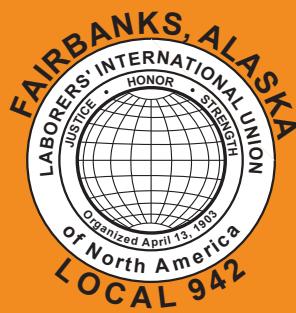


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# NEWS

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## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

BY KEVIN POMEROY

It looks like summer is in full swing! You can tell because the big slow-moving mosquitoes have been replaced by the smaller aggressive ones. Spring seemed to have been uneventful compared to last year. With road work and building projects getting underway, we still have a fair amount of activity on the North Slope, which should result in another great year of overall man hours. Once again, the highway projects are spread out all over Local 942's geographic jurisdiction: Southeast, Fairbanks area, Delta, Tok, Parks Highway, Elliot Highway, and the Dalton Highway. It seems like all highways leading to and from Fairbanks have some degree of road repair taking place.

Although construction of the new Training Center is wrapping up, you might still notice activity in the area. We still need to address minor punch list items, landscaping, and pavement for the parking



**Kevin Pomeroy**  
Business Manager

lot. The Local will take the opportunity to enlarge and landscape our lawn adjacent to the hiring hall to compliment and facilitate drainage around the Training School. The intent is to have a lush green lawn in time for Local 942's annual picnic on August 2, 2015.

I want to make you aware of a Membership Opinion Survey we will be sending out shortly after the Newsletter. It shouldn't take more than about five minutes to complete. It is anonymous, so please be candid on how you feel the Local is serving you.

Let me close by sharing that we are in the early stages of compiling the training schedule for this fall. With multiple classrooms at our disposal, we are excited about increasing the frequency and quality of training classes offered. As always, when the schedule is printed it will be mailed out to the membership, as well as posted on our web site.

Have a safe and productive summer!

### TRAINING SCHOOL UPDATE

By Jeff Lucas, Apprentice Coordinator

We are finally in the NEW SCHOOL!! It has been a long time coming and we still have a lot of things to complete. I would like to thank and recognize all the volunteers that helped us to achieve what Tim Sharp envisioned and started so long ago. We have received over 8,000 hours of volunteered help from Apprentices and Journeyman.

We self-performed most of the work and I would like to think that everyone that helped would be proud to say that they built the new school for the Laborers. I had a chance to show Trustee, Dan Simien, around when he was here for the Trust meeting in April and he couldn't believe that we could achieve this level of work. He said that he was

proud of all the Laborers of 942 and of what they have accomplished in the construction of the school.

All of the Trust members that toured the new school were impressed at what we have built. Kevin Pomeroy and I have spent several long nights together at the school sitting on the concrete to get it finished. I would like to give Frank Rambosek, Gary Contento, Dave Sciuchetti, and Joel Switzer a special thanks for all the work that they put into the new school. We will be working on the little unfinished things as we can and incorporating them into classes as we start the school year. We hope to have a formal grand opening in August.

As always, I am asking for your help to recruit new apprentices for the program. If you know someone that you think would make a great Laborer, just have them stop by and get an application. We accept applications year round for the apprenticeship program.

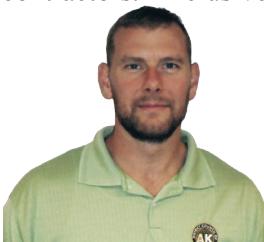
# Representing the Members

## President's Report

**Scott Eickholt, President/Business Representative**

The 2015 construction season is well under way with projects spread wide across our jurisdiction. There are numerous projects in and around Fairbanks, all of which are Union and with our home contractors. Exclusive Paving won the North Cushman project; we expect this project to use an enormous amount of flaggers and pipe layers. HC Contractors' major project this year is the College Road work, which recently began. Great Northwest, Inc. has more passing lanes down the Parks Highway and a section of the Richardson Highway in Delta Junction from the city limit to Fort Greely.

The Building Trades sector has a few good projects



**Scott Eickholt**

that will span two to three years, one of which is Ghemm Company's Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Surgery Center's addition. We are waiting to see how the University CHPP power plant pans out for Haskell/Davis JV. Clear Air Station was selected as the new spot for the Radar Antenna that is expected to bring around \$1 Billion worth of work that we hope will fall under a PLA. As we find out more on this work, we will report accordingly. Fort Greely missile field work is still being piecemealed with limited success for the Union contractors. Most of the Union work there is performed under mechanical work.

Keep an eye out for your Brothers and Sisters as you travel and work. If you see anything that seems questionable, make sure to report it so we can protect our work. Please work safe.

## Southeast Report

**Tom Brice, Vice President/Business Representative**

Southeast Alaska had a mild winter this year. We had very little snow and it didn't freeze very hard. This allowed much of our work to kick-off early and get moving fast. Our winter training went well and our classes were adequately attended; although there should have been more folks getting the certifications being offered. Please remember, these classes help put you to work. We held MSHA, CESCL, Hazardous Waste, Traffic Control Supervisor, First Aid, and Basic Grade classes. Folks who took these classes have a much higher likelihood of going to work than those who haven't. A number of our contractors are going to start requiring, before going to work, that hands have basic safety and health cards. Don't expect us to be able to turn on a dime in the middle of the summer to get you in a class that was offered in the winter, it is particularly difficult. Please stay in touch with the hall about upcoming classes. The schedule normally comes out in September.

