

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

BY KEVIN POMEROY, BUSINESS MANAGER

I was asked by Tim Sharp if I would consider taking his place as the Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of our Union when he was trying to decide on when he would be able to take his long-deserved retirement. I had to think long and hard before I gave him my answer.

A number of things came to mind: First, it is an amazing amount of responsibility. Being a Field Representative and officer of Local 942 for 6 years, I learned how our Union operates and what its main purpose is – to serve the membership. Second, is the amount of time it takes to make sure you do the job right. As a Field Representative, I learned working for the Union was not an 8 am to 5 pm job. With all the meetings during evenings and weekends, I wondered how much more of my family time was going to suffer.

Towards the end of my deliberations on whether or not I wanted to succeed Tim, I decided it was the right thing to do for a number of reasons. The foremost reason was primarily the fact that I wanted to give back to our Union because of what it had given me. I, like so many of our members, have been able to raise a family on a decent wage and benefits. The opportunity to get the training I needed to improve my skills, and make my family's quality of life better, was nothing short of amazing. The great friends within the membership that I made along the way were the icing on the cake which helped make my decision easier.



Kevin Pomeroy

Tim has taught me quite a few things, and I learned a lot from observation, getting out in the field and doing whatever it took to make sure our membership got the best representation I could give them. However, that wasn't enough. I enrolled in the National Labor College to learn more. There are so many different areas to think about and to take into consideration when representing Union members. Things like labor law, labor history, and labor relations were just a few subjects I had to know more about. I discovered that there are elements of the job that are so very important on many levels. After I graduated with a triple major, I felt I had learned more than I ever knew was possible about the subject of labor.

Now that I am your new Business Manager I want to assure you that your Union is in great financial shape, and we are continuing to make progress in increasing our market share. The staff and officers of Local 942 work hard every day to ensure this is so. The legacy left behind by Tim and the previous leadership of our Union lives on and continues to evolve and adapt to the changing times.

We are a proud Union that has a lot going for it, and the membership continues to rise up to the workplace challenges it faces. We are endeavoring to build a stronger Union with better ties to employers and the construction industry as a whole. It is my strong belief that because of the strong foundation built by those members who came before us, Local 942's best times are yet to come.

TIM SHARP RETIRES

It's not always easy to leave something you have dedicated your life to behind, and nobody knows this better than Tim Sharp, the outgoing Business Manager of Local 942. Tim, with 25 years of service to the membership on staff and in leadership positions with nine and a half years of that as Business Manager; retired with distinction at the end of July. Not many people knew he had been planning his retirement for quite some time, but he wanted to make sure his union was in the right place so he could retire knowing that his vision of a great union had been realized.

Many have seen Tim in action over the years and witnessed his relentless efforts to support not only the membership of Local 942, but the labor movement as a whole. His career spanned decades, included training and education in many areas that only helped enhance his abilities. In 1993, Tim attended the prestigious Harvard University Trade Union Program.

It was amazing to witness his last couple of days in the saddle, he gave the appearance that retirement was still off somewhere on the distant horizon. He was putting together a roundtable on his vision of technology, attending political meetings and going into the night on his last day as if he were coming into

the office the next day. Again, the word relentless came to mind.

Tim will be remembered for many of his accomplishments including his relationship with Alaska's native community. His efforts to help first Alaskans gain economic opportunity and realize the good wages Local 942 offers is unparalleled within the labor movement in both the United States and Canada.

Always an advocate of political justice for working families, Tim was more than involved on the local, state, and federal levels of politics. Those who worked with him in that arena knew he was a formidable force to deal with and his word was his bond, the coin of the realm in the political arena.

The new Lauinger-Garrity training facility nearing completion next to the union hall, is a major addition to his other efforts to get the latest training for Local 942's members. Knowing that training

is a major element in securing market share for the Union, Tim pushed hard at the Alaska Laborers Training Trust meetings to secure not only the



Tim proudly stands with some of Local 942's Second Generation Laborers. From Left: Melvin Johnson, Tim Sharp, Willie Lewis Jr. and Jacob Pomeroy

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Representing The Members

Southeast Alaska

Tom Brice, Field Representative

Thanks to the help and dedication of the Laborers in Juneau we have been able to move into the new hall we share with our sister union, Local 71. Hats go off to Brent Knott for leading classes and recruiting numerous members for training and help in the remodel project. Aside from Brent taking the lead, Dale Kubik, James Flake, Paul Billy, Greg Fulgham, Duane Brown, Ty Pacheco, Richard Jackson, provided substantial efforts. We even have photographic evidence that Kevin Pomeroy, our new Business Manager, got his hands dirty making it happen on one of his trips down.

