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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PETE LINDAHL

"THANK YOU! NOW LET'S GET TO WORK!"

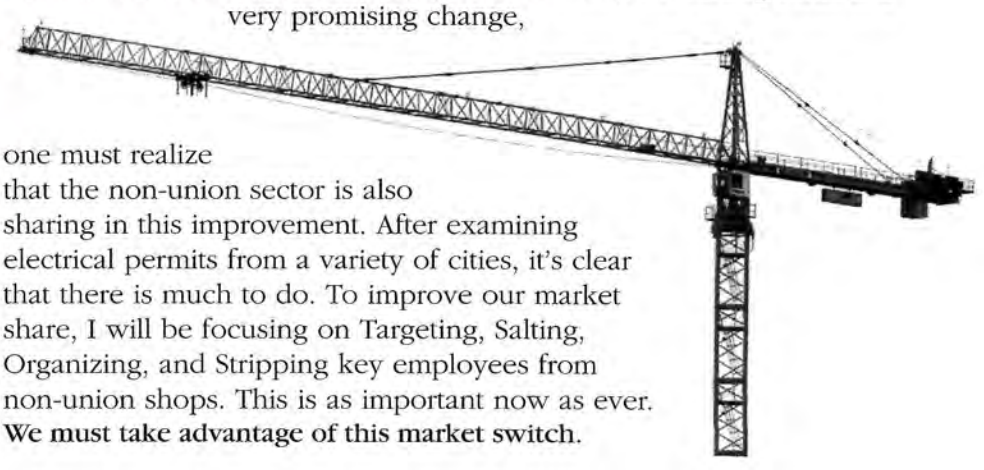
Dear Members:

First, I'd like to take a moment to thank the Local 292 membership for electing me as Business Manager. I am humbled. I would also like to thank Rodger Kretman as well as Keith Anderson, Jeff Heimerl, Randy Pullis, and Andy Snope for their service to our Local.

As we get settled in, the new business office is taking shape. The office staff and the reps have quickly stepped-up and are doing a great job. As of early September, the office support staff is complete. With respect to the Business Representatives, I am going to operate the office with one less Business Representative, based on previous levels. There are now ten Representatives on staff, and I will continue to search for that final rep. Please visit the Local's website to see the reps' jurisdictional assignments. Jobsite visits will be a priority.

With respect to our work, there's good news on several fronts, however, there are still many challenges.

TOWER CRANES AND MARKET SHARE. As you drive through the Twin Cities, our skyline has become decorated with tower cranes. Local 292 has not seen this much activity in over a decade. Though this is a very promising change, one must realize that the non-union sector is also sharing in this improvement. After examining electrical permits from a variety of cities, it's clear that there is much to do. To improve our market share, I will be focusing on Targeting, Salting, Organizing, and Stripping key employees from non-union shops. This is as important now as ever. **We must take advantage of this market switch.**



APPRENTICES AND TRAINING. The Local has also added many new apprentices over the last year. With these additions comes the responsibility of the Journeyman. **We must train these new members as those before us trained us.** They are the future. However, if we choose to become complacent, we will surely lose the battle.

NEW UNION SHOP AND MORE TO COME. I am also very proud to announce that after five years of hard work and persistence, Dennis Kalthoff, along with the help of Local 343, has organized a twelve-member

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shop in Hutchinson, Minnesota. **e2 Electrical services** has operated in the Hutchinson area for the last nine years. I have been told that this is the largest Inside Construction shop to be organized in the last two years throughout the sixth district. **We must make sure that this is only the beginning.**

CONTRACTS RATIFIED AND OPPORTUNITIES PURSUED. We have been very busy with contracts over the last two months. Since July 9th, the **12 County** contract has been negotiated and ratified, the **Egan Panel Shop** contract has been negotiated and ratified, and we are extremely close to having our very first contract with the **Minneapolis Public Housing Authority** (MPHA). Along with these accomplishments come a couple of challenges we must face. We are currently in mediation with the **StarTribune**, and I will also attempt, with the help of Business Representative Kent Blachowiak, to recover a manufacturing shop (Control Center) that walked away from the Local last fall. **We must continue to successfully negotiate, ratify, mediate, and maintain our contracts.**

With respect to our personal benefits and legislative supporters, there's a bit of good news and some important support to offer.

