

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

BY KEVIN POMEROY

I'm going to try and stay off the political bandwagon, but hey...this is a newsletter, and it is only a little over a week before the General Election. I'll keep it short.

I want to start with a sincere "thank you", to all the members who have donated their time for the Saturday labor walks; coordinated by Ed Flanagan. It is important to reach out to not only our members, but all union households and get the message out this election cycle. Our jobs depend on politics. If you're concerned about the high cost of energy in the interior, you need to vote. If you think the producers need a \$2B tax relief with no strings attached, you need to vote. If you think our elected officials need to develop transportation and infrastructure projects that create jobs for Alaskans, you need to vote. Please take the time to read the information on endorsed candidates that we have sent out.



Kevin Pomeroy
Business Manager

The Alaska Petroleum Joint Craft Council (APJCC)-that's the Laborers', Pipefitters, Teamsters, Operating Engineers and the IBEW, have negotiated with the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System Maintenance Contractor's Association to extend the terms and conditions of the TAPS agreement. Many folks don't know that in late 2009, we almost lost the work on TAPS to non-union. Through tenuous negotiations, we were able to retain the work and entered into a five year agreement through 2014, with 3.5% increases in 2012, 2013, and 2014. Recently APJCC was approached by the TAPS Contractors to extend the agreement even further, to allow Alyeska and Houston Contracting Co. to enter into a dialog to discuss economics of the two (2), one year extensions. The APJCC was able to negotiate

a 3.25% increase for 2015, and a 2.75% increase for 2016. For those members working on TAPS, I will be traveling the line soon to discuss some of our allocation options and needs.

For those folks who haven't been by the Hall lately, I think you will be impressed with the progress on the new training school. With over half of the concrete slabs poured we were able to get the building closed in enough to allow us to continue to work on the interior over the winter. Our union mechanical and electrical subcontractors are working to get the power and minimal heat to the building within the next few weeks. I can't stress enough the need to take advantage of training classes that are coming up. We were unable to man some of our work this summer on TAPS, because some of our folks didn't have a rigging certification. If you are one of those members who routinely is dispatched to TAPS, please take a look at the certified master rigger class. With the amount of piping that is scheduled to get replaced at the pumpstations, we need to have members who carry the required certification for rigging.

Lastly, I want to quickly touch on the Point Thompson work scheduled for this season and next. Alaska Frontier Contractors, (AFC) was awarded the civil work and Doyon Associated was the successful bidder for the piping work. AFC has voiced a concern at a pre-job that they will need quite a few of our drillers and blasters. Early indications are that Doyon will work on the 22 miles of VSM's this season and the pipe next season. We have an official pre-job scheduled with Doyon Associated at the end of the month, and should have something firm to report by the next General Membership meeting.

President's Report

Scott Eickholt, President/Field Representative

Well, Sisters and Brothers, another construction season has come to pass. The 2012 season has been a great success. The Heavy/Highway sector has seen a great amount of work that I anticipate to continue into next season and hopefully the next several years to come. There is much talk of huge projects like Tofty Road to Tanana, possibly a road to Umiat on the North Slope, and with fingers crossed, a Susitna Dam in the next several years ahead. We will be at maximum capacity lobbying our legislators for these major projects to keep our infrastructure healthy and growing.



Scott Eickholt

A few projects not highway related this year were the Eva Creek wind farm, the Life Sciences Building at UAF, and the new Chief Andrew Isaac Native Health Center. All of which were completed or nearing completion, using Union Labor, on time and under budget. A sound testament to our experience and talent we offer to the construction industry.

I will take this opportunity to stand on my soap box and give

another lecture about how we can protect our jurisdiction in the field. We, as Laborers, have a very long tradition of standing for what we believe in. This includes all aspects of OUR work. When you are working and witness another craft performing our work, stand up and take action. If you feel you cannot get the message across in the field, CALL the Hall. We need to stand together on issues like these. I hear all the time that "we are a composite crew". This part of "we" did not agree to terms like this. That must be done in a pre-job conference not unilaterally in the company's office or worse yet, by the superintendant that puts nepotism one priority higher than jurisdiction. Another I hear all the time is "we didn't budget for a Laborer on this project". I say, your budget does not dictate our jurisdiction.

Going into the future you can expect this office to crack down on the Language of the Contract. I will continue to hold the company's feet to the fire when they decide to ignore our contract. I will enforce it to our fullest capability within the confines of the law. We are tired of being trampled on by a few bad players and say NO MORE!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you, and our cause.

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Addition to Training Schedule
Foreman/Steward Class
November 5th - 9th

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Click Bishop	State Senate Seat C
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Lyman Hoffman	State Senate Seat S
Donnie Olson	State Senate Seat T
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Dave Watts	House District 5
Cathy Munoz	House District 31
Beth Kerttula	House District 32
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Bill Thomas	House District 34
David Guttenberg	House District 38

For those members living in the Anchorage area please contact Local 341 for their endorsements.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

MANDATORY MAIL ORDER FOR MAINTENANCE MEDICATIONS

This notice is to remind everyone that as of January 1, 2012, maintenance medications are to be mail ordered through CVS Caremark. You may obtain your first prescription, and one refill through a preferred retail pharmacy. Thereafter, all maintenance medication refills must go through the mail order process. Please call Jonna or Carol at the union hall if you have any questions on how to use the mail order system.

Local Job Call Location Change For Delta Residents

For members living in Delta that have been attending the local job call, the location has changed. It is now at the Steak House, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 am. This is only for local jobs in Delta, for all other work members must continue to attend the regular job call in Fairbanks.

Health and Welfare Update November 8th

The Health Trust's consultant, Colleen Savoie, will be here November 8th at 6 pm to provide an update on the status of the health plan and recent plan changes. Your spouse is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

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TRAINING SCHOOL UPDATE

By Jeff, Mel, Ruben and Danny

The training school is in full swing with the Pipeline Construction class currently in session. This class simulates a North Slope work environment with the other trades teaching along with the Laborers. The class has been an enormous success in the past with some apprentices getting dispatches straight from class. We will be moving into the Advance Scaffold class in November and Pipeline Insulation in December. These classes are in high demand, so be sure to have your application in early. Also, we have the Master Rigger class starting November 6th, we have been losing rigging work to the Pipefitters on TAPS because our folks don't have the "card". There are only 16 slots in this class, so again get your application turned in as soon as possible.

You should have received the new training schedule, if not; they are available at the school and at the Hall. Again, we would like to remind you to 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. Some of the more complex classes maybe combined with 341 and held in Anchorage. You will need to apply 2 weeks in advance to be considered for all classes.

We are wrapping up the new school for winter; the power and heat are currently in the process of being installed. We would like to thank all the members and apprentices that have volunteered their time helping with the construction. We hope to see the same enthusiasm when we start back up in the spring.

This year we will be looking at how much volunteer time and class hours that apprentices have put into their training. Apprentices that



miss meetings and don't call in will be moved to the bottom of the list. We have 70 apprentices going into the winter season and will put the best of the best on jobs first. We have always said that you will get back what you put into the apprenticeship program and we will reward the apprentices that do. We will begin doing quarterly evaluations with the apprentices so they know what is expected of them. At the evaluations we will also discuss the type of work which best suites them and their work preference.