J. Crouch

David P. Cutter  
Jeff J. Cuzzo  
Robert P. Dagostino  
Samuel J. Dailey  
Charles A. Dempsey  
Michael A. Deterline  
Nicholas D. DiFilippo  
Larry G. Dinger  
Paul F. Donahue  
Wayne J. Dowling  
Raymond E. Doyle  
Dennis P. Dryburgh  
David R. Dubovsky  
Jayme J. Dunn  
Christopher M. Duranti  
Matthew T. Fallon  
James J. Ferry  
Mark A. Fissore  
Victor S. Flinko  
Chris W. Fox  
Benjamin Fullard

Robert J. Gallo  
Mark A. Gardner  
Charles H. Geyer  
Jeffrey T. Habak  
William D. Hagerman  
Troy A. Haines  
Rebecca S. Hardwick  
Glenn S. Henning  
Richard M. Hiles  
John E. Hydak  
Arthur E. Iman  
Richard A. Janoski  
Darrell B. Johnston  
Timothy L. Kepner  
Richard M. Keys  
Eric J. Kichi  
Mark A. Kisan  
Terry J. Kissel  
Jerome Konieczka  
Kevin B. Kotula

Thomas C. Kotyk  
Brian W. Krug  
Richard A. Kubia  
Gregory A. Lash  
Scott T. Leffler  
James M. Legg  
Steven R. Lowe  
Michael A. Lutz  
John D. Lynch  
John P. Martin  
Douglas A. Matthews  
Richard L. McCombie  
Jay E. McKelvey  
Ian J. McMichael  
Robert M. Messmer  
Michael W. Mey  
Taylor E. Misplay  
Shawn M. Misselwitz  
Brian Misterka  
Charles R. Molanick

William Murillo  
Dale E. Nadeo  
David T. Nichols  
Patrick J. O'Toole  
Ronald J. Ondo  
Brian C. Painter  
Laurence D. Patterson  
Brian S. Pelegrinelli  
Charles A. Phillips  
Christopher A. Plummer  
Brian A. Pollock  
Robert C. Reckley  
James V. Ricciardi  
Eric M. Rodgers  
Teri Rozic  
Paul R. Rusiewicz  
Jerome R. Schad  
Kenneth M. Shea  
Charles A. Shook  
Brian A. Shord

Gregory S. Shultz  
Scott M. Silbaugh  
Bradley M. Simon  
Joseph J. Sipko  
James A. Swartz  
John F. Tavoletti  
Ronald J. Temple  
John A. Todaro  
Timothy M. Todd  
James J. Troff  
Steven C. Turkaly  
Scott B. Valentino  
Gary J. Walsh  
Paul R. Warnock  
Christopher M. Wenger  
Gene M. Wigfield  
Cory R. Wolff  
Brian D. Yackulich  
Brian G. Yagulli  
Steven L. Young  
Michael D. Zirngibl

## THIRTY YEAR PINS

Robert E. Achille  
David L. Backus  
Colin R. Bailey  
Scott A. Bell  
David A. Bianconi  
John C. Buckley  
Gregory D. Butko  
Gilbert P. Clark  
Robert W. Conner  
Michael T. Corbett  
Eric C. Czapski  
Damon D. Douth  
Samuel L. Eppolito

Daniel W. Evans  
Ronald A. Facciani  
Daniel F. Falger  
James B. Falkowski  
Patrick D. Faust  
John N. Fedorak  
Thomas P. Fetterman  
Eric S. Fleeger  
Brian C. Gilmore  
Joseph A. Hunter  
Timothy A. Hutchins  
Mark E. Karpiak

Frank G. Keegan  
Raymond A. Kelly  
Patrick J. Kopera  
Matthew Kovach  
Ronnie J. Kramer  
Robert A. Kucmeroski  
Brian C. Kucsmas  
Timothy R. Kunz  
Michael A. Landgraf  
Thomas M. Lane  
Albert F. Lash  
Jason R. Lauer  
Chris L. McMichael

Timothy C. McShane  
Monte L. Michaelangelo  
Donald D. Nelson  
Mark D. Nycum  
Jeffrey L. Onstead  
Paris J. Pagliari  
Dean J. Parasolick  
Don A. Paul  
Jeff Pavlick  
Guy D. Pellegrini  
Shawn P. Quinlan  
Stephen P. Radacsi

Keith J. Rees  
Edward M. Reinhart  
Michael Saeler  
Michael J. Sam  
Rodney D. Senior  
Shawn S. Senne  
Richard J. Serafin  
Leslie T. Sheesley  
Kenneth L. Shepler  
Thomas P. Shultz  
Gregory B. Smith  
William A. Stefanka  
Frank R. Stenzel

Timmy L. Syrek  
Daniel R. Terpack  
Dean A. Thomas  
Craig H. Trimble  
Louis A. Troiani  
Ronald J. Turner  
Richard L. Walchesky  
Jeffrey M. Ward  
Roger J. Watt  
Joseph J. Wilding  
Harold G. Wright  
Jeffrey S. Yanyecic

## THIRTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Thomas E. Cole  
Douglas A. Covert  
Robert P. Doerfler

David W. Etzler  
Jonathan R. Firestone  
Shawn R. Huber

Robert K. Landowski  
David G. O'Black  
Kevin F. O'Toole

Tulio A. Petito  
Michael Petrosky  
Gary L. Reinert

Frank A. Reynolds  
Anthony R. Ruffolo  
Charles A. Westhoven

## FORTY YEAR PINS

Richard K. Baldwin

Thomas R. McIntyre

Daniel G. Pratt

Mark A. Purcell

Daniel L. Roache

Marilyn D. Santo

## FORTY FIVE YEAR PIN

Joseph W. Wilcher



# PIN RECIPIANTS



# RENEW NEWS

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

**RENEW**  
Reach out and Engage Next-gen Electrical Workers

**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

**MAY 17TH AT 12PM**  
**CLEARFIELD TRAINING CENTER**  
**PARKING LOT**

**EVENT INFO**

Open to all Local 5 members rain or shine. \$50 early bird tickets per team of 2 or \$60 day of. \$15 non-player tickets. Scan QR code for registration & discount hotel rooms.

**PRIZES**

**1st PLACE**  
Grand Cash Prize

**2nd PLACE**  
Cash Prize

**3rd PLACE**  
Cash Prize

**BBQ & BYOB**

**INFORMATION**

For more info contact RENEW at [local5renew@gmail.com](mailto:local5renew@gmail.com)

## RENEW volunteers for the Pittsburgh Food Bank





## LEGAL COUNCIL REPORT



JOSHUA BLOOM & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

### STATE OF THE UNION WORKER

Most unfortunately, I must report several attacks on union workers, their right to collectively bargain, and to enforce their collective bargaining agreements. Rather than provide commentary, I will simply list the factual events in chronological order:

1. On January 27th, 2025, President Trump Fired National Labor Relations Board Member Gwynne Wilcox before her term ended resulting in a lack of a quorum which is paralyzing the Board from enforcing private employees' rights to enforce collective bargaining agreements (CBAs), choosing a union to represent them, engaging in collective bargaining, and exercise their rights to engage in collective and union activities. The regional offices are still operational, but all appeals will become frozen in a backlog.
2. On February 7th, 2025, Pete Hegseth, U.S. Secretary of Defense, prohibited the use of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on the U.S. Department of Defense's large construction projects. PLAs are agreements entered into with construction unions to use union labor and memorialize uniform terms and working conditions.
3. On February 14th, 2025, the Republican Governor of Utah signed a bill into law that was exclusively passed by Republican legislators to Ban public employees from engaging in collective bargaining with their public employers.
4. March 7th, 2025, President Trump cancelled the CBA and the right to collectively bargain for 50,000 TSA federal workers.
5. On March 14th, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order rescinding Former President Biden's Executive Order instructing federal agencies to prioritize funding projects which will include a PLA.
6. On March 24, 2025, President Trump nominated attorney Crystal Carey from the law firm of Morgan Lewis to be the top executive of the National Labor Relations Board as its General Counsel. Morgan Lewis is the law firm currently representing Elon Musk's SpaceX's in a lawsuit claiming that it is unconstitutional for the National Labor Relations Board to enforce private employees' CBAs, their right to engage in collective bargaining, and their right to engage in collective and union activities.
7. On March 27th, 2025, President Trump signed an Executive Order cancelling the right for approximately 75% of federal employees represented by a union (67% of the total federal workforce) to engage in collective bargaining. On that same day, the Trump Administration filed a lawsuit in a U.S. District Court in Texas asking the Court to invalidate their CBAs.

I certainly take no pleasure in reporting these disturbing facts, but it is overwhelming important to know what is going on with union workers, your jobs, and how your rights are being placed at risk. Since the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate both have Republican majorities, I recommend that you call and email your representatives asking them to take action to stop the attack on your jobs, your rights, and the rights of other union workers. If you need to find their contact information, you can easily find them at [www.usa.gov/elected-officials](http://www.usa.gov/elected-officials).

## TV Talk By Jim Ryan

### FCC Media Ownership Changes: What's at Stake for Unionized Broadcast Workers

Unionized workers in local broadcast news are bracing for significant changes as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) considers loosening media ownership rules. These ownership rules were designed to prevent media monopolies and ensure a diversity of voices in journalism and have long protected local stations and the jobs they create. Currently, companies cannot own more than one station that is in the top four in local ratings. However, potential deregulation could trigger widespread consolidation, leading to fewer independently owned stations and far-reaching consequences for union members—particularly the technical staff, which IBEW Local #5 represents at WPXI and WTAE, who keep local news operations running smoothly.