HEALTH CARE IMPROVED. During the summer trust meeting in mid-August, the contractors agreed with us to increase the health care premium bank from six months up to nine months. As the work picture improves, hopefully most of our members will benefit from the change.

LABOR-FRIENDLY ELECTED OFFICIALS NEED OUR HELP. The heart of the political season is upon us. Now, more than ever, we need to support those elected officials who have supported us. There are a number of ways you can help this fall, with many opportunities throughout this season. Whether you door knock, phone bank, or pound signs, Labor-Friendly elected officials need our help. Please visit the Local's website for these opportunities and others.

Remember that Local 292's General Membership Meetings are still the second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcomed.

If we work together, there isn't anything we can't do.

In Solidarity,

Pete

https://www.ibew292.org

Local 292 Phone Directory

Minneapolis
612-379-1292 or 1-800-337-8310

Hiring Hall / Jobline
612-378-2860

St. Cloud
320-253-1292

Inside Agreement JATC–St. Michael
763-497-0072 or 1-888-244-3146

Statewide LEA JATC
763-571-5922

Benefits Office
763-493-8830 or 1-800-368-9045

TEAM Employee Assistance Program
1-800-634-7710

Building Trades Credit Union
763-315-3888 or 1-800-496-2460

Electrus Federal Credit Union
763-569-4000 or 1-800-252-4239

Direct Dial & Voice Mail
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TIME TO QUIT SMOKING?

IBEW Local 292 Health Care Plan can help you!

STEP 1

If you are an active, eligible member, call:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota at 1-888-662-2583

STEP 2

If you are interested, they will sign you up for the:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Basic Stop-Smoking Support® program

STEP 3

When you actively participate in the program, you will get:

- **Free phone calls with a quit coach** to help you strategize about your quit plan & support you in sticking to your plan.
- **Free over-the-counter tobacco quit aids** like nicotine patches, gum, inhalers, or lozenges – whichever you prefer!
- **Covered doctor's office visits about quitting (with a co-pay)** – this will allow you to get a **prescription quit aid or medication** through IBEW 292 Benefit Plan's prescription drug benefit, Prime Therapeutics.
  - When you pick up the medication from the pharmacy, you will only pay 20% of the cost of the medication.*
- Eligible dependents or family members who are covered by your health plan and want to quit smoking will be covered too!

For eligibility questions, contact:
IBEW Local 292 Benefits Office
6900 Wedgwood Road, No., Suite 425,
Maple Grove, MN 55311
(763) 493-8830 or 1-800-368-9045

If you are **not** eligible for the program, call **1-800-QUIT-NOW** (1-800-784-8669) to be connected with your state and local quit services.

*Once enrolled in the program, if prescribed Chantix, please contact the IBEW 292 Benefits Office at (763) 493-8830 so they can put in the 6 month overide for your prescription.

betterwaytoquit.org

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Picnic August 23 Minnehaha Park

Fishing June 25 Mille Lacs

☑ PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

"For our jobs, our children's education, our health care, our future."

Voting is an American basic.

It's the way we choose our government's elected officials, and it's the way we **"talk"** to them, both before they get into office and then while they're in office. All it takes is an hour of our time once a year on Election Day.

And it can get action!

Voting is a Union necessity.

It's the way we got what we have, and it's the way we're going to keep it and make it better. Organized Labor's "fight" has always included the ballot box on Election Day.

And Organized Labor's solidarity and "numbers" give us an advantage.

Voting creates the greater value.

It's the way each of us shares some of our own values with society. Actually, it's the way "your" values join with everyone else's to become "our" values.

Each of us gets to contribute.

This year, we've got a choice for Governor at the top of the state ballot. One of the two major candidates is going to serve as Governor for the next four years. One of these candidates has consistently represented Labor's interests in the Governor's Office for the past four years. The other candidate seems quite different on many issues, some of which are very important to our members and their families. The same is true for many other offices down-the-ballot: U.S. Senator, U.S. Representatives, State Representatives, County Commissioners, and more. Each of these elected officials can have some power over our lives: our work opportunities and our licenses, our investments and our pensions, our families and our friends.

Here's how to decide.

