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Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*



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March 1, 2020.**

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**FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE**

**By JEFF HEIMERL**



## INTRODUCING THE NEW ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER OF LOCAL 292

**Greetings Brothers and Sisters,**

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Last summer the membership of Local 292 IBEW voted to amend our by-laws and allow for the Business Manager to appoint an Assistant Business Manager. Shortly after this, by-laws change, I appointed one of the then current Business Representatives to this position. It is with great pleasure that I introduce Jennifer Mudge as the new Assistant Business Manager of Local 292. I look forward to working with Jennifer to make our local union stronger as we move into the future.

Jennifer began her electrical career by attending Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis where she graduated from, in 1997. Jennifer brings twenty-two plus years of experience to our Local. She has been employed in several facets of the electrical industry including; apprentice inside electrician, journeyman inside electrician, foreman, general foreman, business representative, and now assistant business manager. Jennifer has run several projects, has volunteered for several events and committees and she is also Local 292's currently elected financial secretary.

In addition to Jennifer's years of experience and the variety of work she has performed within the trade and local union, she brings a tireless effort to the job every day. She is a champion for all union workers and is fighting each and every day to secure fair wages and working conditions for those in the unionized electrical construction industry. Again, it is with great pleasure that I introduce Jennifer Mudge as Local 292's newly appointed Assistant Manager. If you have not had the opportunity to meet sister Mudge, please stop in at the Hall or attend a union meeting and say hello.

Remember to work safely, turn the power off when working, and wear your proper protecting equipment.

In Brotherhood,  
Jeff Heimerl

# IBEW VETERANS Committee - LOCAL 292

By Travis Rust, Instructor Minneapolis JATC,  
President IBEW Veterans Alliance - Local 292

The Veterans Committee held its first holiday get-together at the Crystal VFW on December 30, 2019. We had a great time playing pool while enjoying the food and drinks! I would also like to thank Retired General Harry Sieben for attending our January meeting and providing us some insight with the local military units.

The Veterans Committee will be planning a fishing weekend on Big Marine Lake this summer. Stay tuned for the exact date, which will be announced via Facebook, at meetings and here in the next *Keeping Current* issue.

\*Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 21, at 5pm at the PALMER LAKE VFW ALL-AMERICAN POST #3915  
2817 Brookdale Drive, Brooklyn Park MN 55444



[www.ibew292.org/committees-groups/veterans](http://www.ibew292.org/committees-groups/veterans)

Facebook @ IBEW Veterans Committee – Local 292

## Scholarship Reminders

### Alexander & Krech Scholarship

IBEW Local #292  
For Local #292 members and dependents  
[www.ibew292.org](http://www.ibew292.org)  
Click-on "Scholarships"

### Charles R. Brett Scholarship

IBEW Minnesota State Council For  
children of IBEW members  
[www.ibew292.org](http://www.ibew292.org)  
Click-on "Scholarships"

### IBEW Founders' Scholarship

IBEW International  
For IBEW members only  
[www.ibew.org](http://www.ibew.org)  
Click-on "Scholarship" icon

### David K. Roe Scholarship

### Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Award

Donald Pilla Memorial Award  
MN AFL-CIO  
For affiliated union members or  
dependents  
[www.mnaflcio.org](http://www.mnaflcio.org)  
Top of home page, or Enter key-word "Scholarship"

### Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship

Referred by MN AFL-CIO  
For racial/minority union members/dependents  
[www.nelliestone.org](http://www.nelliestone.org)  
Click-on "Scholarship Program"

### Martin Duffy Adult Learner Scholarship

Referred by MN AFL-CIO  
For affiliated union members in good standing,  
on lay-off status, or retired/disabled  
[www.mnaflcio.org](http://www.mnaflcio.org)  
Top of home page, or Enter key-word "Scholarship"

### Union Plus Scholarship

Sponsored through AFL-CIO affiliated unions  
for current & retired members and dependents  
[www.unionplus.org](http://www.unionplus.org)  
Click-on "Education" then "Scholarships" then "Union  
Plus Scholarship"

### Note:

Links to all of the above scholarships, as well  
as to other conference and grant opportunities,  
may be found on Local 292's website: [www.ibew292.org](http://www.ibew292.org). Please refer to the scholarship  
application for application deadline.

# Safety Corner

## EXERCISE PROPER PRACTICES

By Brian Cole

Before the IBEW was instituted, the industry was overrun with untrained individuals with inadequate skills and insufficient knowledge to practice the trade with proper regard to safety, making an already dangerous job riskier. This includes our own Local – the Electrical Workers' Journal from 1929 stated that the Rand Tower in Minneapolis was known as “the tower of death” due to an open shop contractor, C.F. Haglin, neglecting all safety devices and safety measures. One thing is for sure: they were killing and injuring men in easily avoidable accidents. One of the founding principles of the IBEW was to promote reasonable work methods. With all the training instilled upon us as wiremen, safety becomes second nature and of the utmost importance with whatever methods we choose.