Also, the folks who spent a morning in February moving from the old hall to the new were greatly appreciated. With the help from Jose Luna, Judd Kokotovich, Robert Sosa, Charles James we were able to get into the new hall with very minimal disruption of work at the local. And through it all our own Linda Murphy, the sanding queen, was involved in just about every aspect of the project. I encourage all the members who travel through Juneau to stop by and look at what dedicated members of Laborers 942 did for their brothers and sisters. This is fine example of unity in the Union movement. This is truly a hall built by Labor.

While we are seeing a flattening out of work in Southeast Alaska relative to 5 years ago, things are still moving. We are working at Auke Bay and Gastineau Elementary Schools thanks to project labor agreements we have secured. A third major project, Juneau Airport Phase 2A, is getting ready to start later this summer and will keep a number of our guys working. As Juneau Airport Phase 1 winds down after close to three years, we will be seeing the \$130 million State Library, Archives, and Museum (SLAM) project get rolling next spring.

There are projects occurring in Ketchikan, Hyder, Prince of Wales Island, and other smaller communities that are too numerous to mention as well. All this being said, there is plenty of work for a skilled Laborer with a strong work ethic.

To that end, our training schedule for next year is being developed. You need to make sure you take advantage of those opportunities so you can meet the needs of the contractor on the job and be that much more productive. That is how our contractors will be more successful in capturing more work for Laborers.

President's Report

Scott Eickholt, President/Field Representative

I would first like to thank all of you who have worked so hard through the season and represented our Union with great pride. This season has been an incredibly busy one that has seen work from our jurisdictional boundaries to Deadhorse and many places in between.

I am proud to report that I have been recently appointed as President of Local 942 and wish to express my gratitude for all the support and congratulations that has come with this appointment. It is my intention to serve each and every member to the best of my ability. I shall serve with honesty, integrity, and dedication.

With these new responsibilities and service, I shall remain committed to the protection of our jurisdiction, organizing new contracts, and referring quality and qualified workers to our signatory contractors to protect our reputation and work. Each member should expect me to encourage them to stick it out on the toughest jobs, to hang in there at 40 hours when 60 may be available. This has become a chronic issue that is affecting our ability to fill skilled positions and we must all work together to keep our contractors successful. Chasing hours is not always the best choice for the member, the Union, or the contractor. This same message can be echoed to those who choose to move to another Union or craft. Although it is everyone's choice to do so, it does us no good to lose a great Laborer to become an OK Operator or etc. I shall remain dedicated to keep our membership strong and capable of filling any and all calls that come our way.

This year has been busy on different levels other than work load. We have organized new contractors, we are working upwards of 65 to 70 apprentices, many of whom I have been able to sell to the contractor on the spot. Training will also be a top priority for our Laborers and apprentices, the better trained we are the better prepared we are. With this training, I have enrolled and completed classes with NLC (National Labor College) and have intentions of continuing my education to complete a Bachelors Degree and better serve our membership. I hope to complete this degree within the next 3 to 4 years and major in Union Administration and Labor History. Wish me luck, I will need it!

As we head into the winter season, I look forward to meeting many of you. I encourage you to come to our monthly membership meetings where we can have face to face conversations and gather important feedback on how we are doing with our service to the membership. It is critical to have membership participation to ensure a democratic process and the best possible leadership we can provide.



Scott Eickholt

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TRAINING SCHOOL UPDATE

First, we at the training school would like to welcome Kevin Pomeroy as the new Business Manager of Local 942; he has some big boots to fill. We wish him every success and want him to know that we have full confidence in his ability to manage the Local. Second, we congratulate Tim on his retirement; we hope he enjoys the relaxation he rightly deserves. We would like to express our gratitude to Tim for all he has done for us, in particular the new school. What an accomplishment!

The school is gearing up for the next training season with the class schedule almost complete. Schedules will be mailed out to every member as soon as they are printed. We will also be posting our training schedule on the Local's web site, as soon as it is completed.

Please plan your refreshers well in advance, we will not be offering them every month as we have in the past. Many members do not keep up on renewing their cards and it becomes problematic. The school cannot schedule on an individual basis, so sign up at the Hall as soon as you receive the schedule- this will save disappointment. Also, it is important to keep your NSTC cards current if you are intending to work on the Slope. Some of the more complex classes may be combined with 341 and held in Anchorage.