A major concern is job security. When large media conglomerates acquire more stations, they often consolidate operations to cut costs. This can mean merging newsrooms, eliminating redundant positions, and outsourcing content production. For IBEW Local #5 Broadcast Members—such as camera operators, master control operators, editors, technicians, and broadcast engineers—this often results in layoffs and fewer opportunities for local employment. Through these rules, these conglomerates will more easily be able to create centralized production hubs, where one newsroom produces content for multiple markets in right-to-work states which will further reduce the need for local technical staff, leaving communities with less original reporting and fewer union-protected jobs.

For those who remain employed after consolidation, the workload often increases. Technical staff are frequently expected to take on multiple roles, such as managing transmission equipment, overseeing digital content platforms, and troubleshooting IT systems—duties that were once divided among specialized positions. This added responsibility can lead to burnout, job dissatisfaction, and high turnover, undermining the efficiency and reliability of local broadcast operations. Moreover, these expanded roles can blur the lines between distinct job classifications, potentially violating collective bargaining agreements and creating friction between workers and management.

Media consolidation can weaken union representation, making it harder for workers to organize and advocate effectively. In a competitive market, unions have the leverage to negotiate better wages, benefits, and working conditions. However, when fewer media companies control the market, competition for talent decreases, making it more difficult for unions to secure fair contracts. As operations become more centralized, media conglomerates have less incentive to negotiate with unions. This shift complicates contract negotiations and threatens the rights of technical workers. Wage stagnation, reduced benefits, and weakened protections become real risks as media corporations prioritize profits over workers—a trend that has been ongoing for years and would likely intensify if ownership rules are further relaxed.

Another pressing concern is the potential erosion of technical standards and public service obligations. IBEW Local #5 Broadcast Members play a critical role in maintaining broadcast quality, ensuring compliance with FCC regulations, and safeguarding the public interest. Our high standards could be compromised to the extent that consolidation shifts the focus toward cost-cutting and profit-driven programming. Fewer technicians managing more stations can lead to technical errors, reduced maintenance, and a decline in overall broadcast quality.

As the FCC considers these potential changes, IBEW Local #5 is prepared to fight for job security, fair wages, and the preservation of high technical standards. You can help too by reaching out to your US Representative at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and Senator Fetterman and Senator McCormick at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov). Ask them to contact the FCC and tell them to keep the "Media Ownership Rules" the same. Protecting the expertise and professionalism of technical staff is essential to ensuring that local communities continue to receive high-quality, reliable broadcast services. To safeguard these values, unions, including the IBEW, will mobilize, engage policymakers, and ensure that any regulatory changes put the interests of workers—and the public—first.



**Local No. 5 Endorsed Candidates**  
**2025 Primary Election**  
**Tuesday, May 20th.**



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

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

**Brandon Neuman**  
**Stella Tsai**

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

**SHERIFF**

COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 1  
COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 3  
COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 4  
COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 8  
COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 9  
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Kevin Kraus

Carl Villella  
Lissa Geiger Shulman  
Patrick Catena  
Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis  
Aaron Adams  
Bob Palmosino

Dan Miller  
Amanda Green-Hawkins  
Julie Capone  
Heather Schmidt Bresnahan  
Alyssa Cowan  
Anthony Deluca  
Brian Neft  
Sarra Terry

**PITTSBURGH**

CITY COUNCIL 2  
CITY COUNCIL 4  
CITY COUNCIL 6  
CITY COUNCIL 8

Kim Salinetro  
Anthony Coghill  
Daniel Lavelle  
Erika Strassberger

SCHOOL BOARD 7  
SCHOOL BOARD 9

Mahdi Bey  
Allie Petonic

**MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE**

05.2.13  
05.2.14  
05.2.18  
05.2.26  
05.2.28  
05.3.17

Joseph Pero  
Dan Olaz  
Candace Seymour  
Beth Mills  
Oscar Petite  
Jack Kearney

**SWISSVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Shane Letchford





CHRISTMAS PARTY IN PITTSBURGH







CHRISTMAS PARTY IN ALTOONA



CHRISTMAS PARTY IN CLEARFIELD



CHRISTMAS PARTY IN UNIONTOWN



CHRISTMAS PARTY IN BUTLER



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**ELK COUNTRY  
ARCHERY CHALLENGE**  
Friday - Sunday, August 15 - 17, 2025

REGISTRATION

**EVENTS**  
3D COURSE  
HEAD TO HEAD SHOOTOUT  
PACK RACE  
highest combined score wins grand prize

- Men's and Women's divisions and champions
- Seven competition levels
- Unlimited 3D course with registration
- 3D course open to the public

facebook@Elk Country Archery Challenge Shooters

**ELK COUNTRY VISITOR CENTER** 134 HOMESTEAD DRIVE BENEZETTE, PA 15821

Logos: IBEW Local 5, KECA, Keystone Elk Country Alliance

## Labor Day 2025

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!