*“Exercise proper safety, health and sanitation practices.”*

The plight is as evident today as it was back then with current trends in our own Local. There have been some serious accidents, led to mainly by complacency, lack of knowledge for current NFPA 70E standards, or blatant laziness regarding safety protocols.

We were given the knowledge and tools to be the wiremen that our founders aspired us to be. The “E” in Code of Excellence is for “Exercise proper safety, health and sanitation practices.” It is up to us as brothers and sisters to fulfill our obligation to all the members that fought before us to be the best at our craft as we can be.

When considering the future of the IBEW, I am surprised and disappointed at the percentage of members that, when asked, are opposed to their kin following them into the trade. I believe it is up to us to make this great institution better, not for our own behalf but for the betterment of all those who will come after us – just as our founders have done for us. Looking towards the future, International Safety Director Dave Mullen has said President Stephenson continues to affirm the commitment from his office on safety matters affecting members.

Please report any accident or serious injuries immediately to your business representatives or directly to the Safety Committee via email at [safety@ibew292.org](mailto:safety@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

#### Benefit Office

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

#### TEAM Employee Assistance

651-642-0182 or 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

612-617-4 ---

#### Business Manager

Jeff Heimerl 237

#### Metro Business Representatives

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Dave Frary 233

Derrick Givens 234

Jennifer Mudge 225

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Aaron Olson, Organizer 249

Bill Krause, Hiring Hall 224

Andrew Snope, Political Coordinator 238

#### St. Cloud Business Representatives

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Jason Carlson 243

#### Office Staff

Joan (Office Manager) 221

Gayle (Bookkeeping) 227

Julie (Admin) 236

Yolanna (Admin) 222

Angel (Admin) 223

#### President

Dan Ferguson 239

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#### Executive Board

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Anthony Carter xxx

Myles Lembke xxx

Dan McConnell xxx

Jeff Orth xxx

Mike Subject xxx

Kurt Tulp xxx

#### Brotherhood Committee

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# Retirees Service Pins



## Service Year 50

BACHMANN	ORVILLE	F
BAUMANN	STEVEN	G
BOESHANS	DONALD	F
BOYER	LYLE	R
BROOME	RICHARD	E
BURVEE	JIMMIE	C
BUSTA	NORMAN	C
CARPENTER	RICHARD	F
CEDERHOLM	HARVEY	G
CHRISTLE	RONALD	D
CLARK	LARRY	
CLEM	LEROY	J
DAVIDSON	DUANE	A
**DILLON	ROBERT	J
DOMKE	EARL	R
DUPAY	DONALD	P
**DYNKAVITCH	ROBERT	P
**EMANUELSON	JAMES	R
FAAS	RAYMOND	L
FRENCH	RAYMOND	C
FRILSTAD	BRUCE	L
GAULKE	DUANE	E
GEASE	HOWARD	D
GOSSEN	RAYMOND	L
GROTE	DAVID	C
HAAPALA	STANLEY	D
**HAYES	ROBERT	J
HELLAND	MIKAL	V
HELLAND	STANLEY	J
HENNEN	MARLIN	A
HERMAN	DONALD	A
**HERSCHBERGER	EUGENE	F
HOVET	RONALD	T
IKOLA	LARRY	C
JOHNSON	ROBERT	W
JOHNSON	TERRY	E
JONES	ROBERT	
KILIAN	JACOB	J
KOLB	DONALD	R
KOSMIDES	KOSTAS	G
KRAUTBAUER	JOE M	

LANDRUS
LATTERNER
LIEN
LINDQUIST
MCGRAW
MILLER
MURPHY
NELSON
NELSON
OLSON
PERREAULT
PERREAULT
PETERSON
PLATZ
REDENBAUGH
SCHAUFF
SCHOLER
SHARP
THEISEN
THOMPSON
TOLLAKSON
TONINATO
TORKELSON
VIKEN
WENAAS
WING
ZACHMAN
ZISTL

## Service Year 55

ANDERSON
BIORN
BROSSEAU
FOX
HEINE
JONES
JOSWIAK
KLATT
KLITZKE
LATTERY
LUNDEEN
MALMQUIST

ROBERT	G
JAMES	G
VICTOR	A
GERALD	A
MARK	A
RONALD	E
ROBERT	F
JOHN	H
JOHN	I
HAROLD	R
LLOYD	
ROBERT	P
BRIAN	R
THEODORE	K
VERN	L
GEORGE	
THOMAS	D
LEROY	K
GARY	L
KENNETH	W
ALLEN	D
WILLIAM	J
CLARENCE	B
KENNETH	M
LARRY	A
JAMES	W
ALVIN	J
ADOLF	