Due to the needs of the contractor, the training school has upgraded the scaffold class. We now offer an 80 hour "Advanced Scaffold Builder" a far superior class than the 16 hour we previously held. A simple "user" class will not be adequate for employment on the Slope.

We presently have 73 apprentices, 8 of which are about to



New Laborers Training center located next to Local 942 Headquarters nears completion

graduate. We had 10 apprentices successfully graduate in the past year. This encourages us to continue to provide the Union with quality (drug free) workers. As we go into winter and employment slows down, Apprentices that are actively engaged in the program will be the first to go to work.

With the new school construction on schedule, you will soon be able to find updates and photos on the Local's website and Facebook.

We always welcome members and Apprentices that would like to volunteer to be involved with new school. The next stage will be interior steel studs; this would be an ideal opportunity for members to gain this experience. There was a call last March requiring this skill and the Hall had a hard time filling the dispatch. Considering that this is our work on the Slope, it was unfortunate.

We look forward to the upcoming school year with enthusiasm. See you in class! **Jeff, Mel and Ruben**

ORGANIZING REPORT

By Zeb Woodman, Organizer

With over a 100 million in road work just along the Haul road, along with several large projects locally including; Eva Creek Wind Farm, Tanana River railroad crossing, and the Life Science Building at UAF, Fairbanks has been very busy. We have had the opportunity to bring in many new members and get them to work quickly. The local has signed up and sent to work close to 100 new members this year.

Local 942 is gearing up for a busy election cycle; with new districts in Alaska. Our first Battle is to help push Click Bishop over Seekins in the Republican primary August 28th. We started walking his district and door knocking last Saturday with the AFL-CIO coordinated campaign. With local, state and federal elections coming up Local 942 will be busy getting members involved in the campaign process.



Scaffolding class: Zeb Woodman at bottom left

942's LABORERS BUILDING ALASKA



Lifting part of the tower for the windmill on the Eva Creek Project



James Harrison on the job

LABORERS LOCAL 942 APPRENTICESHIP GRADUATES

2011 & 2012

Coralie Palmer
Jacob Pomeroy
Brian Pitcher
Ginger Attla
Trent Lucas
Jesse Woods
Josh Storlie
Nick Otey
Dominic Tavares
Amanda Roberts
Wade Worley
Martin Torrijos
Cameron Mitchel
James O'Brien
Mark Samson
Randall Stables
Kristoffer Williams
Mike Lockery

WINNERS OF THE ALPEC DRAWING August 9, 2012

Number Drawn	Ticket Number	Name	Amount Won
1	112	Gary Burke	\$250.00
25	198	Local 341 Girls	\$200.00
50	121	Jeff Johnson	\$200.00
75	75	Local 341	\$200.00
100	118	Al Braley	\$250.00
125	242	Kevin Pomeroy	\$200.00
150	76	Kevin Josh Pomeroy	\$200.00
175	19	Ruth Haynes	\$200.00
200	48	Louis Beltz	\$250.00
225	55	Dick Isett	\$200.00
250	217	David Brasier & Val Isaac	\$200.00
275	148	Stephen Fitzgerald	\$250.00
290	249	Jacob Pomeroy	\$500.00
298	68	Antone Contento	\$1,000.00
300 split	41	Mark Sorensen	\$5,000.00
300 split	186	Local 341	\$5,000.00

Executive Board Vacancy

Due to the retirement of Tim Sharp, there is a vacancy on the Executive Board. If you are interested in being a member of the Executive Board, please submit a letter of intent to the Business Manager.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Certificate of Fitness

Needed for performing work in conjunction with the installation of water service lines, sewer lines, and storm drains.

The State of Alaska requires and is strictly enforcing everyone (including Laborers) to have a Plumber Restricted Plumber Utility (PU) Certificate of Fitness or a Plumber Utility Trainee Certificate of Fitness when performing work in conjunction with the installation of water service lines, sewer lines, and storm drains.

The minimum requirement for a Plumber Restricted PU Certificate of Fitness is 1,000 hours of work experience installing water, sewer or storm drains piping; you may substitute up to 125 trade related classroom hours, and you must pass an examination given by the State. The application fee is \$50 and the 2 year license fee is \$200.

