

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

Business Manager Report

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Work Picture

The overall work picture has been steady. As one job wraps up something else has started. We have not seen enough hiring to clear the bench. 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. Las Vegas has the Sphere project winding down, while San Diego is unloading trucks and should be manning these projects soon. Having three large metropolises with Local 18 is a plus and while most of us get to go home each night, as elevator constructors, we must be ready to pick up our tools and travel to where the work is. Do not be selective if you are called to take a job. There is still a ton of work on the books and chances are good that you will be able to get home soon.

IUEC 18 Stats

Mechanics 1838 Apprentices 515 Helpers 3 Total 2357 Probationary 143

Vacations

Vacation checks are due by July 15th to those that have not used it as PTO. Take a close look to make sure you are paid correctly; if you discover a discrepancy, please gather your information and contact a Business Agent immediately. If you haven't taken a vacation in a while, you are probably getting burned out. Vacation Pay is a negotiated benefit with the intent of using it for the purpose of getting away from work for a short period of time. Taking advantage of this benefit will go a long way to your overall health and well-being.



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Company Vehicles

Whether driving a company vehicle or your own, be aware of speed limits, be aware of your speed and do not exceed the limit. Pay close attention to school zones, construction zones, and other places you may need to reduce your speed. If you are driving and need to communicate with your employer, pull over to a safe location; don't voice to text and drive. Always keep your eyes focused on the road.

Personal Cell Phones

It has come to our attention that Otis Elevator and Amtec Elevator are requesting that employees upload a program to their personal cell phones or devices. This program is referred to. This request is being directed toward apprentices who have not been issued company communication devices. IUEC Local 18 would like to make it clear that all IUEC members are not required to provide a communication device for our employers use and cooperating with the employers is voluntary. Contact a Business Agent with any questions or concerns.

Officer Elections

Thank you to everyone that participated in the recent election of officers for the upcoming year and congratulations to our new officers. The membership expects all officers to know and perform their duties according to the Constitution and Bylaws. The officers for the upcoming year are posted at iuec18.org.

Continuing Education

If you complete your Mechanic Exam after July 9, 2022, you must complete 8 hours of Continuing Education each calendar year. 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. Do not confuse this requirement with the required Continuing Education to maintain your CCCM; these are different courses. If you have signed an assistant mechanics agreement you are still required to take the continuing education course. If you were a Mechanic before July 9, 2022, you can take the offered Continuing Education course and you will also receive the 8 hours of local mechanic rate. This requirement for new mechanics is new to our Collective Bargaining Agreement. If you have any questions, please do not he sitate to call.

Assembly Bill 871

Assembly Bill 871 has passed in the state assembly and is now in the state senate. The bill addresses language within the Labor Code 7300, particularly adding residential elevators to the Labor Code. This bill is different than the Group 5 proposal that is in the hands of the OSH Standards Board. Both proposals will have an impact on our industry and the safety of our members and the public. We will keep the updates coming.



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NEIEP Summer Education

NEIEP will be holding in person Continuing Education courses starting in July. These courses are lab-based courses and will help anyone looking to improve their skills. Welding labs will continue to be available throughout the summer. NEIEP offers many computer based Continuing Education courses and can be found at neiep.org. Our education sets an IUEC member apart from the rest.

DADs Day Golf Tournament

It was great to see that everyone had a great time. As we work on finalizing numbers, we are anticipating the amount raised for Dollars Against Diabetes to be around \$10,000. Thank you to everyone who participated in our tournament, and we look forward to having you again next year. Our Golf Committee took the week off, but they are back in action and working on another tournament for the Las Vegas area. We hope to have more details ready by our next meeting.

Save The Date

September 23rd – LA Picnic

October 7th – Las Vegas Picnic

November 4th – San Diego Picnic

Work Safe

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