NICHOLSON	DEAN	L
PIRSIG	ARNOLD	M
RILEY	THOMAS	R

## Service Year 60

**BARNES	DALLAS	L
BRIESEMEISTER	DONALD	E
CARLSON	LEONARD	R
DEHNE	GERALD	L
EBERT	CLIFFORD	R
HARTEN	GARY	H
HENDRICKSON	JACK	M
KVALSTEN	JOHN	M
PIERSAK	JOSEPH	E
STILES	JAMES	E

## Service Year 65

CONNELL	PAUL	J
EEKHOFF	JAKE	G

## Service Year 70

BLANCHARD	WILLIAM	
RAUSCH	ALVIN	J
SCHAEFER	RAYMOND	L

\*\*Deceased



# Retirees Luncheon



# Service Pins

## 10-YEARS OF SERVICE

Ahner	Matthew	J	Bluhm	Mark	A	Gregory	Bernard	J
Anderson	Kenneth	R	Bogatzki	Jesse	K	Halverson	Arlan	G
Annen	Robert	P	Borg	Eric	J	Halverson	Michael	G
Becker	Scott	J	Born	David	T	Hammer	Russell	P
Bozovsky	Dale	R	Bosacker	Shane	A	Hansen	Patrick	A
Chapman	Gregory		Bridenstine	Shane	D	Harris	Julie	M
Conkey	Nina	K	Briggs	Christopher	N	Harwell	Daniel	R
Cook	Joseph	A	Brooks	John	W	Haukos	Kevin	S
Edlund	Craig	R	Brueggemeier	Troy	J	Hegstad	Todd	J
Fish	John	R	Burgess	Bradley	A	Heikkila	Angela	M
Hillestad	Dave	J	Byzewski	Roger	L	Heikkila	Christopher	L
Holm	Jerald	K	Cahill	Teige	M	Heimerl	Jeffrey	J
Hurt	Dion		Carlson	Jason	L	Heinen	Daniel	J
Lechner	Jeremy	J	Carter	Phyllis	C	Helgeson	Lane	R
Mccarter	Jacob	M	Caton	Richard	A	Hemphill	Michael	J
Mcgregor	Timothy	W	Chapman	Eric	D	Higgins	Casey	L
Meier	Reuben	P	Chmura	Stefan		Hinnenkamp	Dale	G
Mesenbring	Wade	W	Christopherson	Eric	O	Hoff	Jonathan	L
Nelson	Jeremy	J	Cook	Byron	C	Holm	Darin	J
Rivers	Ryan	J	Corrigan	Lawrence	P	Holmes	Kevin	J
Rose	Jared	M	Cruitt	Richard	A	Holton	Larry	B
Scharber	James	D	Czech	William	W	Howard	Charles	C
Smith	David	J	Dame	Joseph	K	Huttner	Todd	J
Thiel	Jason		Davis	Erich	J	Hyser	Nicholas	R
Thomson	Jared	H	Deyo	Donald	J	Jacobson	Kevin	M
Volk	Travis	S	Draheim	Cody	L	Jacques	Donald	J
Westermeyer	Ron	J	Dunderi	Keith	I	Janssen	Gerald	M
Workman	Patrick	J	Dupont	Greg	A	Johnson	Damian	M
Wuebkers	Scott		Eastridge	Brian	P	Johnson	John	A
Zastrow	Thomas		Elmquist	Ron	C	Johnson	Peter	D
			Engelson	Bryan	J	Jurek	Ryan	J
			Fischer	Donald	P	Kapinos	Brian	K
			Fleischhacker	Gerald	B	Kastanek	Jeffrey	J
			Folta	Todd	G	Killinger	Troy	A
			Forbes	Ryan	G	Kimball	Keith	A
			Fox	Michael	T	Knapp	Jacob	C
			Frank	Derrick	C	Knoblach	Josh	R
			Freitag	Matt	A	Koestner	Richard	J
			Ganske	Kim	T	Kopischke	Jamie	M
			Gerth	Charles	W	Korthof	Randy	S
			Gill	Jason	M	Kowalke	Daniel	J
			Gillespie	Bruce	R	Kramer	Dennis	R
			Gingerich	Matthew	A	Krueger	Patrick	J
			Glas	Charles	M	Kruzel	Allen	E
			Glunz	Robert	T	Kubat	Brian	S
			Goenner	Christopher	D	Kulp	John	M
			Greb	Richard	A	Kummet	Steven	M
			Green	Cameron	H	Laidlaw	Thomas	J

## 20-YEARS OF SERVICE

Abel	David	P						
Adams	David	J						
Ahlrich	Reese	R						
Anderson	Jason	D						
Anderson	Wayne	A						
Anderson	William	C						
Andryski	John	F						
Baker	Jared	A						
Baker	Keith	J						
Belland	Edmund	J						
Best	Kevin	W						
Birr	Donald							
Blackowiak	David	A						
Blake	Joe	D						
Bloom	Neal	E						

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# Service Pins cont.

