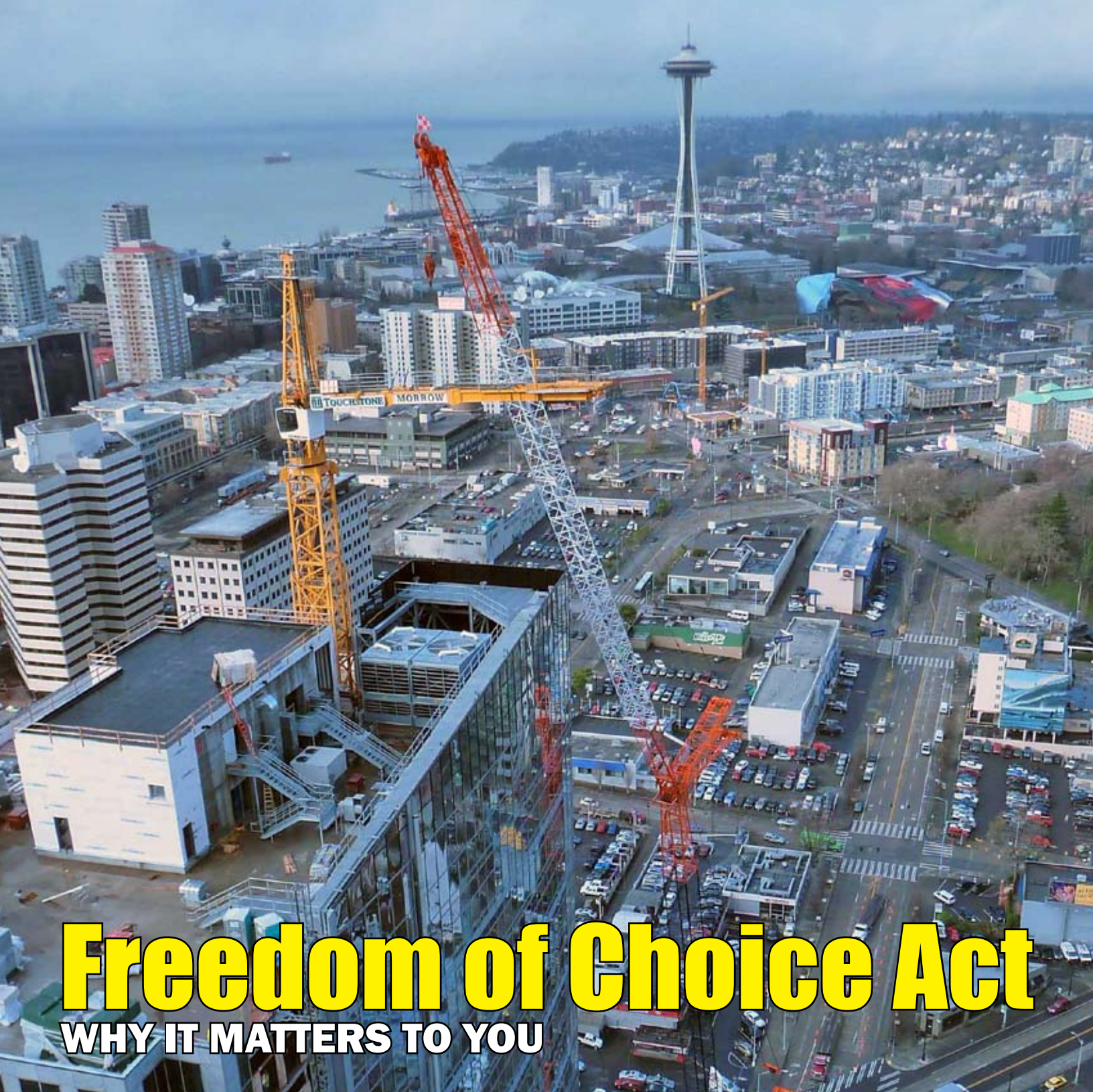


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## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT



**Daren Konopaski**  
Business Manager

As the new **Business Manager of Local 302**, I've been busy getting settled in to my new job, and with the help of Local 302 staff, International staff and our members it has been a pleasant experience thus far.

