

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

BY KEVIN POMEROY

I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season, and are looking forward to a prosperous New Year. As we enter the first months of 2014, the work outlook is very favorable. Both signatory Pipeline Contractors as well as Civil Contractors seem to have plenty of work on their books for this winter season. Busier than the last couple of years, projects will be taking place from Point Thomson to the Colville River as well as points in between.

Equally as exciting is the work scheduled for this summer. Early this winter, DOT had announced a 2014 summer season full of road projects similar to last year. We are already hearing word of our signatory contractors securing work on the Parks, Elliott, Dalton highways along with other projects in Southeast Alaska.

Increases in man-hours worked, like the ones we experienced on the Slope, TAPS, and AGC are always good news for the Union. As a result, we finished out 2013 with another great year for our General Fund. With the upcoming increase of work projected, I want to assure you that our staff and I are making every effort to sign new contractors, attend pre-job conferences, and are staying informed of all bid awards.

I, and the rest of the Executive Board, have been working hard to ensure that we are building our service capacity in the Local, while keeping costs to a minimum. We have also been diligently working to increase our visual presence in the community, including custom Union decals on the newest union truck.



Kevin Pomeroy
Business Manager

While many folks have noticed activity at the new training school, very few know where we are at in terms of completion. The delay of "old man winter" allowed us to get the store front installed on the main entrance. Currently the HVAC, electrical, and sprinkler fitter contractors are all performing their work as planned. We are framing various interior walls in an effort to stay ahead of the subcontractors. Anyone who has a little time on their hands and wants to volunteer a couple of days or afternoons should contact Jeff Lucas or Frank Rambossek. I'm sure they would find a worthwhile project to set you up with. While not a firm date, I have my fingers crossed that next pipeline season will see us training in our new building.

In anticipation of taking a call, remember to check your certifications, credentials, and NSTC cards for required updates. We are increasing the number of NSTC trainers to make sure we have enough classes for everyone. You still have to do your part by signing up on one of the class lists, and remembering to attend the class when notified. There have been rumors of a new NSTC update being released by one of the Producers. If that happens, everyone will need that new update, and we will do our best to ensure we have plenty of class dates and times.

Have a safe winter work season.

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Executive Board members, from left: Zeb Woodman, Danny Ruerup, Scott Eickholt, Jacob Howdeshell, Bryan Imus, Kevin Pomeroy, Ben DeBoer

Representing the Members

President's Report

Scott Eickholt, President/Business Representative

Winter is here and will be gone before we know it. The upcoming summer construction season will be here soon, so make sure you get signed up for any training you feel will benefit yourself and our Local on the job.

We are currently preparing for talks with potential contractors we hope will get a chance to bid on the work related to the natural gas build-out that will be happening very soon. We don't have a solid look yet as to when construction will begin, but it appears to be this season. We will be focusing training opportunities relative to this work. Specifically, HDPE pipe-laying and fusion techniques. There may be state requirements to hold and maintain special certifications and/or licenses. If that proves to be true, we want to be in front of the work with a trained and ready workforce. We certainly don't want to see any other craft winning this traditional jurisdiction of the Laborers because we weren't prepared.



Scott Eickholt

Summer work is looking great again this season, so make

sure you keep coming to the monthly meetings and stay informed.

I want to thank all the Brothers and Sisters that have been reporting jurisdictional issues from the job. We are experiencing a greater volume of calls which means we are able to respond rapidly and correct these situations. It is probably the most important thing you can do to help while you are working. I hope this trend continues so we can recapture work where we have been seeing the greatest invasions by other crafts. Remember, if you turn your back on it, your job may be the next they steal.

Finally, I would like to recognize our Brothers and Sisters who aren't construction workers. From the Borough bus drivers, VanTran drivers, mechanics and servicers at Fairbanks North Star Borough, the great folks of Delta Junction working for BKSS at Ft. Greely, our Brothers and Sisters at Clear, Gilmore Creek, Nome Joint Utilities, ManTech, City of Fairbanks and the Westmark Hotel and many others. Thank you all for your hard work and for representing Local 942 with pride.

Please, work safe and make sure to sign up for classes being held this spring!