## 20-YEARS OF SERVICE cont.

Langer	Nicholas	A	Rathje	Mark	J	Wallin	Brady	C
Langford	William	H	Reese	David	E	Walz	Michael	T
Leither	Tony	R	Remus	Pete	E	Ward	Jeron	C
Lesniak	Kevin	M	Richter	Jeremy	J	Watson	Jerry	L
Lewis	Lester	J	Richter	Shane	A	Wegwerth	Stephen	A
Lillis	Richard	E	Rieland	Brian	D	Wehlage	James	G
Lommel	Kevin	M	Roberts	Andrew	J	Welch	Daniel	
Lommel	Michael	J	Roberts	Larry	L	Welle	Roger	E
Lor	Tou		Rosas	Daniel	R	Weseman	Russell	S
Lovdal	Spencer	P	Ruza	Jeremy	J	West	Doug	L
Lubrant	Mark	J	Sao	Tab	S	White	Corey	R
Lundell	Kenneth		Sauer	Sheldon	L	Wills	Michael	O
Majewski	Aaron	M	Schindeldecker	Daniel	R	Wischnefski	David	J
Marty	Peter	M	Schmidt	Donald	R	Wolner	Jason	D
Matson	Philip	A	Schmit	Ryan	A	Xhayes	Leonard	J
Mauk	Nicholas	R	Schulte	Alan	L	Yetman	Corey	P
Mcknight	Anthony	D	Schulz	Cory	J	York	Adolph	A
Mcmaster	Joshua	A	Schwinghammer	Thomas	P	<b>25-YEARS OF SERVICE</b>		
Mergen	Russell	C	Scully	Michael	J	Balut	Joseph	L
Metzger	Mike	A	Seestrom	Jesse	T	Benson	Scott	T
Mireau	Ronald	R	Seidl	Mark	A	Bergstrom	Chaucer	B
Misegades	Todd	G	Seifermann	Jeff	M	Bertrand	Joseph	R
Moe	Lance	E	Seward	Mark	R	Burdorf	John	D
Morgel	Terrence	P	Shea	Kevin	M	Butler	Bruce	E
Morrison	Robert	J	Silver	Noah	B	Christenson	Chad	R
Morse	Elton	S	Simon	Keith	M	Cisewski	Jeff	S
Moy	Howard	D	Sloneker	Trevor	L	Clark	Kenneth	M
Munson	David	A	Sorensen	Jeffrey	D	Cook	Chris	G
Nelson	Kenneth	W	Sparby	Craig	E	Dincau	Mitch	L
Nelson	Paul	P	Sprague	Roger	S	Drew	Jesse	W
Oehrlein	Terry	W	Sroka	Brian	J	Duehn	Mike	A
Olson	Aaron	R	Starn	Ronald	J	Duerr	Brandon	J
Olson	Eric	W	Steffel	Robert	A	Entinger	John	J
Olson	Michael	W	Stenglein	Jesse	D	Essendrup	Mark	R
Osterbauer	Matthew	D	Strickland	Charles	E	Fiedler	Keith	B
Painschab	Tim	A	Swentkofske	Christopher	B	Forsberg	John	W
Peatrowsky	Matthew	J	Teeters	Thomas	P	Foss	Robert	J
Perlich	Keith	P	Thomas	John	L	Gerlach	Thomas	P
Petersen	Martin	J	Thompson	Ryan	E	Gibson	Marty	
Peterson	Eric	A	Thorman	John	M	Gilmore	Debra	K
Petron	Todd	A	Todt	Christopher	M	Gossman	Robert	J
Phoenix	James	R	Tollefson	William	G	Gouette	Robert	J
Plekkenpol	Roger	C	Tolrud	Steven	W	Gross	Douglas	M
Polacec	Michael	A	Trice	Kenneth	F	Hansen	Mark	A
Posch	Frank	L	Truong	Henry	H	Hartman	Paul	R
Prokott	Steven	M	Tschida	Thomas	J	Hemann	Ryan	T
Quam	Curtis	D	Ulrick	Gary	M	Hendricks	William	J
			Van Keuren	Eric	A			

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# Service Pins cont.