50 years ago, a Minnesota U.S. Senator told us to check our pocketbook before we voted: our union card, our credit card, our social security card. What do they have in common?

20 years ago, a candidate for U.S. President spelled-it-out for us:

It's the Economy!

How you vote will impact so much in our lives:
Whether or not our sometimes-fragile construction industry continues to prosper;
Whether or not our fractured economy recovers the way we want, or not; and
Whether or not our future in retirement remains secure.

It's important. Every vote counts.

Now that you've thought about it, please vote on Tuesday, November 4th. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Think about it.

Which candidate supports Organized Labor's fundamentals?

The right to organize.
The right to bargain collectively.
The right to file a grievance.
The right to be respected.

Often, just remembering our "basics" will help you to pick the best candidate for you and for your job.

Which candidate is most likely to support community and commercial development?

In most cases, these public works projects and publically-supported projects are going to be "organized" projects. This means scheduled hours, union wages, good benefits, and safe worksites.

Usually, this simple question will help you pick the best candidate for you and your job.

Which candidate is most likely to support basic human needs and rights?

The best education.
Comprehensive health care.
Protected retirement funds.
Secure Social Security.

Most of the time, these concerns will help you pick the best candidate for you and your family.

Find out:

Who's on the ballot in your area, What legislative district you live in, and Where you need to go to vote.

- **Go to** the MN Secretary of State's new MY Ballot website: **myballotmn.sos.mn.us/**
- **Check** our website: **https://www.ibew292.org/Political**
- **Contact:** Ray Zeran, IBEW Local 292 Political Coordinator: **612-617-4238** or **rz@ibew292.org**

IBEW Local 292 Labor Endorsed Candidates

U.S. Senate

MN U.S. Senator **Al Franken**

U.S. House

CD 1 U.S. Rep. **Tim Walz** (DFL)
CD 2 **Mike Obermueller** (DFL)
CD 3 **Sharon Sund** (DFL)
CD 4 U.S. Rep. **Betty McCollum** (DFL)
CD 5 U.S. Rep. **Keith Ellison** (DFL)
CD 6 **Joe Perske** (DFL)
CD 7 U.S. Rep. **Collin Peterson** (DFL)
CD 8 U.S. Rep **k Nolan** (DFL)

MN Governor & Lt. Governor

Governor **Mark Dayton** (DFL) &
Tina Smith (DFL)

MN Secretary of State

Rep. **Steve Simon** (DFL)

MN Attorney General

Lori Swanson (DFL)

MN State Auditor

Rebecca Otto (DFL)