We have several things going on in Washington and Alaska – far too many to list here, so I'll focus on some of the larger issues and accomplishments of Local 302:

One of my primary goals as Business Manager is to rebuild and renew proactive business partnerships with our many contractors. Toward that effort, I am proud to announce that Local 302 recently signed an agreement with Granite Construction, and hosted three membership sign-up meetings in Bellingham, Everett and Olympia. We look forward to a long and productive working relationship with Granite.

I am also renewing the tradition of hosting luncheons for our retired members. It's one small way of regularly saying "thank you" to these members who have dedicated so much of their lives to the Operating Engineers, and whose experience has been passed down to other generations of operators. Retiree luncheons will be held throughout the months of July and August in Washington and Alaska.

A schedule is published in this issue of the Loadline and on the Local 302 website ([www.iuoe302.org](http://www.iuoe302.org)). Invitation letters will also be mailed to retirees' homes during the first week of June. Please be sure to r.s.v.p. when you receive the letter so we can order enough food for everyone.

The Federal and State stimulus monies are beginning to enter our local economies, and we're beginning to see more operators being put back to work as a result. There are several infrastructure projects currently being worked, and many more to come over the next several years. These projects include road and bridge improvements, and project labor agreements with SeaTac and Sound Transit.

Local 302 staff continues to monitor issues in Olympia that could affect our work. We continue to closely monitor prevailing wage issues, particularly as they are related to the underground construction industry. Other priorities are public stimulus funding in public works projects, unemployment insurance, and education funding for apprenticeships and green economy employment. A complete list of our legislative priorities for 2009 is shown on page of this issue of the Loadline and on the Local 302 website.

The General and State elections are behind us now, and we have a President, Governor and other Legislators in office who will work with organized labor in productive and pro-active ways. President Obama will continue to be a real asset to rebuilding labor law that the Bush administration all but destroyed.

The International office sent 10 representatives to help us get President Obama and Governor Gregoire elected to office. Along with Local 302 staff, they contacted members on job sites, went door-to-door, and spent many hours calling members at home to encourage them to vote. Their efforts paid off and we'll all realize the benefits in the years to come in the form of increased funding for transportation projects, economic stimulus plans and more. I extend my deepest appreciation for their efforts, and I encourage all Local 302 members to thank them.

As a member of Local 302, it's vital that you understand the power of voting, and that you volunteer your time when you can to help Local 302 and International staff. The more Local 302 support we have, the less money that will be spent on staff time and transportation costs.

I'm a strong advocate of labor members supporting other labor members and their communities at large. With that in mind, I've asked some of my staff to build lists of Local 302 members who are willing to commit their time, effort – and in some cases, supplies and equipment – to aid other Local 302 members and their communities during times of need. The recent floods we experienced throughout most of Washington are a good example of how important each of us is to our fellow man. It's also my goal to have Local 302 member volunteers help our retirees with home and equipment repair projects that they can no longer do themselves. The more we help each other, the stronger we become as a Union.

In closing, I want to assure all Local 302 members that my role as Business Manager is to serve all members of Local 302 with transparency and dedication. I encourage you to contact me with your suggestions, concerns and complaints, and know that you will be heard.

Fraternally,

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**Local 302 Retirees**

*Daren Konopaski, Business Manager, and the staff of Local 302 congratulate the following members on the next phase of their careers; a well-earned retirement.*