## 25-YEARS OF SERVICE cont.

Hill	Jonathan	J
Hobart	Barry	R
Hoppe	Charles	J
Jech	Darrell	J
Johnson	Katherine	E
Josephson	Jeffrey	A
Keller	Scott	C
Kilian	Michael	J
Kircher	Brian	W
Labonne	Christoph	D
Lanners	Roger	N
Martin	James	B
Mathewson	Joshua	A
Nee	Tony	
O'Neil	Jeffrey	M
Oberg	Brian	J
Orth	Gerald	P
Powers	Joe	S
Rose	John	A
Ryan	Scott	E
Schlichting	Steve	A
Schwinghammer	Patrick	J
Serpico	William	T
Shaw	Darin	K
Smith	Thomas	W
Steiner	David	R
Stewart	Emily	E
Stich	Greg	K
Strohmayer	Scott	E
Subject	Michael	D
Swenson	Darren	J
Thell	Linus	J
Thomas	Jeffrey	A
Thomas	Michael	J
Tulp	Kurt	A
Wadman	Peter	J
Wenberg	Dean	C
White	Greg	P
Yobbie	James	R
Ziermann	Steven	D

## 30-YEARS OF SERVICE

Anderson	John	O
Appel	Martin	J
Barbo	Steve	K
Baudoin	Brian	P
Berg	Brian	J
Bernard	Chris	W
Braun	Curtis	J
Brown	Kenneth	
Burkhalter	Wayne	E
Bursch	John	W
Carlson	Bret	W
Carlson	Vincent	K
Causby	Tod	A
Cherne	Patrick	M
Connours	Douglas	J
Corbin	Anthony	
Dahlstrom	Eric	M
Decknadel	Craig	S
Degross	Timothy	J
Dukart	Dennis	C
Egstad	Richard	D
Entinger	Ronald	W
Erickson	Mark	R
Erickson	Peter	D
Erickson	Shawn	D
Erickson	Todd	P
Feilen	Richard	A
Gallagher	Brian	C
Giles	Kevin	W
Granger	Todd	S
Griffiths	Steven	B
Gullickson	Rick	W
Gustafson	Paul	G
Hall	Dale	E
Hammer	David	A
Hilton	Gerald	P
Hocutt	John	R
Holmquist	James	R
Holte	Warren	H
Jensen	Jack	W
Josephs	Barbara	J
Kane	William	M
Kilian	James	M
Kittelson	Chris	G
Klitzke	Steve	M
Krause	Douglas	L
Krier	Nicholas	P

Laidlaw	Scott	N
Lamee	Robert	L
Larson	Thomas	A
Lavigne	Kail	J
Layon	Gene	G
Leegard	Todd	J
Leighton	Jon	D
Lemay	Curtis	J
Lenz	Jack	W
Lipinski	Randy	G
Lovdal	Donn	M
Maki	Mark	R
Mckay	Thomas	J
Meyers	Paul	E
Mickelburg	Tim	A
Mulligan	Stephen	H
Myllykangas	William	J
Ngo	Charles	N
Nicklow	Michael	K
Ost	Robert	S
Palmer	Scott	R
Peal	Jeffrey	A
Pechacek	Chris	A
Premo	David	L
Prom	Jack	G
Randall	Jeffrey	R
Roubal	James	R
Rozeske	James	F
Scholl	Scott	J
Scott	Steven	G
Seekon	David	L
Simon	Cyril	A
Skinner	Ben	L
Skrien	Richard	W
Smieja	Steve	P
Stark	Charles	E
Strauss	Tim	N
Szafranski	Randy	
Voge	Gregory	A
Voth	Todd	D
Walter	Jeff	M
Weir	Dolf	W
Weiss	Vance	D
Welberg	Bradley	K
Wiemann	Daniel	L
Williams	Michael	S
Yurista	Steven	G

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# Service Pins cont.

## 35-YEARS OF SERVICE

Berglund	Timothy	L
Burggraff	Paul	R
Carlson	Richard	A
Clouse	Jeffrey	P
Dahl	Norman	C
Dols	Brian	J
Edison	Donald	J
Edling	Stephen	P
Friend	Jeffery	F
Gallatin	William	R
Guck	Bradly	A
Hamari	Michael	A
Harten	Mark	A
Hasert	Gary	
Helms	Robert	P
Herkenhoff	John	J
Herman	Chris	P
Hilk	Brian	G
Houser	Mark	L
Kloiber	Kevin	E
Koppi	Joe	L
Labandz	Rick	J
Lakanen	Joseph	C
Larson	Richard	H
Lien	Ted	M
Lomas	Terry	J
Martin	David	J
Marty	Robert	W
Meyer	Jeff	D
Moran	Peter	V
Noonan	John	A
Olsen	Curtis	A
Palmer	Douglas	D
Parker	Jeffrey	W
Pivec	Steven	E
Pullar	Steven	R
Ravn	Timothy	P
Ronne	Bill	A
Schepers	Daniel	R
Schneider	Thomas	J
Smith	Scott	D
Trounce	Timothy	D
Udovich	Anthony	F
Voelker	Scott	C
Wall	John	P
Waxberg	Rick	D
Weaver	Gerald	D

Weikle	Dean	C
Wermager	Rodney	L
Wermerskirchen	Michael	P
Williams	William	C
Wills	Paul	J
Zeman	David	J
Zilka	Brian	J
Zimmer	Allen	J
Zylman	Joel	M

