

Monthly Meeting Summary by Michael R. Dunleavy, Business Manager

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As you know, we have worked to be the most open administration ever to lead Local Union No. 5. I have addressed topics at the monthly union meeting and on the Local Union web site, as well as in the newsletter. I have repeatedly explained healthcare funding and eligibility (extra hours), retirement age, retirement benefits and retirement funding, the IAP Fund and the PAC Fund. I have explained Category I and II language. I have explained the Management Rights clause. I have explained recall language and our contract. I have also explained the NMA and 90%. But, it has been brought to my attention by some members that I have not reported to you as to some of the additional responsibilities that many of the officers and agents have in other capacities that benefit all of you. It is timely to explain this with our latest class of journeymen topping out. For instance in addition to serving as the Business Manager/Financial Secretary of the local I chair the Health, Pension, Deferred Compensation, Wage and Fringe Trust Funds, the LMCC and JATC. I also chair the Western Third Business Manager Association. I am a Vice President of the Pittsburgh Building Trades, Vice President of the PA State Building Trades, an alternate Vice President to the State AFL-CIO and an Executive Board member of the Labor Council. I am a member of the PA State Electrical Workers, on the Board of Directors of the United Way, on the Visioning Pittsburgh Committee and have been appointed by the Governor to the Port of Pittsburgh Commission.

Denny Eicker, in addition to being the President of the local is the Chairman of the Executive Board, a Trustee on the Insurance, Pension, Deferred Compensation, Wage and Fringe Trust Funds, as well as serving on the LMCC and JATC. President Eicker also is the Pittsburgh Building Trades Secretary-Treasurer, serves on the Ben Franklin State Board and is the Local Union No. 5 Safety Director and representative to the National Safety Council.

Recording Secretary Tom Higgins is a Trustee on the Insurance, Pension, Deferred Compensation, Wage and Fringe Trust Funds, as well as serving on the LMCC and JATC. Recording Secretary Higgins also serves as an Executive Board member and is an auditor for the State AFL-CIO.

Treasurer Bob Thomas is the President of the Butler Labor Council and President of the Butler-Venango County Building Trades. Treasurer Thomas is on the Board of Directors of the Community Development Corporation of Butler County, Board of Directors of the United Way and on the Area Labor Federation Board.

Vice President Tom McIntyre chairs the Membership Development Committee and sits on the local Chamber of Commerce and serves as an Executive Board member.

Assistant Business Manager Bob Kutz is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Altoona Building Trades, President of the Blair-Bedford Labor Council, a member of the Workforce Investment Board and Area Labor Federation Board.

Assistant Business Manager Jeff Miller is President of the North Central PA Building Trades, President of the Clearfield, Elk, Cameron and Jefferson Labor Council, member of the Workforce Investment Board, Economic Development Board, Area Labor Federation Board, and the Green Energy Task Force.

Assistant Business Manager Greg Vogt serves as the Local Union Political Director, Local Union I.O. Registrar, Recording Secretary of the Pittsburgh Building Trades Council and member of the Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board.

I want to point out that no officer or agent receives compensation for any of these responsibilities and that the time that is required for these positions is in addition to their regular jobs, not in lieu of it. Rest assured, that if it is necessary to benefit you, we will pursue and attain whatever board or committee positions no matter how much time and effort is required. The IBEW exceeds all other building trades in participation on boards.

On to a work report. The overall employment situation within the local is good. We are working to secure additional employment 12-18 months from now. I continue to urge you to take all work offered to you. We have full employment with approximately 400 travelers working.

Last, the International Office has asked for our participation in a Health Care Reform Rally on June 25th in Washington, D.C. We will be filling a bus or multiple buses if required. Please contact Greg Vogt if you are interested.

I would like to congratulate all of our service pin recipients and new journeymen.

Thank you.