MN State House

HD 1A Bruce Patterson (DFL)
HD 1B Eric Bergeson (DFL)
HD 2A Rep. Roger Erickson (DFL)
HD 2B David Sobieski (DFL)
HD 3A Rep. David Dill (DFL)
HD 3B Rep. Mary Murphy (DFL)
HD 4A Benjamin Lien (DFL)
HD 5A Rep. John Persell (DFL)
HD 5B Rep. Tom Anzelc (DFL)
HD 6A Rep. Carly Melin (DFL)
HD 6B Rep. Jason Metsa (DFL)
HD 7A Jennifer Schultz (DFL)
HD 7B Rep. Erik Simonson (DFL)
HD 8A Jim Miltich (DFL)
HD 8B Jay Sieling (DFL)
HD 9A Dan Bye (DFL)
HD 9B Al Doty (DFL)
HD 10A Rep. John Ward (DFL)
HD 10B Rep. Joe Radinovich (DFL)
HD 11A Mike Sundin (DFL)
HD 12B Gordon Wagner (DFL)
HD 13A Emily Jensen (DFL)
HD 14A Dan Wolgamott (DFL)
HD 14B Rep. Zachary Dorholt (DFL)
HD 15A Dale James Rittenour Jr. (DFL)
HD 15B Brian Johnson (DFL)
HD 16A Laurie Driessen (DFL)
HD 16B James Kanne (DFL)
HD 17A Rep. Andrew Falk (DFL)
HD 17B Rep. Mary Sawatzky (DFL)
HD 19B Rep. Jack Considine (DFL)
HD 20B Rep. David Bly (DFL)
HD 21A Lynn Schoen (DFL)
HD 21B Mark Schneider (DFL)
HD 22A Diana Slyter (DFL)
HD 22B Cheryl Avenel-Navara (DFL)
HD 23A Pat Bacon (DFL)
HD 24A Beverly Cashman (DFL)
HD 24B Rep. Patti Fritz (DFL)
HD 27B Rep. Jeanne Poppe (DFL)
HD 31B J.D. Holmquist (DFL)
HD 32A Paul Gammel (DFL)
HD 32B Laurie Warner (DFL)
HD 33A Todd Mikkelson (DFL)
HD 33B Paul Alegi (DFL)
HD 34B David Hoden (DFL)
HD 35A Peter Perovich (DFL)
HD 36A Jefferson Fietek (DFL)
HD 36B Rep. Melissa Hortman (DFL)
HD 37A Rep. Jerry Newton (DFL)
HD 37B Susan Witt (DFL)
HD 38A Patrick Davern (DFL)
HD 38B Greg Pariseau (DFL)
HD 39A Timothy Stender (DFL)
HD 39B Tom DeGree (DFL)
HD 40A Rep. Mike Nelson (DFL)
HD 40B Rep. Debra Hilstrom (DFL)
HD 41A Rep. Connie Bernardy (DFL)
HD 41B Rep. Carolyn Laine (DFL)
HD 42A Barbara Yarusso (DFL)
HD 42B Jason "Ike" Isaacson (DFL)
HD 43A Rep. Peter Fischer (DFL)
HD 44A Audrey Britton (DFL)
HD 44B Jon Applebaum (DFL)
HD 45A Rep. Lyndon Carlson (DFL)
HD 45B Rep. Mike Freiberg (DFL)
HD 46A Ryan Winkler (DFL)
HD 46B Cheryl Youakim (DFL)
HD 47A Matthew Gieseke (DFL)
HD 48A Rep. Yvonne Selcer (DFL)
HD 48B Joan Howe-Pullis (DFL)
HD 49A Rep. Ron Erhardt (DFL)
HD 49B Rep. Paul Rosenthal (DFL)
HD 50A Rep. Linda Slocum (DFL)
HD 50B Rep. Ann Lenczewski (DFL)
HD 51A Rep. Sandra Masin (DFL)
HD 51B Rep. Laurie Halverson (DFL)
HD 52A Rep. Rick Hansen (DFL)
HD 52B Rep. Joe Atkins (DFL)
HD 53A Rep. JoAnn Ward (DFL)
HD 53B Kay Hendrikson (DFL)
HD 54A Rep. Daniel Schoen (DFL)
HD 54B Don Slaten (DFL)
HD 55A Jay Whiting (DFL)
HD 56A Dan Kimmel (DFL)
HD 56B Rep. Will Morgan (DFL)
HD 57B Denise Packard (DFL)
HD 58A Amy Willingham (DFL)
HD 58B Marla Vagts (DFL)
HD 59A Rep. Joe Mullery (DFL)
HD 59B Rep. Raymond Dehn (DFL)
HD 60A Rep. Diane Loeffler (DFL)
HD 60B Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL)
HD 61A Rep. Frank Hornstein (DFL)
HD 61B Rep. Paul Thissen (DFL)
HD 62A Rep. Karen Clark (DFL)
HD 62B Rep. Susan Allen (DFL)
HD 63A Rep. Jim Davnie (DFL)
HD 63B Jean Wagenius (DFL)
HD 64A Rep. Erin Murphy (DFL)
HD 64B David Pinto (DFL)
HD 65A Rep. Rena Moran (DFL)
HD 65B Rep. Carlos Mariani (DFL)
HD 66A Rep. Alice Hausman (DFL)
HD 66B Rep. John Lesch (DFL)
HD 67A Rep. Timothy Mahoney (DFL)
HD 67B Rep. Sheldon Johnson (DFL)