## 40-YEARS OF SERVICE

Ahmann	Donald	R
Anderson	Thomas	L
Axvig	Randy	J
Bartels	Charles	R
Bastian	David	J
Beatt	Donald	W
Bednark	Greg	A
Bennett	Mark	A
Bentz	Bradley	W
Berrini	Jerome	M
Biskey	Gary	A
Blomquist	Bradford	M
Bryant	Ralph	D
Burkel	Steven	J
Cardinal	Raymond	R
Carlson	Kirk	P
Chantry	Richard	I
Collins	Timothy	R
Copus	Ronald	L
Dagendesh	Robert	L
Davis	Walter	D
Dicks	Gregory	C
Dickson	Michael	P
Dummer	Gregory	W
Ecker	Randy	F
Eggersgluss	Melvin	V
Ellingson	Steven	A
Fair	David	L
Fisher	Norman	W
Gorman	Timothy	M
Gow	George	G
Grams	Thomas	C
Halverson	Michael	P
Hansen	Delmar	I
Hasselius	Roger	R
Hayes	John	M
Heppelmann	Donald	M

Hissam	Dewey	R
Jacobson	David	A
Janssen	George	R
Jensen	Dale	R
Johnson	Keith	E
Johnson	Wallace	K
Kaiser	John	F
Keleher	Thomas	F
Klein	Alvin	J
Kloyda	David	J
Kraus	Terry	L
Krekelberg	Gregory	H
Lakanen	Kurt	W
Lane	Jon	M
Lange	Laurel	H
Laursen	Jay	C
Leclair	Craig	M
Lien	Gary	A
Maas	Christopher	A
Mackenzie	Harold	R
Manko	Craig	R
Mckay	Derek	D
McNuss	Marvin	R
Menth	Jeffrey	C
Merrifield	Steven	C
Meyer	Cliff	J
Millage	Mark	G
Miller	Charles	F
Miller	Timothy	G
Morast	John	W
Mortensen	Kyle	R
Morton	James	W
Nelson	Brian	D
Nelson	Jerry	L
Nettleton	Jeffery	G
Noonan	James	D
Norby	Dennis	P
O'Brien	Rebecca	A
Oliver	Laurence	R
Olson	Duane	A
Olson	Eric	G
Osmonson	Robert	L
Pany	Mark	H
Petersen	Mark	S
Petersen	Thomas	H
Peterson	Charles	W
Peterson	John	E
Peterson	Kerry	M

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# Service Pins cont.

## 40-YEARS OF SERVICE cont.

Przedziecki	Stanley	L
Rief	David	F
Ryan	Charles	P
Sampson	Marcus	R
Schauer	Larry	M
Schmitz	Dirk	J
Shannon	Steven	R
Sidla	Robert	A
Simon	Warren	J
Simonet	William	J
Sorensen	Harold	J
Sorenson	Lawrence	C
Spernick	Daniel	H
Spletstoeszer	David	L
Stanley	Michael	G
Thibadeau	Daniel	G
Thomas	Bradley	G
Thompson	Dennis	L
Thorson	Jeff	K
Thusholt	Kristian	
Utterberg	Thomas	D
Van Alstine	Wayne	E
Vaughn	Robert	L
Vrieze	Roger	W
Waletzko	Mark	D
Weida	Michael	J
Weir	Brian	K
Westerholm	Jerry	R
Whaylen	Michael	C
Wheaton	Joseph	F
Winch	Billy	D
Wood	Donald	A
Worcester	William	D
Wright	Blaine	P
Zaun	Douglas	D
Zeta	Duane	J
Ziesmer	Mark	E

## 45-YEARS OF SERVICE

Atkinson	Michael	E
Banko	Harry	G
Beach	David	L
Bomsta	Ronald	H
Borgman	Stephen	J
Briggs	William	G
Brouillet	Thomas	L
Bruhn	James	D
Caron	Richard	D
Chesley	Richard	H
Corgard	Gerald	E
Crane	Warren	M
Deering	Douglas	C
Dejesus	Hector	H
Eckstrom	Gerald	M
Erickson	Scott	L
Evenson	Robert	J
Fillmore	Joanne	A
Frischmon	Patrick	M
Gaulke	David	A
Guimont	Ralph	T
Hackenmueller	Robert	P
Hall	John	P
Hallman	John	A
Hasse	John	M
Hensel	Duane	V
Holiday	Joseph	S
Hollick	Robert	T
Hopping	John	A
Houle	Gary	T
Jahnke	Randy	H
Jarosz	Jeffrey	E
Jasicki	Timothy	J
Jensen	Richard	A
Johnson	Vincent	R
Knapp	Paul	J
Koskiniemi	Lester	M
Krumm	David	C
Leclair	Keith	R
Lindquist	Lloyd	J
Lonsky	Richard	J
Madonna	Keith	D
Mahoney	Robert	D
Marshall	Steven	J
Masloski	William	S
Mcdonald	Jerry	D