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| EARNEST AFFONCE    | DAVID KIYOHARA   |
| MICK AIKINS        | KENNY KRAFT      |
| DENNIS AMUNDSON    | JOHN KRIED       |
| CHRIS ANDERSON     | LARENCE LADD     |
| ROBERT ATKINSON    | WILLIAM LATHAN   |
| HARRY BARTLEY      | MICHAEL LOMBARDO |
| ALFRED BAUTISTA    | MERLE LYSNE      |
| MURRAY BERG        | JERRY MARTINSON  |
| DUNCAN BUCHANAN    | SCOTT MCGILL     |
| RANDALL BURNS      | WESLEY MCINTYRE  |
| THOMAS CHRISTENSEN | JEAN MCKINNEY    |
| ANN CUNNINGHAM     | R.L. MILLER      |
| DIXIE DAYO         | TED MOORE        |
| DAVID DEFRANG      | RICHARD NORTHEY  |
| DONALD DUDONSKY    | WILLIAM PACE     |
| FRANK EMMENEGGER   | MARC PHILLIPS    |
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| WILLIAM FREIST     | MARY SCHULTZ     |
| ROBERT GARNER      | JAMES SIMONDS    |
| ROBERT GORD        | ROGER SPENCER    |
| ROBERT HALL        | EDWARD STANTON   |
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| DOUGLAS HURD       | RANDALL WITTE    |
| CURTIS JOHNSON     | JEFFRY YOUNG     |
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Local 302 will host luncheons for our retired Operating Engineer members in Washington and Alaska throughout the months of July and August. Retired members will be sent invitation letters during the month of May, and will need to r.s.v.p. to the invitation so that each district office can obtain as accurate a count as possible for the caterers. Details are being finalized, and locations of the luncheons will be included on the invitation letter and posted to the Local 302 website ([www.iuoe302.org](http://www.iuoe302.org))

**RETIREE  
LUNCHEONS**



**Malcolm Auble**  
Financial Secretary

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

2008 was an historic year in the financial markets and one that we would like to forget. I hope these negative days of making history are behind us. I want to assure you that the Trustees are very aware of the crises and will do every thing prudently possible to protect our pension plan. Below I have given you a copy of our asset allocation to show you that we have a very diversified portfolio. Also included is a letter from our plan consultant, Jack Marco of Marco Consulting, commenting on the stability of our plan overall.

### ASSET ALLOCATION

The Trust, based on its purpose of providing pension benefits to current and future Participants, has a long-term investment horizon and achieves relatively consistent returns to avoid large losses due to market volatility. Accordingly, the Trust will have a balanced overall structure. The Trustees recognize that in adopting an asset mix for the Trust they are setting a target for the allocation of assets. They also realize that since the market value of securities fluctuate, it is not possible to meet these specific targets at all times. The Trust Consultant will monitor this allocation on a quarterly basis and report to the Trustees. From time to time the Trustees may reallocate assets among Investment Managers to better meet these targets. The target asset allocation for the Trust is in the chart.

The current financial market crisis has caused anxiety for savers and investors, and retirement plan participants. We want you to know that your Board of Trustees has been discussing these issues with our financial experts and we want to share with you why we feel your pension program is safe and secure.

The broad stock market lost nearly 40% over the last year. This followed 5 years of a very strong market compounding at 13% per year. Market declines of this magnitude are traumatic but not unique. They happened most recently in 2001-02 and before that in 1973-74. This decline has been driven by a meltdown of the Sub Prime Mortgage Market. It has brought down large financial institutions, including Bear Stearns, Lehman Brothers, Washington Mutual and Wachovia, and has restructured many others: Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, AIG, and Merrill Lynch.

Congress has passed dramatic legislation and the Federal Reserve has acted to support a recovery of the banking and financial industry. Most believe the recovery will happen but that the volatility is not yet over. Previous recoveries in 2003 and 1975 resulted in dramatic rebounds of the markets.

The Trustees of the Operating Engineers Pension Plan maintain a broadly diversified investment portfolio. It is constructed in a manner that is consistent with the long-term actuarial assumptions that underlie the Plan's benefit structure. Due to the investment program's design and professional oversight and monitoring, it has been successful throughout the years and in all types of market conditions. For the past 5 years it earned 12.9% per year ranking in the top 5% of other plans.

The Trustees employ an asset valuation method that provides for the "smoothing out" of fluctuations in the value of invested assets due to market volatility over time. Participants should also take comfort in the fact that the Pension Plan continues to operate from a very strongly funded position and is well-poised to contend with the current volatility. Your Plan was recently certified as a well-funded "Green Zone" plan under the Pension Protection Act and has amassed a substantial credit balance over time against the Federal government's minimum funding requirements.