As the state of Alaska is looking to cut budgets, one of the easy marks legislators like to focus on is the capital budget. The old saying goes, "If a road project is being built in someone else's town, its pork; but if it's in your town its vital infrastructure." We can expect that attitude to be popping up

over the next couple of years. For instance, Juneau Access is a \$550 million dollar job, with lots of drilling and blasting, culvert installation, and other Laborer work, is about bid ready. It would help stabilize the Northern Lynn Canal economies and communities, and provide quicker, more reliable access to the Capital. This project needs another \$3.8 million dollar appropriation to finish the state's share of the project. Please talk to me, Tom Brice, for more information about how you can engage on this and other important issues.

Finally, I want our Laborers in SE Alaska to mark their calendars for a number of events we will be holding. First, Sunday, August 23rd, we are planning a pin ceremony and picnic. We will send flyers out with the details this month. Please let Linda know if you can attend, so we can have a head count for food. Secondly, we will be participating in the Juneau Central Labor Council's 10th Annual Labor Day Picnic on Monday, September 7th at Sandy Beach Shelter from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Show up on time because you don't want to miss the food. Thirdly, we will be holding another Health Fair, Saturday, October 24th, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is great opportunity to get caught up on a variety of health screenings. Keep an eye on the mail for further details



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# Representing the Members

## Organizing Report

**Bryan Imus, Executive Board Member/Organizer**

Between the abundance of road work in and out of town and the high volume of work on the slope and TAPS, the 2015 summer has started with a bang! As usual, we are struggling to fill pipe layer and grade-checker calls, so if you have taken these classes and are ready to work, please call the Hall. As I'm sure you have heard, Governor Walker and Commissioner Drygas recently restored Alaska Hire standards for all publicly-funded infrastructure projects; this move will help to reverse the high number of non-Alaskans being employed on highway and other state funded projects. Just last week, the Alaska Industrial Development



**Bryan Imus**

and Export Authority (AIDEA) Board approved the purchase of Pentax and Fairbanks Natural Gas. This is another sign that the Walker Administration is serious about finding a solution to our high energy prices and making real progress on the natural gas line project that Alaska has been waiting for. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members that answer the call when the Union is in need of volunteers to assist in the community. There are many charitable and nonprofit groups in Fairbanks that rely on us to help those in need or to provide flaggers, scaffold builders, etc., to ensure a safe and enjoyable event. Thanks again to those that step up to represent Local 942 in our community. Our efforts are noticed and much appreciated. Work safe and have a great summer.

## North Slope Report

**Jacob Howdeshell, Recording Secretary/North Slope Business Representative**

At the conclusion of another busy pipeline season, I would like to take a moment to personally thank all of our Brothers and Sisters who have made this another successful season for Laborers' Local 942. With the completion of the pipelines by Doyon Associated and the associated bridges by PCL and AFC for the CD-5 Drill Site, the expansion of the Alpine field is well on its way. The work performed by Price-Gregory on the Drill Site 2S project also expands the reach of the Kuparuk field and continues this Local's reputation of safe, high-performance work when it comes to pipeline construction. In the Prudhoe Bay Unit, Houston Contracting completed its Drill Site 16 & 17 work under some amazingly strenuous conditions, including a flooded Right of Way near the Sag River Bridge, and continues to do well on the recently undertaken NGI Rehabilitation which utilizes a Clockspring product called Snap-Wrap. Norcon continues to expand the Well Pad Tie-in group, who in addition to the scheduled pad maintenance, has projects at N-Pad (UZI), W-Pad (EWI) and more projects on the horizon. As always, our signatory

civil contractors such as AFC, AIC, and Nanuq were extremely busy all over the slope on a wide array of projects and ice roads. Last, but not least, Doyon Associated's work on the WGL line in Pt. Thompson went very well, with most of the work being completed far enough ahead of schedule that manpower could be diverted to the CD-5 project. Project work also continues up and down TAPS, with Pump 1 still hard at work on the reconfiguration there, as well as a heater skid install at Pump 5 by Price-Gregory.

Laborers' Local 942 had, at our manpower peak, 525 of our Brothers and Sisters at work this pipeline season. That being said, the issue is what it always has been, Training. We have been discussing some ways to increase the availability of classes and the optimization of the schedule, but as a membership we have to be there and participate to the best of our ability. The only way we survive as a Local is to be the best trained, hardest working, and most dynamic craft out there. Keep an eye out for the 2015-2016 Training Schedule, as there will be some changes as well as new additions. We are well on the way we just have to keep it up!

**Save  
The  
Date | August 2nd**

**Local 942  
Picnic and Health Fair**  
**Members will receive more information about  
the event in the mail soon!**

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