Meyers	Ronald	L
Mohr	Daniel	F
Nelson	Duane	J
Nestrud	Lloyd	W
O'Keefe	James	P
Olson	Darwin	B
Panos	Theodore	H
Pepin	Garry	M
Peterson	Duane	V
Raiche	Thomas	J
Taylor	Paul	A
Thomason	Chester	P
Tkach	David	
Trende	David	C
Vanbeusekom	Robert	A
Waldemar	Ricky	D
Wolters	John	S

**Congratulations**  
**to all**  
**that received**  
**their**  
**service pins!**

# "SENIOR SPARKIES NOTES"

## Happy 2020 Retirees

By Paul Klesmit, Retiree President

HAPPY 2020 TO ALL LOCAL 292 RETIREES! As we enter the new year, we look forward to our new building being complete in April. The retirees have always been in favor of a new building and were the first to contribute to the building fund. The retirees at our annual Christmas luncheon, with 289 signed up, were given the option to keep their deposit checks or donate them. The majority donated them to the building fund and, along with the monthly contributions at our retiree meetings, we were able to present a check for \$5,000 to the building fund at the January membership meeting. Thank you, Local 292 retirees.

The Local also donated \$20,000 for our annual Christmas luncheon. Thank you, Local 292. It was held again at St. Patrick's Mahon Center in Edina. From here on out, our Christmas luncheon will be held at the Local's new building in Brooklyn Park.

Plans are in place for casino trips to Treasure Island in April and October. We are also making plans for a river cruise this summer and possibly a tour of the Vikings training facility. Our summer picnic will again be at Three Rivers Park in Plymouth for at least one more year.

2020 is going to be a very busy year with our Local elections as well as our government elections. Please make sure you get involved to help labor-friendly politicians get elected. Your pensions and social security are under attack. Make sure you vote. We wish all our snowbirds happy travels and all our retirees warm wishes.

*Stay safe and healthy.*

Fraternally,  
Paul Klesmit, Retiree President



### LOCAL 292 "SENIOR SPARKIES" VOLUNTARY DIRECTORY

I would like to be part of the Local 292 "Senior Sparkies" Voluntary Directory. I understand this is only to be used to keep retirees in contact with one another. I am only willing to share the information I have shared below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Political

# Hello Brothers and Sisters of IBEW Local 292

By Andy Snope, IBEW 292 Legislative and Political Director

2020 is an important year. All Minnesota legislators are up for election this year, as are all our US Congressional Representatives and one US Senator – and, you may have heard, there is an election for the office of President of the United States. We will need to start early and work hard to make sure our collective labor voices are heard. This year is extremely important because the legislators we elect will be drawing political district lines throughout the state and country after the US census population numbers are collected. We need to elect legislators who are committed to assuring that legislative district lines are drawn fairly and not open to gerrymandering.

2020 is also a census year, and collecting accurate information on the country's population will assure representation in Washington, D.C. Minnesota is very close to losing a Congressional seat; we could go from 8 US representatives down to 7. Please participate in this year's census, stand up and be counted.

**This year more than any other, please consider getting involved to help our labor family gain the recognition and support we need to improve and maintain a great standard of living and to gain respect in the workplace, on the job site, at home and in our communities. I want to let you know of some important events and opportunities coming up that you can participate in to help our collective IBEW Local 292 labor voice be heard.**

February 11:  
Start of MN Legislative Session

February 11:  
Special Election - Anoka County  
Commissioner, District 11.  
Endorsed Candidate: Cindy Hansen

February 12, 5pm:  
Precinct Caucus Political Convention Training  
IBEW 292  
312 Central Avenue SE, Minneapolis  
2nd floor, room 218

February 25:  
MN Precinct Caucuses  
Statewide locations:  
<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/how-elections-work/precinct-caucuses/>

March 3:  
MN Presidential Primary Statewide Election Day  
<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/how-elections-work/presidential-primary/>

Late February – April:  
Senate District, Organizing Unit and  
Congressional District Conventions.

### March 24: IBEW 292 Day on the Hill

**We will start out at IBEW 292, 312 Central Ave SE. Registration opens at 7:30am. We will head to the Capitol about 11am and end no later than 4pm. Call the office and sign up now! Deadline to sign up is Friday, February 28.**

I am proud and humbled to serve the men, women and families of IBEW Local 292. I am grateful to be part of the team. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the legislative or political process.