## IBEW Local 5 Golf Club 2025 Schedule

May 17- The Madison Club

June 28- Slippery Rock Golf Club

July 19- Pittsburgh National

August 16- Scramble at Cedarbrook Golf Course

September 20 & 21- Weekender in Streetsboro Ohio  
-Boulder Creek and Windmill Lakes Golf courses

The regular outings will include golf and snack at the turn. There will also be optional and skins game and skill prizes.

The August scramble will include snack at the turn and buffet dinner after golf along with team and individual prizes.

We will be sending out our annual mailer with all times and prices in early April. We welcome golfers of all skill levels. Anyone interested in participating should contact:

[ibewlu5golfclub@gmail.com](mailto:ibewlu5golfclub@gmail.com)

## 2025 IBEW EAST COAST MOTORCYCLE RIDE

**Saturday, August 9, 2025**

Seven Springs Mountain Resort  
777 Water Wheel Drive  
Champion, Pennsylvania 15622

**Friday, August 8, 2025**

1:00 p.m.—Registration begins  
6:00 p.m.—Meet & Greet  
(Free Refreshments)

**Saturday, August 9, 2025**

8:00 a.m.—Registration begins  
9:00 a.m.—Riders meeting place TBD  
9:30 a.m.—Riders leave resort  
6:30 p.m.—Dinner reception & gifts

For more information,  
contact Mark MacNichol at  
(202) 728-6040 or [Safety@IBEW.org](mailto:Safety@IBEW.org)



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March, 2025

To All Active/Retired Members and Apprentices:

It's that time again!! We will be returning to Idlewild Park in the Laurel Highlands, Ligonier, PA on SATURDAY, JUNE 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to celebrate the IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 5, DENNY MILLER FAMILY PICNIC. In addition to all Idlewild Park has to offer with rides, shows, games and the Soak Zone, Local 5 will have raffle prize drawings, bingo and children's entertainment.

Due to new management at Idlewild, there were changes made in 2023. There has been no new changes at the park in 2025. Below is a brief review of the changes that were made in 2023:

1. Local 5 members/apprentices can order tickets at a cost of \$5.00/Each for the member/apprentice, His/Her Spouse, and their "Children or Grandchildren" from Age 3 through 18. Children 2 years and under are admitted to the park FREE. The admission ticket price is \$30.00, which Local 5 will pay \$25.00 towards each ticket. **There is NO SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT.**  
  
Guest tickets are available for anyone outside of your immediate family members at the special rate of \$30.00.
2. Idlewild has discontinued the "Fun Money". Instead, you will have the opportunity to purchase a "Meal Deal Ticket". The Meal Deal is \$16.50 per ticket. Local 5 members/apprentices, their family and guests can purchase a "Meal Deal Ticket" at a cost of \$6.00 each. Local 5 will pay \$10.50 towards each "Meal Deal Ticket" purchased. Venues where the "Meal Deal Ticket" can be used are The Potato Patch, Hillside Grill, Boardwalk Pizza and Snack Shack. **Meal Deal Tickets are limited to one per admission ticket.**
3. Idlewild Admission Tickets and Meal Deal Tickets **CAN ONLY BE USED ON THE DAY OF THE PICNIC (Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025). THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ON TICKETS PURCHASED AND NOT USED ON THE DAY OF THE PICNIC.** Please keep this in mind when making your plans.

Please complete the order form and return it in the enclosed envelope with your check or money order. Checks should be made payable to "IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 5". **PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

We look forward to, once again, enjoying a fun-filled day at Idlewild Park.



## TEG INTERVENTIONS

### Drug and Alcohol Consultation, Intervention and Placement

TEG Interventions works to assist hundreds of union members and their loved ones with substance abuse disorders.

If you or a family member need personalized, confidential, professional insight and assistance to proper treatment or counseling, please call Tim: (724) 413-9709.

## REMINDER TO FOREMAN!

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR FOREMAN REPORT ON THE 1ST OF THE MONTH!

<https://ibew5.org/foreman-report>



The **WPANECA Electrician Emergency Support Program** was created in 2018 to lend a helping hand to IBEW electricians and their families in the face of emergencies. We've proudly been able to do that over the past few years. In 2022 alone we awarded over **\$6500** in aid and helped support 3 different IBEW Electricians who needed our help during their most challenging times. What we build together as **NECA/IBEW** is truly a team effort. We want you to know that we are here to **HELP YOU** when you need it most. We want to make sure electricians in Local 5 understand that the EESP is a confidential, safe place to seek financial assistance in the face of an emergency.

Please visit [www.wpaneca-electrician.org](http://www.wpaneca-electrician.org) to learn more



## Veterans News

### IBEW Names Mike Smith as First International Representative for IBEW Veterans Affairs

IBEW International President Ken Cooper appointed Mike Smith as the first-ever International Representative for IBEW Veterans Affairs in October 2024. This appointment highlights the IBEW's ongoing commitment to supporting and honoring its veteran members.