Local Candidates

Jim Kordiak Anoka County Board Dist. 4
Mike Gamache Anoka County Board Dist. 5
Tim Wilson Brooklyn Center Mayor
Dan Ryan Brooklyn Center City Council At Large
Joy M. Stephens Brooklyn Park Mayor
Reva Chamblis Brooklyn Park City Council, East Dist.
Joseph Selton Crystal City Council, Ward 2
Mike Freeman Hennepin County Attorney
Marion Greene Hennepin County Commissioner, Dist. 3
Peter McLaughlin Hennepin County Commissioner, Dist. 4
Rich Stanek Hennepin County Sheriff
James Moore Hennepin County Judge 4th Dist. Court 16
Paul Scoggin Hennepin County Judge 4th Dist. Court 43
Bev Benson Hennepin County Judge 4th Dist. Court 53
Amy Dawson Hennepin County Judge 4th Dist. Court 61
Iris Altamirano Minneapolis School Board At Large
Rebecca Gagnon Minneapolis School Board At Large
Jenny Arneson Minneapolis School Board Dist. 1
Siad Ali Minneapolis School Board Dist. 3
Nelson Inz Minneapolis School Board Dist. 5
Debbie Goettel Richfield Mayor
Michael Howard Richfield City Council

Endorsement information current as of mid-August 2014. For updates, check these websites:
www.minneapolisunions.org & www.mnaflcio.org/news/2014-political-endorsements

IBEW Local 292 respectfully recommends that its members support these candidates in the November 4th General Election.
Some information provided by the **Minnesota AFL-CIO** and the **Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation**.
This listing is intended for distribution only to members of IBEW Local 292.

Golf Tournament July 21 Fox Hollow

Notes from the field and from the office . . . . . .

SALTING / INTERNAL ORGANIZING
by John Lutz, Organizer

Local 292 is looking for members willing to organize from within a non-union shop. Organizing from the bottom up is a key element to the education of possible new members and their shops. Market share is the life blood of unions and their members.

Remember that the members of a Local Union are oftentimes the best Organizers. Please take time to talk with any non-union workers, and let them know how our Union has provided for you and your family. With your help, our market share will grow. **We can give the next generation a brighter future.**

SHOP AND JOB STEWARDS
by Ted Swenson, Business Rep South Metro

Having effective Stewards and utilizing them properly is a key element in becoming a strong and more efficient Union. Those who have been appointed Stewards are granted job protection, and they should be the voice for the rest of the crew that do not have such protection. Our members' trust of remaining anonymous when voicing a concern is critical if we are to succeed. The same responsibility of trust also falls on the Business Reps and the Business Manager.

Shop Stewards provide a key role since their protection is basically for the life of the shop until they step down or are replaced. As this Union has done in the past, we will again be giving every member that comes in for a referral a card with the Shop Steward's name and telephone number. If anyone does not know who their shop steward is, they should call the Hall for that information.

Job Stewards are very important, as well, but they are not appointed for every job. We will do our best to appoint them when necessary, and we always appreciate calls from members informing us of jobs they feel may need a Job Steward.

Proper chain-of-command is critical. This will help us perform more efficiently while keeping everyone on the same page. If a problem or issue arises on the job, the member should first talk with the Job Steward if one is available on that site. If there is no Job Steward, or if the issue does not pertain to that specific job, the member should then consult with the Shop Steward. If the issue is still not resolved, please contact the Business Representative assigned to that area.

Stewards following the proper chain of command will help us in our efforts to make this Local Union stronger as well as cause fewer disruptions to the customers we serve. At all times we must remain professional and continue to show our customers that we are their best choice for serving their electrical needs.

Working together as a team and working hard in the field in a professional manner will improve our ability to regain the market share we have lost to the non-union sector.

VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH
by Ray Zeran, Political Director

Local 292 members are respectfully asked to remember to **vote in the Minnesota General Election on Tuesday, November 4th.** The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

It is important that we say "thank you" to those elected officials who have supported Labor's issues and projects in recent years, including authorizing many recent construction projects such as the new Minnesota Vikings stadium. The easiest way to show our thanks is by voting for these "Labor-friendly" state officers, state legislators, and municipal office-holders.

LABOR-FRIENDLY CANDIDATES. A listing of Labor-friendly candidates for the November Minnesota General Election *is in this issue* of Keeping Current along with two website URLs for use in checking for the latest-endorsed Labor-friendly candidates.

RIGHT TO TIME-OFF FROM WORK TO VOTE. Remember talk to your job or shop steward, **employees can take paid time-off from work to vote in Minnesota**, especially if job-related travel time and special circumstances exist. You will want to make these arrangements in advance of Election Day. See your Shop or Job Steward for details and assistance.

NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE BALLOTS. You may also **vote early with an absentee ballot, through the mail or in person**. You no longer need to give a reason for requesting an absentee ballot. Check with your county or municipal government office for more information. To learn about voting, where to vote, absentee voting, and who are the candidates in your election district, you may wish to start on-line at **www.mnvotes.org**

Let's make sure that we say "thank you" to our Labor-friendly elected officials.

Transitions

Retirements

Congratulations!

DeWayne Barlage	LU	1 Sep 2014
Charles R. Bartels	LU	1 Feb 2014
James D. Bartkowicz	LU	1 Feb 2014
Randall C. Baud	LU	1 Jan 2014
Dennis R. Becker	N	1 Apr 2014
Daryle K. Berg	N	1 Feb 2014
Bruce L. Bowen	LU	1 Aug 2014
Patrick L. Bowman	LU	1 May 2014
Vincent S. Carbonell	LU, N, IO	1 May 2014
Jeffrey A. Carlson	LU	1 Apr 2014
Kenneth M. Clark	LU	1 Apr 2014
Mike D. Critchfield	IO	1 Dec 2014
Bradley W. Doesken	LU	1 Apr 2014
Wolfido B. Doron	IO	1 Jan 2014
Gerald M. Eckstrom	LU, N, IO	1 May 2014
William R. Gallatin	LU	1 May 2014
Glen S. Grachek	IO	1 Oct 2014
Dennis G. Gulbranson	IO	1 Aug 2014
John W. Hill	IO	1 Jan 2014
James M. Hjelm	LU	1 Jul 2014
	IO	1 Aug 2014
John R. Hocutt	LU, N, IO	1 May 2014
Louis G. Hokanson	N	1 Mar 2014
Gerald M. Janssen	IO	1 Jun 2014
David E. Jenkins	LU	1 Apr 2014
Gary L. Kallevig	LU	1 May 2014
	N	1 Apr 2014
Paul J. Klesmit	N	1 Apr 2014
Roger N. Knutson	IO	1 Sep 2014
Donald M. Legge	LU	1 May 2014
David P. Long	LU	1 Jun 2014
Richard J. Lonsky	N	1 Mar 2014
Louie J. Lutz	N	1 Jan 2014
Harold R. Mackenzie	LU	1 Jul 2014
Anthony G. Maghrak	LU	1 Feb 2014
Bruce L. Marfiz	LU	1 Aug 2014
James D. Marold	IO	1 Jun 2014
William R. McGie	LU	1 Sept 2014
William J. McMahon	LU	1 Mar 2014
Jeffrey C. Menth	LU	1 Feb 2014
Brian D. Nelson	LU	1 May 2014
Huong D. Ngo	IO	1 Jan 2015
Ronald E. Nykanen	LU	1 Jun 2014
Brian D. Olson	LU	1 Apr 2014
Eric G. Olson	LU	1 Mar 2014
Geary R. Olson	LU	1 Sep 2014
Frank J. Omelian	N, IO	1 May 2014
Thomas L. Pedric	LU, N	1 Apr 2014
Thomas O. Pendroy	LU, IO	1 Sep 2014
Thomas W. Peterson	LU	1 Apr 2014
Jerry R. Popma	LU	1 May 2014
	IO	1 Jun 2014
Michael A. Ptak	LU	1 Jan 2014
Howard D. Sahli	LU	1 Mar 2014
Steven R. Shannon	LU	1 Jul 2014
Gary T. Shevlin	LU	1 Sep 2014
Gary C. Swanson	N	1 Feb 2014
James W. Trende	LU, IO	1 Jun 2014
Mike J. Vawracz	IO	1 Aug 2014
Jason P. Voeller	LU, N	1 Apr 2014
Michael L. Wade	LU	1 Aug 2014
Van G. Welke	IO	1 Aug 2014
Dan L. Wendel	LU	1 Sep 2014
Michael J. Widmer	LU	1 Feb 2014
Linda R. Wong	IO	1 Apr 2014
Carl E. Woods	IO	1 Aug 2014
Don A. Ziemann	LU, N, IO	1 Jun 2014
Curtis S. Zimmerman	LU, IO	1 Jul 2014

