



# IBEW LOCAL 291



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# Business Manager's Report

Greetings Sisters & Brothers,

I am honored to have been elected to another term as Business Manager/Financial Secretary of IBEW Local 291. I will continue to work for our membership to ensure Local 291 is going in a positive direction. Currently, we are at an all-time high with 1,300 members and we are seeing continued growth under all of our classifications. Inside construction work is booming and we have had unfilled calls for quite some time. Outside Line work is going strong with a record number of workers in the jurisdiction as we continue to see growth in the Line work. Our DirecTV units are doing well with no shortage of available work.

With summer fast approaching, I remind everyone to be aware of the working conditions around you and be prepared for the elements by keeping yourself hydrated and using sun protection. I wish you and yours a safe, happy and fun summer season.

With the completion of the 40th IBEW International Convention behind us, International President Stephenson asked all delegates to return to their home locals and thank their members for all of the great work they do, so THANK YOU! You are the strength behind our successes. The IBEW as a whole is in a great place, with "A" membership at an all-time high increasing at 8.5% since the last convention in 2016. The top three International Officers all got re-elected to new terms and Eighth District International Vice President Bellah was also re-elected. On a couple other items, The International Pension Fund payout will increase with new contributions starting in January 2023 and IBEW & NECA have agreed to discuss increasing the NEBF payout in the near future as well. Over the next four and a half years, the dues increases voted on are as follows,

"A" and "BA" Membership dues will increase \$2.00 per month effective January 1, 2023, \$1.00 per month effective July 1, 2024, and \$1.00 per month effective July 1, 2025.

"A" Member Pension Benefit Fund dues will increase \$2.00 per month effective January 1, 2023, and \$2.00 per month effective January 1, 2025.

The PBF increases are to ensure the I.O. retirement remains strong for our members and our members of the future and to assist in a larger premium at retirement for our Members.

ELECTRICIANS; Please be ready to be involved when we ask for your help as our Electrical rules governing our industry in Idaho are under a re-write and we will need help from all of you on contacting your representatives when needed. We make up a large group of Legislators constituents and when we unite, we can speak volumes.

In Solidarity,  
Mark Zaleski



## BENEFITS SEMINAR

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a benefits seminar to help inform you of your benefits. This open house event is available so you can ask any questions that you may have regarding your plans.

This event is available to all 8<sup>th</sup> District Pension, Annuity & Health Care Participants

Benesys Administrators will have professionals in Boise for this in-person event, exclusively for our members and guests.

We hope you are able to attend!

**RSVP:** 208-343-4861

**WHEN:** JULY 21, 2022, 6PM.

**WHERE:** IBEW 291  
225 N. 16<sup>TH</sup> ST.  
BOISE ID, 83702

## ELECTED OFFICERS

### Congratulations to our elected Officers 2022-2025

**Financial Secretary/Business Manager:**  
Mark Zaleski

**President:** Jeremy Redman

**Vice President:** Kelly Billings

**Recording Secretary:** Ron Lawson

**Treasurer:** Jacob Giese

**Executive Board:**

Toby Davis

Erik Simmons

Cody Smith

Lonny Wearin

**Examining Board:**

Anthony M. Antunes

Bradley Bohning

Joseph Zamudio



Thank you to all the candidates  
that ran for office!

Special Thanks for all the years  
of service to outgoing officers:

Mike Jagger &  
Robert Lawrence

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **LOCAL 291 MONTHLY UNION MEETINGS**

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

6PM – 225 N. 16<sup>th</sup> St. Boise ID

\*Current Dues Receipt required for entry

- **WOMENS COMMITTEE CAR WASH**

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL**

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022 1-4PM

Stinker/Sinclair Station

321 S. 24<sup>th</sup> Ave, Caldwell ID

\*Donations accepted – proceeds go to community youth and more

- **IBEW 8th District RENEW Softball Tournament**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022 AT 9 AM  
Casper, Wyoming – North Casper Park

## **UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS 2022**

- The Idaho Democratic Party Staff Agreement
- Inside Wireman Agreement
- KTVB Agreement

## **NECA/IBEW LOCAL 291 LMCC ORGANIZING INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

We're pleased to announce the LMCC is sponsoring an organizing incentive program which is being finalized as you read this.

If a member refers a non-union electrician and he goes to work and joins the union, after they work 150 hours, the referring member will receive \$250.00.

**“All labor that uplifts  
humanity has dignity  
and importance and  
should be  
undertaken with  
painstaking  
excellence”**

- Martin Luther King Jr.