### A Veteran Dedicated to Service and Leadership

Smith served in the U.S. Navy from 1982 to 1993 as a fire controlman, where he operated and maintained advanced weapons systems. He distinguished himself as an expert instructor in the Tomahawk weapons system, ensuring that sailors were well-prepared to handle critical defense technology. A veteran of Operation Desert Storm, Smith's experience in high-stakes environments instilled in him a strong sense of leadership, precision, and teamwork.

After leaving the Navy, Smith transitioned to a career as an inside journeyman wireman with Local 840 in Geneva, NY. His passion for teaching continued in the civilian world, leading him to become an instructor and later the training director for the Local 840's Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC).

### Advocacy for Veterans Within the IBEW

Before his current appointment, Smith served as Chair of the New York State Veterans Committee for the IBEW's 3rd District. In this role, he advocated for veterans' issues and strengthened connections between the IBEW and veterans' organizations. His leadership created pathways for veterans to enter the electrical industry and succeed within the IBEW.

### Championing VEEP and VIPER for Veterans' Success

In his new role, Smith is focused on expanding awareness of two key programs that help veterans transition to civilian careers:

•**VEEP (Veterans Electrical Entry Program)**: Provides transitioning service members with the foundational electrical skills and certifications needed to begin careers as IBEW inside and outside wireman apprentices. By equipping veterans with these skills before leaving the military, VEEP facilitates a smooth transition to IBEW apprenticeship programs and long-term careers.

### •VIPER (Veteran Internships Providing Employment

**Readiness)**: Aims to reduce veteran suicide by addressing key challenges such as unemployment, substance abuse, and homelessness. Through pre-employment training, mentorship, and outreach, VIPER helps veterans and military spouses successfully transition to civilian careers while offering mental health support and a network of resources.

### Fighting Veteran Suicide Through Meaningful Employment

One of Smith's top priorities is advocating for veteran suicide prevention by emphasizing the importance of meaningful employment. He understands that many veterans struggle to find purpose and stability after leaving the military, and studies show that employment can greatly improve mental health and reduce the risk of suicide. Smith is determined to leverage the IBEW's vast network to provide veterans with the support, stability, and sense of belonging they need to thrive.

### Expanding Support to Canadian Veterans

As the first International Representative for IBEW Veterans Affairs, Smith's vision extends beyond U.S. borders. He is equally committed to supporting the IBEW's Canadian veterans, recognizing that all veterans, regardless of nationality, share a bond of service and sacrifice. Smith is determined to ensure that the IBEW serves as a source of strength and opportunity for all who have worn the uniform.

### A New Era for IBEW Veterans

Smith's appointment marks a significant step in IBEW's commitment to veterans. With his extensive background in military service, electrical training, and veteran advocacy, he is uniquely positioned to lead this new era. Under his leadership, the IBEW Veterans Committees will not only honor veterans' contributions but also provide them with the tools and resources they need to succeed after their military service. Through programs like VEEP and VIPER, Smith is committed to empowering veterans, strengthening the IBEW, and creating lasting opportunities for those who have served.

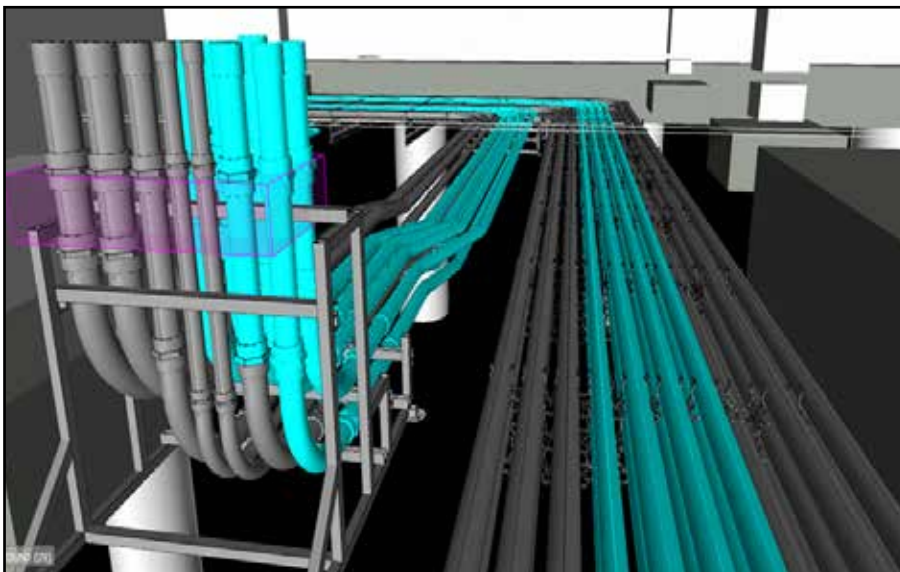


# JATC NEWS

The New Year has brought plenty of changes to your apprenticeship. The leadership transition has gone very smoothly with longtime Assistant Director Tim Wisyanski moving into the position of Director and Rachel Hienz assuming the Pittsburgh-Assistant Director duties. The building itself is undergoing a needed paint job and an updated flooring installation project is nearly complete. Apprenticeship and Journeyman classes and their accompanying labs are continuously being reviewed and updated to reflect the needs of the electrical industry. The JATC has also added several new instructors that are refining their skills and adding to the experiences that we all benefit from.