LU = Retired Local Pension
N = NEBF
IO = IBEW PBF

Deaths

Active Members

Raymond Chapman	19 Jun 2014
Kathleen Driscoll	3 Jun 2014
Eric Hoag	8 May 2014
Russell Meyer	18 Jul 2014
Justin Nogle	7 May 2014

Retired Members

James Adams	6 Aug 2014
Lewis Boser	29 Jun 2014
Robert Doshan	22 Jun 2014
Kermit Eisinger	6 Jul 2014
John Gordhamer	7 Apr 2014
Duane Hansen	16 July 2012
Everett Harpestad	10 Apr 2014
Theodore J. Horsch Jr.	9 Jul 2014
Roger Knutson	18 July 2014
Jerome Kraemer	7 May 2014
William Lundh	12 Jul 2014
Francis Maus	28 Apr 2014
Richard Newton	9 Jul 2014
John D. Quinn	16 May 2014
George Reasoner	24 July 2014
Gordon Slater	2 Dec 2013
Robert Wills	29 Apr 2014

GIVE & GET IT BACK!

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION REFUND PROGRAM

The 2012 Election year proved the importance of Labor's role in political elections. We can do it again in 2014 and ensure that the Governor's office and the Minnesota State House remain Labor-friendly.

This year, all Minnesota House of Representatives members and all the constitutional officers, including the Governor, will be up for election. In addition to volunteering a little time and remembering to vote on November 4th, we can also provide a little financial support at no cost to ourselves.

Last year, the State of Minnesota reinstated the Political Contribution Refund Program. This program allows you to give a political contribution to a candidate for a state office, the state legislature, or a state major political party and get it back from the State of Minnesota. This program provides an excellent opportunity to contribute to Labor-friendly candidates at no cost to you. You can make a contribution and receive a refund each year.

You can help financially by making a $50 per individual or $100 per married couple refundable contribution for this year. Respectfully, please consider making your donation to Labor-friendly candidates. If you have any questions about who the Labor-friendly legislative candidate is in your area, please check the "endorsed candidates" list in this issue of Keeping Current or contact Local 292 Political Coordinator Ray Zeran at **612-617-4238** or **rz@ibew292.org**

You can find out more about how the Political Contribution Refund Program works at the Minnesota Campaign Finance Board's website at **www.cfboard.state.mn.us/publicsubsidy/conrefund.htm** and at our own website at **https://ww.ibew292.org/Political**

Please take a few minutes to send your donation today.

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Local 292, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, publishes KEEPING CURRENT four times a year to open a communications channel between the local's leadership and its members.

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Calendar

October 2014

2 **St. Cloud Informational** meeting. 6 p.m. St. Cloud union hall, 2803 Clearwater Road.
11 Pheasant Season Opening.
13 Columbus Day.
14 **Retirees Club** meeting. 12:30 p.m.
Stewards meeting. 6 p.m.
General Membership meeting. 7 p.m.
24 United Nations Day.
28 Executive Board meeting. 4 p.m.
31 Halloween.

November 2014

2 Daylight Savings Time ends.
4 **Minnesota General Election.** Polls Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
6 **St. Cloud Informational** meeting. 6 p.m. St. Cloud union hall, 2803 Clearwater Road.
8 Deer Season Opening.
11 **Veterans Day.** Provisional Holiday. Office closed.
Retirees Club meeting. 12:30 p.m.
Stewards meeting. 6 p.m.
General Membership meeting. 7 p.m.
25 **Executive Board** meeting. 4 p.m.
27 **Thanksgiving Day.** Office closed.
28 **IBEW Founders' Day, 1891.** Office closed.

December 2014

4 **St. Cloud Informational** meeting. 6 p.m. St. Cloud union hall, 2803 Clearwater Road
6 **Children's Christmas Party.** Minneapolis Convention Center. 9 a.m.
9 **Stewards** meeting. 6 p.m.
General Membership meeting. 7 p.m.
10 **Retirees Christmas Party.** RSVP req'd. UFCW Local 653 Hall. 12 p.m.
12 **Members Only Christmas Party.** UFCW Local 653 Hall. 6 p.m.
16 **Executive Board** meeting. 4 p.m.
24 **Christmas Eve.** Office closed.
25 **Christmas Day.** Office closed.
31 **New Year's Eve** – Office closed – Provisional Holiday