Southeast Report

Tom Brice, Vice President/Business Representative

Not to get too philosophical, but everything has a season. Construction is no different. Summers are for work, winters are for training. The way we, as a union, remain strong is to stay tuned up during off time making sure our cards are current and our skills are sharp. You invest a lot of money into training; take advantage of the opportunities that are offered. For instance, most every Laborer should carry a couple of cards in their back pocket: flagger card, MSHA, NSTC... These classes are held regularly and during fairly convenient times. As my friend Matt says: "Laborers don't have problems, we have solutions." Take some time this winter to get the training you need to be the solution.

And continuing along the theme of seasons, the legislature is about to gavel in for the start of the 2nd and last 90 day session before elections next fall. It will end April 20. (Yes, I know that is a Sunday) At the time of this writing the first release of legislation for the upcoming session showed no major threats to us. That is not to say that it can't occur, there is plenty of time, and there are some anti-union issues out there from last year that may start to move. So, please, if you get a call from the hall, be ready to respond. Whether it's a letter or a phone call your voice is what has stopped numerous bad ideas and it is also your voice that has caused many good things to happen. In Alaska, you can make a real

difference in the political process when you join with your brothers and sisters of 942 and shout.

Between coordinating training, acting as the Union's lobbyist, and being a business agent for Southeast Alaska, I've got my hands full. The Juneau office wouldn't be able to do near as much as what we do for our members without the help of Linda Murphy, the Juneau office dispatcher. She is the one that will most likely answer the phone when you call and get your dispatch taken care of on your way to work, make sure your dues are current and help make sure you know what you need to do to get to training. If you have moment, please tell her thanks.

As the Vice President of Laborers' 942, like any other Vice President position, I'm ready to step in should the President die – That ain't going to happen. It is also a position you assume when you have been on the Executive Board as long as I have. Let me say it is truly an honor to work for you both in Juneau and on the Board. Out of the Alaskan Labor Movement, your union, Local 942, is the one constantly being pointed to as an example of leadership in workers' rights. Our job isn't to just build roads, buildings and pipelines; we are also here to build teams, lives, and careers.

Work hard and keep safe.

Representing the Members

Organizing Report

Bryan Imus, Executive Board Member/Organizer

2013 is behind us and looking to 2014 and beyond, the future is bright for Local 942. The recent selection of Interior Gas Utility (IGU) as the natural gas distributor for Fairbanks and North Pole, along with the announcement that the state of Alaska has entered into a partnership with the producers on a high volume natural gas line to tide water, is a strong sign that the gas line that we have all been waiting for is close to becoming a reality.



Bryan Imus

The organizing campaign at the Boys and Girls Home of Alaska (BGHA) was challenging, to say the least. The Union was victorious in the November election; however, the employer challenged the election results due to the ice storm that occurred three days prior, and we lost the revote. We have unfair labor charges filed against the employer that could possibly lead to the second vote being set aside and yet another revote. This was my first organizing campaign, and I must admit that the learning curve was steep! The Northwest Regional Organizing

Coalition (NROC) provided three seasoned organizers to assist with the house calling, and Heidi Drygas, our District Council attorney, provided guidance and kept us on sound legal footing. Regardless of how it turns out in the end, the Union has helped these folks a great deal. Major changes at the top of management, and a significant change in the culture around the BGHA facility have already led to improved morale and stability in the crew.

Looking forward, natural gas is the obvious organizing priority. IGU will be laying miles of HDPE pipe throughout the borough and constructing storage facilities, Fairbanks Natural Gas will be expanding their distribution network, and the 42", 800 mile long high volume line will be a ten year project with an estimated total cost of \$65 billion.

The most powerful tool any organizer has is the membership. Please remember that on the job and in the community, you represent the hall, just as the hall represents you. Keep your eyes and ears open to what's going on around you, protect our jurisdiction, and please call if you ever see an unfamiliar contractor performing any work in our region. It's a good time to be a Local 942 Laborer and I am proud to serve as your organizer and executive board member.