In this edition of your newsletter we would like to focus on Virtual Construction. In the past we have grown accustomed to referring to this new technology as BIM (Building Information Modeling). Moving forward, we're going to refer to this new and evolving tech as Virtual Construction since it more accurately describes the overall process.

What is Virtual Construction? It is the ability to use online software to create drawings and models of jobsites on a computer. With these programs we have the ability to take large scale jobs and break them down to the smallest details needed to install the best job possible. Virtual Construction offers big changes to all of the construction industry as a whole, especially the electrical industry. But computerized modeling isn't all this technology has to offer; Prefabrication and design assist builds are becoming more popular together with the model, and the related job opportunities are growing with each of these ideas.



This process starts with design teams being able to sit down with engineers and other MEP (Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing) trades to coordinate systems months before actual installation. Using engineering software to virtually build a one-to-one model of the electrical systems needed to complete the job we are able to show discrepancies with what the electrical engineer has shown in 2D, and bring real construct-ability issues to light. As coordination happens, contractors are able to pull any data needed from the virtual model to assist in prefabrication, purchasing, scheduling, and logistics. This type of forward thinking approach allows contractors to spend more time upfront on projects with the preplanning phase but see greater returns with improved efficiency during the construction phase. Workers in the field will start to see an improvement on prints with relevant shop drawings and information to assist them in the installation phase, as well as a support team that knows the projects before it is even built. Along with this increase in information, we also find that using robotic surveying equipment allows us to showcase relevant points needed for precise electrical layouts, making the daily life of the electricians in the field easier.

Virtual Construction is the backbone to prefabrication. It is what allows contractors to design and implement any prefabricated assembly. A prefabricated assembly can be anything ranging to a couple conduits connected together by strut, to whole rooms being designed and prefabricated by all trades together to be dropped onto site. Prefabrication is going to be the future of our electrical industry. It allows contractors to have more control over estimates, schedules, safety, and accuracy of installations. Companies that are using Virtual Construction have prefabrication shops that will allow them to bid larger jobs with tighter schedules.



Two of the JATC's brightest young talents, Nathan Butler and Ryan Gillespie, work daily with all aspects of Virtual Construction on large jobsites including the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport Project, the Mercy Hospital Project and the Presbyterian Hospital project. Nathan and Ryan also run the Virtual Construction (BIM) classes at the JATC which offers plenty of hands on experience for interested members. Upon completion, members will find that virtual construction opens the door to new work opportunities for all of our members. New job opportunities are already apparent such as designing electrical systems, building prefabricated systems, and lay out of these assemblies in the field. These prefabricated assemblies are being built by local 5 electricians and sent out to jobs in our local as well as other jurisdictions, securing more work and a larger market share for our Brothers and Sisters.

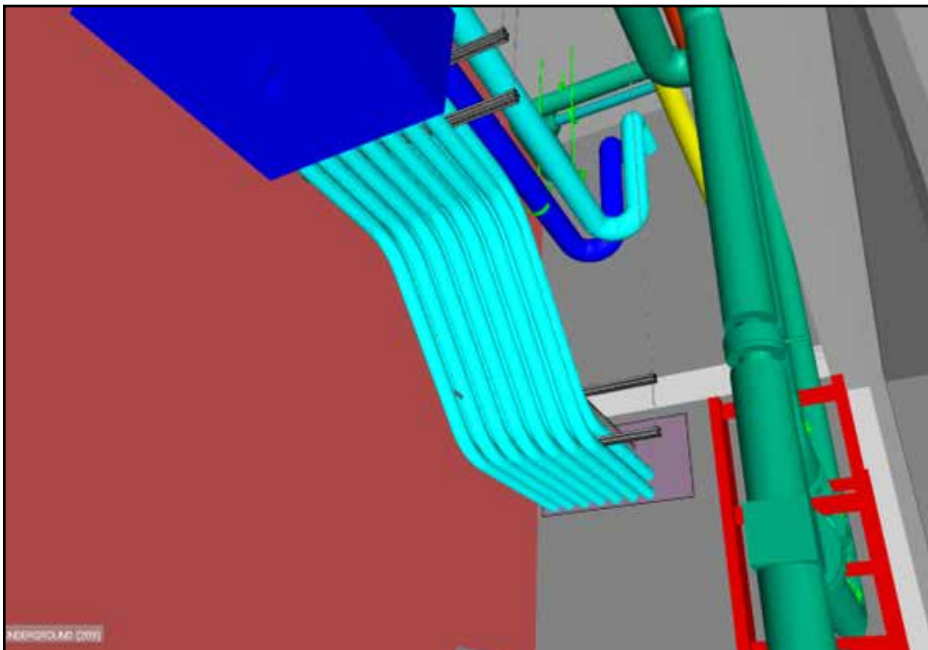
These prefabricated assemblies are being built by Local 5 electricians.