For those who do not have the required work experience, the Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Mechanical Inspection, will issue a Trainee Certificate of Fitness under the following requirements:

1. Payment of the \$50 application fee and 2 year license fee of \$200.
2. A notarized letter from the applicant's employer on company letterhead stating that the trainee will be under the direct supervision of a journeyman plumber or a restricted plumber PU certificate of fitness holder at all times while working.

There may not be more than two plumber utility trainees on the job site for every certified plumber journeyman or restricted plumber PU certificate of fitness holder.

When employment ends with the employer who provided the letter, the trainee returns the certificate to the mechanical inspection section or to their employer. Until the date the certificate would normally expire, anytime a laborer is re-employed as a plumber utility trainee, you will be reissued the certificate at no additional charge. Also, once a trainee has acquired 1,000 hours of work experience, the trainee could then test and upgrade to a Plumber Restricted PU Certificate of Fitness at no additional charge if the certificate has not expired.

Both the Plumber Restricted PU Certificate of Fitness and the Plumber Utility Trainee Certificate of Fitness must be renewed every 2 years.

Local 942 has study material available for loan and review.

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best facilities but the best instructors as well. With the same vigor, he also made his wishes known at the Health and Welfare and Pension Trusts that provide life-supporting benefits to all Alaskan Union Laborers.

When asked what he thought his greatest accomplishment was during his tenure he answered "I guess leaving the union in a better place than when I started. That's what it's all about really."

Switching gears and moving in the retirement sector isn't easy for everyone, but like everything Tim did, he made it look easy. As he pilots his boat up the Goodpaster River to his cabin, he can rest assured that he left the Union in a much better place than when he found it, and enjoy the next chapter of his life.

Everyone at Local 942 wishes Tim the best in his retirement and in the back of our collective minds we know that not only will he be having a great retirement free of the stress of running a prominent Alaskan union, but we are sure he will be popping up from time to time at union meetings and events; making sure his beloved union is still moving forward as it had under his leadership.

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Fill out the form below and stay informed

Member Address Update Form

Help us keep your information current!

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Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

*Fill out and mail in to:
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AUGUST 28 PRIMARY ELECTION MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

House and Senate election districts have been re-drawn in a highly partisan process which puts many of our strongest supporters in the legislature – most notably our Local 942 brothers Senator Joe Thomas and Representative David Guttenberg – in new districts with many voters they have not represented before, and in which they will face other incumbents in the November 6 general election.

You should have received a new voter ID card from the state with your new House and Senate districts. If you are in the new Senate District C - which includes the University area, Chena Ridge, Chena Pump, Geist, U-West, Pike's, Airport, and College area precincts, as well as Salcha, Delta Junction, and all Richardson Highway communities - the August 28 primary, rather than the November 6 general election, WILL determine your state senator. There is a clear choice in the District C Republican primary between former state Labor Commissioner and long-time Operating Engineer Click Bishop and former senator Ralph Seekins. Before Joe Thomas knocked him out in a landslide in 2006, Seekins led efforts to spend permanent fund earnings, impose a state sales tax, weaken workers compensation, block an increase in unemployment benefits, reduce the minimum wage, and gut pensions. Click Bishop, on the other hand, is one of us – a working man who will support your interests and do what's right for Fairbanks and the Interior.

Local 942 members and their family members who are registered as "N" (non-partisan), "U" (undeclared), or "R" (Republican) are strongly encouraged to ask for the Republican ballot (as opposed to the other "Open" ballot) in the August 28 primary, and vote for Click Bishop.

Voter turnout in primary elections is usually low – we are fortunate to have a lot of work going on, but we can't let that keep us from voting in record numbers on August 28. Please take advantage of Early Voting,

which will be available at the state building in Fairbanks and at Busy Bee Office Supply in Delta Junction starting on August 13, or make sure to request an absentee ballot if you think there is any chance you will not be home on the 28th. You can download the absentee ballot application at www.elections.alaska.gov. Those of you working on the Slope can even vote in person at Service Area 10 Camp on the Old Spine Road from 8 AM to 8 PM, August 25-28; they will have ballots there for every district in the state.

We need volunteers to assist with our phone banks, sign waving on street corners, walking neighborhoods, and putting up campaign signs. Please call the hall to see how you can be of assistance. Local 942 is recognized statewide as THE most active and effective local union in the State when it comes to mobilizing members, but even we have to step up our game for this election. If we are to be successful in maintaining laws and programs that protect your livelihood, such as Davis-Bacon, wage and hour, workers compensation, and unemployment insurance – not to mention the very right to have a union represent you, we have to work even harder this year than we have in past elections.



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