



INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS LOCAL NO. 18 • AFL-CIO

Business Manager Report

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Work Picture

We have between 30 and 40 mechanics on the open employment list and less than 5 to 10 apprentices. We also have around 60 Assistant Mechanics working. Over the past couple of years, Local 18 has maintained between 2300 and 2400 members. Las Vegas has projects winding down and any transients working in that area have been sent back to their locals. San Diego has steadied without much hiring expected in the sub-primary this month. The Assistant Mechanics list continues to grow, as apprentices are completing their courses and passing the Mechanics Exam. The independent companies have been picking up Modernization jobs and expect to be hiring soon; a couple of majors are also projecting a need for labor soon.

IUEC 18 Stats

Mechanics 1861
Apprentices 518
Helpers 3
Total 2383
Probationary 122

Union Working Cards

When an IUEC member reports to work, they should have on hand, a current IUEC working card. Union working cards are mailed at the beginning of each quarter to every member that has paid the upcoming quarter's dues. If you are behind on your dues, you do not receive a working card. Showing your working card is the strongest form of communication we have as members of the IUEC. Asking to see someone's working card is the strongest way to protect our Union. If you do not have a current working card, you must contact an agent immediately.

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Medical List

As a member, it is a requirement to keep the hall current with your status. With that, if you go out of work for medical reasons, you are required to contact the hall, as there is benefit paperwork that must be filled out. As a reminder, if you are out of work due to medical reasons, you are not required to pay local dues; by contacting the hall, the necessary paperwork will be completed, your status will be updated, and you could be entitled to an adjustment in your current quarter's dues. Lastly, once you are released to return to work, please provide the hall with a doctor's release note and we will update your status.

Continuing Education

If you complete your Mechanic Exam after July 9, 2022, you must complete 8 hours of Continuing Education each calendar year, regardless if you are on an Assistant Mechanic Agreement. NEIEP has created an online course and it is available at NEIEP.org. Once you have completed the course, you will receive 8 hours of the local mechanic rate.

Constitution and Bylaws

Proposed changes to our Local Constitution and Bylaws have been read at the required three meetings. There are 11 proposals to consider when you receive your ballot. Please follow the instructions that are mailed with the ballot. If you have any questions or need a replacement ballot, contact the Trustees.

Veterans

Whether it's our commitment to the Helmets to Hardhats direct entry program or through charitable contributions Local 18 members make to Veterans organizations, this local has a long history of honoring and supporting the men and women that protect this nation. Local 18 will begin testing and interviewing a new group of veterans soon. This group will test and interview in the same manner as our recruitment applicants. This group of veterans will receive a score based on their interviews and tool knowledge and will be placed on the current hiring list accordingly.

Local 18 would also like to announce our golf tournament fundraiser, benefitting the Tunnels to Towers Foundation, a charity that assists veterans. The tournament will be held on Veterans Day, November 11, at the Wildhorse Golf Club in Henderson, Nevada. The tournament is open to anyone wishing to play and we expect to fill all the carts available, so register soon!



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9 Safety Absolutes

ELEVATOR INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES TO MAXIMIZE SAFETY & PREVENT INJURIES

1. CAR TOP ACCESS

Always maintain control of car; use door lock and stopper correctly; verify door safety and all switches independently; ensure stop switches are activated when exiting car top; secure working area.

2. PIT ACCESS

Always maintain control of car; use door lock and stopper correctly; activate and verify pit stop switch; use ladder safely; turn on pit light; deactivate stop switch after exiting; secure working area.

3. MECHANICAL STORED ENERGY

Bring equipment to zero energy state; avoid pinch points; do not wear loose clothing and be careful when wearing gloves; ensure all loads are stable and secure; do not put yourself in the line of fire.

4. FALL PROTECTION

Always wear proper personal protective equipment and tie off when a fall hazard exists; inspect your fall protection system every time; be aware of your surroundings; ensure proper guardrails are used.

5. FALSE CARS & RUNNING PLATFORMS

Perform inspection of equipment prior to use; operate with at least two means of safety; always assemble/disassemble at the lowest landing; do not overload; install a protective barrier between cars.

6. HOISTING & RIGGING

Ensure hoisting & rigging plan is in place; know the weight of the load and that equipment is rated appropriately; do not stand or walk under hoisted load; use certified equipment & inspect before each use; ensure load will clear all obstructions.

7. JUMPERS

Do not install jumpers on the safety circuit when elevator is on automatic operation; only use company approved jumpers and inspect prior to use; account for all jumpers at all times; always notify co-workers jumpers are being used; use a jumper tag; understand how your jumpers will affect the entire system.

8. ELECTRICAL SAFE WORK PRACTICES

Lock out and tag out if power is not required; test meter on known source before use; probe with one hand to verify circuits; use certified tools; inspect before each use and prevent incidental contact; always protect high voltage exposed live circuits.

9. LOCK OUT / TAG OUT

Ensure there are no passengers and cab is secure; lock out and tag out (LOTO) if power is not required; follow company LOTO procedures; verify the correct system has been de-energized; follow electrical safe work practices.

Stay Safe

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