Nathan Butler

Prefabrication allows for more control over estimates, schedules, safety and accuracy of installations.

Ryan Gillespie

The future of the electrical industry is bright, with prefabrication and Virtual Construction leading the way towards greater control, safety, and precision in every project. By embracing this innovative approach, Local 5 and our contractors can look forward to increased market share, improved project outcomes, and a more streamlined construction process that benefits everyone involved.



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# RETIREE CORNER



## TRIP TO OIL CREEK





# AROUND OUR JURISTICTION



**Bob Biter Electric at Northern Cambria H.S.**



**Wellington Power at AGH**  
Vera Smith, Corey Watson, Evin Page, Chuck Lynch, Ben Bowman, Jayce Hundertmark



**Fallon Electric at Pittsburgh Ortho Surgical Suites**  
L to R: Cameron Lyle, Ernie Zeh, Chad Wills, Joe Walsh, Don Ayers, Nsiah Clacks, Paul Faust, Tony Billisits, Justin Zietak



**Hatzel and Buehler at Jefferson Hospital**  
Joe Fedysayn, Jordan Emery, Russell Losteter, Jake Wilhelm, Michael Corbett, Michael Morales, Frank Poydence, Noah Swager



**DES and Precision at AGH**  
L to R: Dewayne Murray Jr., Jack Magee, Spencer Holmes, Joe Dunleavy, Brianna Spell, Darren Hillberry, Clinton Copeland, Greg Lash



**Marsula at IRMC Mental Health**



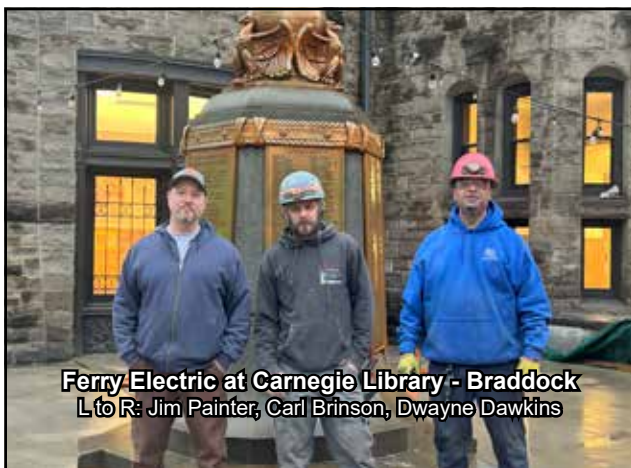
**M.J. Electric at Armaugh Substation**  
Matt Gebrowsky and Mark Hallock



**Bob Biter Electric at State Police DNA lab in Greensburg**  
L to R: Brandon Mountan, Bill Churella, Joe Burkhart, Chris Plummer, Dan Sherwood, Sam Coll



**McCrossin Electric at Norfolk**



**Ferry Electric at Carnegie Library - Braddock**  
L to R: Jim Painter, Carl Brinson, Dwayne Dawkins



**Precision Electric at PPG Place**  
Clint Baldwin, George Kalafatis, Kody Witt, Jeff Ink



**Emerald Electric Prefab for Presby Hospital**  
L to R: Shawn Copeland, Jim Hutchinson



**Hallstrom Clark at Indiana Veteran's Center**

## REAL ID DEADLINE IS MAY 7, 2025

REAL ID may be required to access  
certain jobsites:

Bettis  
NETL/DOE  
CDC/NIOSH  
Federal property  
Military bases  
Nuclear facilities





# AROUND OUR JURISTITION



**Hanlon and Blue Sky at West Penn Hospital Sterilization**  
L to R: Lloyd Carmack, Garth Wise, Mike Francia, Dean Thomas, Phil Beattie, Madi Irvin, Rick Deemer



**Marsula at Project Delta**  
L to R: Eric Hanna, Ron Chieffalo, Ethan Quinn, Colin Chupinka, Mike Haley, Emma Ciaramella, Ricardo Peterson, Doug Berg, Ryan Moore



**Clista at Scaife Hall**  
L to R: Donald Maraugh, Alec Hyslip, Eric Bubash, Brian Tomko, Ed Gulick



**Mare at Pitt Union**  
L to R: Terry Wingrove, Bill Stillman, Jake Gerger



**Marsula at East Liberty Giant Eagle**  
L to R: Jennifer Czapik, Kevin Cassidy, Keith Flowers, Domenic Slayton, Brandon Hagaman, Max DePellegrini, Juane Howard, Bob Nicholls, Dan Lewis, Shane VanWhy, Chase Kirmeyer



**Bruce & Merrilees at Data Center in Robinson**  
L to R: Tyler Buchanan, Chris Scammel, Jeff Cuzzo, Jim Sweeney, Ryan Taylor, George Wardle, Bob Leroy, Brian Yackulich, Greg Crawford