North Slope Report

Jacob Howdeshell, Recording Secretary/North Slope Business Representative

That time of year is upon us again. Contractors are gearing up for a busy construction season in 2014, with work spread across the field, from Pt. Thomson to the East, to Alpine and beyond to the West, and all points in between. I have already traveled North for the first trip of the season and the outlook for the start of the construction season is very good. Price-Gregory is getting ready to kick-off on their 14.1 miles of 30" seawater injection line, which runs from STP down to the Y out in Kuparuk and their manpower needs are growing by the day. Doyon Associated LLC will be working on the Pt. Thomson East Export Pipeline (EPP) and the West Gathering Line (WGL) which will be 22.5 and 5.5 miles respectively. Day by day they are nearing kick-off with AFC building the heavy-haul road necessary for them to transport their equipment to site. PCL Infrastructure is a brand-new contractor to the North Slope and with a few members dispatched in mid-January and many more slated to go out to work before the season ends, things are picking up. This historic work is the first step towards expansion of the Alpine field, with two large span bridges being built by PCL on the Nigliq Channel. It opens development opportunities in the NPR-A and is slated for completion in May of 2016.

AFC and AIC will be hard at work developing the extensive network of ice roads needed for the completion of our pipeline

work load, in addition to building two bridges of their own in Alpine, and three additional small span bridges in the Pt. Thomson field. AFC also, as always, will be looking at dispatching all available trained and experienced drillers for the extensive gravel volumes they will need for pads and road building year round. Houston Contracting has several small scopes of work going on this season, utilizing a small seasoned crew. Norcon will continue work on both the "Scaffold" and "Well Pad Tie-in" sides of the field with a small expansion slated for the WPT crew.

Please keep your certifications and trainings up to date. When a contractor puts in a call for a specific certification along with a specific skill set, those classes or that card could be the difference between a dispatch and disappointment. As a reminder I will be making frequent trips to the North Slope, but I cannot be at all places at all times. If you see someone outside of our craft doing our work, report it to your steward immediately, without fail. I want to protect the work we have and grow our influence across the slope and the only way that we can accomplish that is to fight for what is rightfully ours. Please don't hesitate to also call me at the Hall and let me know what is going on, I cannot stop what I do not see or hear about. All in all, the outlook for this season and beyond is fantastic. It's a great time to be a part of this amazing Local. Work safe everyone!



June 14th, 2014 at the Salthill Hotel, Galway City, Ireland

For all 942 brothers and sisters who have dreamed of visiting Ireland – this might be the perfect opportunity. The Irish community of retiree's has organized a Trans-Alaska Pipeline Project 40th Anniversary for all those who worked on the project.

Email John Dick alaskareunion2014@gmail.com for more information

TRAINING SCHOOL UPDATE

Jeff Lucas, Training Coordinator

Happy New Year. Remember that to take a call at the Hall you will need to have your certifications with you and if the certification is a year old you may need to get a refresher. We have been working on the NSTC classes and January 16, Matt Taylor and I attended the instructor's class to enable us to help Ruben in the future.

If your NSTC card is a year old you will need to get an update. BP is working on a new book for NSTC and we should start to get them in late February or early March. When they come out we will be ready to train back to back classes to get everyone in compliance for working on the slope. Refreshers and updates apply to most of your cards so look at all of them not just your NSTC.

We are finishing up the Pipe Insulation Class. After three weeks of training, many new apprentices and journeymen are proficient with the layout and installation of pipe insulation and jacketing. Congratulations to everyone that finished the class, they will be able to take an insulation call. This was a combined class with 942 and 341 so both Halls will benefit from experienced members and be able to fill calls.

In February and April we have flagging classes scheduled so please sign up for one of the classes if you want to flag this summer. We also have a work site traffic supervisor class in March that requires 3-5 years' flagging experience to get in that class. Remember all applications must be turned in two weeks before the start of the class you are applying for.

Apprentice interviews will be during the last week in March. The last day to turn in an application will be March 14th. If you know someone that you think would make a good Laborer, have

them come in and pick up an application.

We are now doing the hair follicle drug test for all apprentices that are selected. Those that cannot pass a drug test need not apply until they can, (hair test can go back as far as 8 months).

The Training School and the Hall would like to thank Vertex for all their help and support with the Spray Insulation Class we had in December. The students got some great hands on experience with the spraying of insulation in walls and Vertex will be able to hire members that they know have basic skills for spraying insulation. The Training School was able to insulate the new school building at a reduced cost and we have already seen a savings in heating cost. Thanks again to Rick and Ron Rocheleau for all their help.

We are still working on the new school so if anyone wants to volunteer, we could use the help. We are currently working on the interior walls so if you are interested in learning about steel stud construction come on in.



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