In summary, the Pension Plan is well-positioned to meet its future obligations and weather market volatility along the way. The long-term nature of this defined benefit pension program and the prudent measures and policies employed by the Trustees allow for uninterrupted operation in turbulent times and retirement security for its participants and beneficiaries.

### Target asset allocation for the Trust

	Target	Range
U.S. Large Company Core Equities	8.0%	5.0 – 15.0%
U.S. Large Company Growth Equities	8.5%	5.0 – 15.0%
U.S. Large Company Value Equities	8.5%	5.0 – 15.0%
U.S. Mid Size Company Growth Equities	5.0%	3.5 – 6.5%
U.S. Mid Size Company Value Equities	5.0%	3.5 – 6.5%
U.S. Small Size Company Growth Equities	2.5%	1.5 – 3.5%
U.S. Small Size Company Value Equities	2.5%	1.5 – 3.5%
International Equities	15.0%	8.0 – 13.0%
Total Public Equities	55.0%	50 – 60%
Private Equities	5.0%	0 – 10%
U.S. Core Plus Fixed Income	15.0%	10.0 – 20%
Mortgages	5.0%	0.0 – 10%
Portable Alpha	5.0%	0.0 – 10%
Total Fixed Income	25.0%	20.0 – 30%
Hedge Funds	5.0%	0.0 – 10%
Real Estate	10.0%	5.0 – 15%
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>100%</b>	



Brothers and Sisters,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who took the 2008 state and general elections to heart. I want to thank those who worked on any of the over 100 campaigns that took place in Washington this past November.



**Randy Loomans**  
Government Affairs Director

As you know, the priority for all of Labor in Washington State was to re-elect Governor Christine Gregoire. With Labor support she won a decisive victory over Republican challenger Dino Rossi. The importance of her race and re-election cannot be overstated. Our International Union considered Washington a battle ground state because of the Governors Race and sent 9 staff into Washington where they spent 7 weeks working on the campaign for the Governors Race. I personally want to thank them for all of their help. It did not go unnoticed by the Governor and her staff.

We started the legislative session on January 12th. With the Democrats in control of the House, Senate and Governorship we have a better chance of our agenda being brought to the forefront. Ironically, we spent time and money getting these folks elected and now it feels like we will be playing a lot of defense because of the state of the economy. Prevailing wage will come under attack because cities, counties and other employers will want to find ways to cut the costs of doing business. What they fail to understand is that prevailing wage is a living wage that allows more money to be spent in our economy on things other than the necessities of life.

It is my understanding that there will be attempts to weaken the crane legislation of 2007. I will follow this closely and work to make sure that there is no weakening of this model legislation aimed at protecting our workers and the public.

Some positive legislation will come out of this session. I will be working with the Building Trades on a Stop Work Order Bill. This bill comes from the recommendation of the Underground Economy Task force, and is being strongly supported by Labor members who serve on this task force.

The underground construction economy has major detrimental effects on our economy and on the good employers who play by the rules and follow all the laws and regulations set forth by the state to do business.

The underground economy is a cash economy. Employers who don't want to play by the rules will misclassify workers as independent contractors; or misclassify workers in the lowest paid craft when they are doing another craft's work; or bring in a crew to hang sheetrock with 10 workers when only one is on the payroll and the other 9 are paid cash. Those in the underground economy do not pay workers' compensation, unemployment insurance or Department of Revenue taxes owed. This gives them an unfair advantage in the bidding process since their expenses are less than those of the good contractor paying what is required by the state.

The Stop Work Order Bills adopted in other states has had the impact intended. Our bill states that if a contractor is not registered with the state or fails to pay into the workers' compensation fund they will be issued a stop work order immediately and cannot resume work until they settle with the state. If they continue to work after the stop work order has been issued, they will be fined \$ 1,000.00 per day. This should make the general contractor pickier about the subcontractors they hire on their jobs.

We will also be working with Employment Security on a stimulus package for unemployed workers that would extend benefits and raise the weekly maximum benefit by \$45 a week. We know this money goes straight back into the economy.