**Ferry, Clista, Blue Sky, JSJ at Pitt BioForge**  
Front: Bill Martin  
Back L to R: Ryan Severin, Terry Moser, John Barbour, Justin Rigdon, Wyatt Smith, Jason McCullough, Brandon Eisenbarth, Rick Deemer, Dave Stevenson, Chris Walker, Logan Donahue, Rob Gerhart



**Clista at Presby Offsite Prefab**  
Front L to R: John Gonzales, Ron Marangoni, Amy Krug, Anthony Laskey, Nick Flinko, Brian Shick  
Back L to R: Maximus Geyser, Brandon Decesere, Tarrick Askew, Jerry Ledford, Brian Gilmore, Jason McCollough



**Mare at PWSA**  
L to R: Luke Linder, Gunner Boe, Kody Troutman, Ryal Campbell



**Clista at CMU Robotics**  
L to R: Finley Greene, Caitlin Walker, Jon Burke, Mark Blum, Pete Pane, Dave Warywoda, Jayson Mastromonaco, Matt Shearer, John Kulikski, Jacob Quinten, Brian Clugston not pictured: Joe Steen



**Hatzel and Buehler and Blue Sky at the Pitt Arena and Sports Performance Center**



**Right Electric at Cranberry Water Plant**  
L to R: James Leichter, Seth Robb, Micah Grafton, Mike Hornberger



# AROUND OUR JURISTITION



Ferry Electric at Steamfitter's 449 Remodel  
Jesse Paradise and Ryan Christie



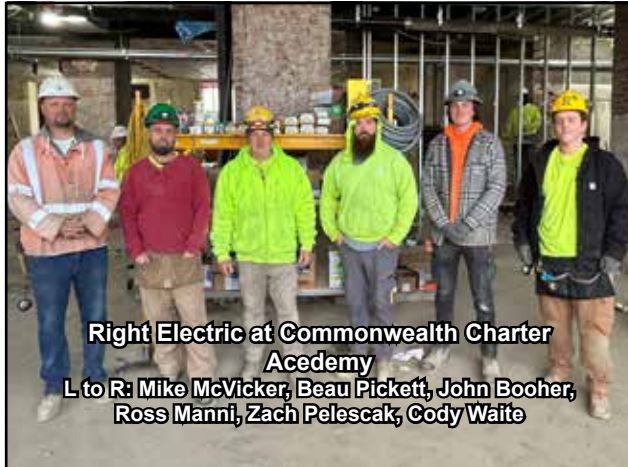
Bob Biter Electric at Northern Cambria School  
Back, left to right – Mitch Litzinger, Dan Dudurich,  
Lyle Keith, Cole Hamm, Justin Hand, Doug Knepp,  
Tyler Armogost, Josh Shaffer.  
Front, left right – Katie Rainey, Ryan Thomas, Jaimee  
Cantolina, Thor Miller, Mark Wilk



Precision Electric at Butler Hillman Cancer Center  
L to R: Zach Waltonbaugh, David Nobilese, Matt Stepic,  
Chris Wenger, Kody Witt



Right Electric at Oil City Bank  
Hunter Seybert and Ryan Bell



Right Electric at Commonwealth Charter  
Academy  
L to R: Mike McVicker, Beau Pickett, John Booher,  
Ross Manni, Zach Pelescak, Cody Waite



Bronder at Pitt Recreation and Wellness  
Mike Mellott, Matt Donovan, Josh Morris



Hatzel and Buehler at West Penn Hospital  
L to R: Genaro Sloan, Brian Billheimer, Devin  
Williams, Michelle Stewart, Russell Losteter



Sargent Electric at Schenley Park Lighting Project  
Greg Malta and Tyler Kelch



Clista at Mercy Hospital Surgical Renovations  
Taylor Misplay, Michael Antkowiak, Ed Sturgess, Chad  
Gress



T.P. Electric at Hempfield Municipal Building  
L to R: Sam Choby, Jamie Overly, John DePalma



LMI at 1 PPG Place  
L to R: Caleb Osborne, Noah Swager, Mike Egnac,  
Brad Wiefeling, Al Kucharski



Ferry Electric at BNY Mellon-7th Floor  
Adrian Lamperski, Dwayne Dawkins, Steve Werner, John  
Drilak, Jack Sticha, Benjamin Kadora



TP at Nobel Environmental



DES at Local Leaf Dispensary  
L to R: Devin Whiteman, Mike Allen, Jensen Holmes,  
Mike Earhart



Schultheis Electric at Medical Commons 1 and 3  
L to R: Joshua Wiltrout, Jim Shipley, Chris Whipkey, Tom  
Hunter, Joe Hunter





## BEST WISHES TO PENSIONERS

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



### NOVEMBER 2024

Troy D. Mackenzie

Richard E. Pfaff

### DECEMBER 2024

Daniel J. Cenci

### JANUARY 2025

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### APRIL 2025

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