In Solidarity,

Andy Snope, IBEW Local 292 Legislative and  
Political Director  
612-617-4238  
[asnopes@ibew292.org](mailto:asnopes@ibew292.org)

# Help For Legal and Financial Concerns

According to a poll taken by Work Place Options, at least 36% of workers believe that financial stress has affected their ability to do their jobs. Therefore, the worker's issues become significant for businesses of all sizes when they experience a drop in productivity. The individuals that responded to the survey were concerned about a lack of retirement savings, monthly bills and expenses, taxes and growing debt. Working men and women may also be troubled by legal concerns such as divorce and custody proceedings, landlord/tenant lease disputes or complicated probate events. Often times, a person may be in need of accurate legal information and advice, but feels daunted by the perceived costs or feel they just do not know where to turn for help.

TEAM can be a good resource to help union members solve both financial and legal problems. When you call, TEAM staff will gather your personal information and connect you to our Work Place Options consultants for either legal assistance or financial counseling.

All financial counselors are certified experts and they may be able to provide you immediate assistance over the phone. For more complicated cases, the consultant may schedule a 1-hour appointment. At times, the counselor may send worksheets to complete prior to the appointment and will follow-up by sending a summary of goals and steps. There is no restriction on the use of this free service.



If the union member needs legal consultation, many questions can be answered over the phone with a legal assistant, at no cost. Should the need arise to hire a lawyer, the legal consultant will provide contact information for a qualified attorney that is able to take on your particular case. The first 30-minute consultation is free and the attorney working with our network will discount the hourly rate by 25%. All attorneys have multiple years of experience, carry liability insurance and have no public record for discipline.

Call TEAM today at 651-642-0182 and let us help you solve your financial or legal challenges. TEAM also provides short-term, face-to-face counseling for personal and workplace problems. All counseling is free and confidential. There is 24/7, year round phone assistance with a live person. Immediate dependents are also eligible for TEAM services.



***From all of us at IBEW Local 292,  
Have a safe and Happy New Year!***

# Children's Christmas Party





## Transitions

### Retirements

#### *Congratulations!*

Last Name	First Name	Mi	Pension Effective Date
BETHKE	DAVID	W	11/1/2019
CARLSON	WILLIAM	D	10/1/2019
CHRISTIAN	ALLEN	D	10/1/2019
DEUTSCH	DONALD	W	12/1/2019
HAMMER	RUSSELL	P	10/1/2019
KRMPOTICH	PAUL	J	12/1/2019
MARTENS	SCOTT	E	1/1/2020
MICKELSON	BRIAN	J	7/1/2018
OLSON	ERIC	G	11/1/2019
OLSON	MICHAEL	W	11/1/2019
PETERSON	KERRY	M	9/1/2019
PRICE	RONALD	M	11/1/2019
SAHLI	HOWARD	D	12/1/2019
SAHLI	HOWARD	D	12/1/2019
SANKEY	WILLIAM	A	1/1/2020
SWANSON	DOUGLAS	R	12/1/2019
TEMPLE	MARK	J	11/1/2019
WALZ	RUSSELL	D	1/1/2020
WURM	WILLIAM	A	1/1/2020

### Deaths

#### Active Members

Last Name	First Name	Mi	Date of Death
BOWMAN	RANDOLPH	D	11/11/2019
DOEBBELING	MAURICE	E	11/28/2019
KREGER	JOHN	F	12/12/2019
LARSON	JEROME	P	12/5/2019
MCMILLEN	DONALD	D	12/24/2019
SIMONSMEIER	RICHARD		12/21/2019
WELSAND	LOREN	M	8/10/2019

#### Retired Members



### APPLICATION FOR THE JOHN PETER SCHMITZ IBEW LOCAL 292 (2020 ONLY) SCHOLARSHIP

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS

ONLY LOCAL 292 MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM A CREDITED TRADE SCHOOL IN AN ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM WITHIN THE LAST FOUR (4) YEARS QUALIFY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

Applications should be mailed to:

**IBEW 292 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, 312 CENTRAL AVE SE – SUITE 292, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55414**

Entry Deadline: March 1, 2020 (ONE-TIME ONLY)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ FULL NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPRENTICE WAS SWORN INTO LOCAL 292 \_\_\_\_\_ DATE APPRENTICE ENTERED THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT YEAR IN THE JATC \_\_\_\_\_ COLLECTIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN THE JATC \_\_\_\_\_

UNEXCUSED DAYS ABSENT FROM THE JATC \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet, please attach an essay of at least one hundred and fifty words, reflecting why you joined Local 292, if you volunteer for Local 292, and what your experiences have been since you joined Local 292, including specific changes (if any) that you feel would strengthen this organization, and why you are the best candidate to receive this scholarship.

*(Include any additional information that you want the Scholarship Committee to consider in evaluating your personal qualifications.)*

**INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

Please refer any questions about this scholarship or the application form to the IBEW Local 292 Office. Phone: 612-379-1292 or Email: office@ibew292.org

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## Calendar

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St Cloud union hall, 2803 Clearwater Rd
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