Finally, when the Governor unveiled her budget for 2009-2011, there were a lot of cuts from the General Fund to make up for an expected \$6 billion shortfall. Transportation funding is separate from the General Fund and Paula Hammond, Head of the Department of Transportation, stated that 2009 will see the largest transportation project starts in the history of this state, and it is expected that over \$3.5 billion will be spent on roads and bridges.

These projects - along with the Viaduct, 520 Bridge and the UW tunnel - will keep Operators working through these lean times.





West Construction in Dutch Harbor

## Anchorage move to new Union Hall complete

We have finally moved into our new Union Hall at 4001 Denali Street, Suite A in Anchorage. We opened the doors to our members on December 30, 2008. We have been getting the bugs worked out, but so far, so good. Members walking the hallways inspecting their new hall are a regular sight these days. Everyone seems to be quite pleased with what they see. The building is 16,500 square feet compared to the 7,200 square foot building we moved from. The new hall is all on one level so there will be no more problems for our retirees having to navigate stairs. The meeting room is over 3,000 square feet. We have tables and chairs for 200 people and the space will handle all of our functions, with the exception of the Christmas Party. Parking is available for over 60 vehicles. The Training Trust Offices also relocated over to the new site and they are located in Suite B.

### ANCHORAGE DISPATCH

I would first like to thank the entire membership for your phone calls welcoming me into Dispatch and to wish David Erickson a very well deserved and happy retirement. As in years past, it's important to remember that you need to re-register on the out-of-work list every 90 days, not every 3 months. A lot of members have been falling off the out-of-work list due to this misconception. It's about this time of year that I have 20 to 40 people in the first two weeks of January fall off of the list. I also would encourage anyone that may have future work at an Airport, Shipping Port or Oil Refinery to apply for a T.W.I.C. (Transportation Worker Identification Credential) card. This is required to work at these facilities. After receiving this card, please either come by the union hall so we can make a copy and add it to your work history or fax us a copy. Please do this with any type of safety card (NSTC, OSHA, Forklift Safety, etc.) The more information we have, the easier time we have getting work for our members.

As you start the new season and visit your new union hall, please take the time to review your work qualifications and make sure you have all the equipment that you think you can run proficiently included with your work history. Since you are dispatched out to different jobs and/or contractors throughout your career or you are taking classes out at the training center, you need to update your work history with all of these new accomplishments as you learn to operate new pieces of equipment. Please remember to always update Dispatch with your current phone numbers and address changes since doing so makes it much easier and faster for us to get you to work.

I have had numerous phone calls with questions of work opportunities on the North Slope. The best place to get these answers is to contact the Fairbanks Hall directly at (907) 452-8131.

Mark Charlton

### DISTRICT 6

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**Tony Hansen**  
District Representative



**Jason Alward**  
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Business Relations



**Mark Charlton**  
Dispatcher



# Dutch Harbor Project



**Carl Gamble**  
Field Representative

In Dutch Harbor, Alaska, est Construction will be ramping back up for about 4 months of work on the American Seafood dock and cold storage unit. All of the site work was completed last summer, including the 1,000 foot of dock face and drilling and shooting of the mountain side. In all they moved over 200,000 yards of material from the drill and shoot plus

pored 7,000 yards of concrete for the dock and building sites. West Construction will start building the 165,000 square foot, fully automated cold storage building in mid-February and they hope to have it completed in 2 months, having the rest of the sub contracting work finished this summer. Some of the challenges included relocating and upgrading utilities that have been there since the Army Corps of Engineers installed them during World War II. They also plan to demolish the South Channel Bridge and convert the old bridge girders into a dock elsewhere on the island. This should only take about 45 days.

On the Kenai Peninsula, Cook Inlet Construction has been working on a project which started last fall. The project is a road for the oil service company Marathon. The road is Swanson River Road and it was pioneered in



1956 for the first oil exploration in Alaska by a local contractor that would later be known as Cook Inlet Construction. In 1956 the road was only a dozer blade wide and 24 miles long. The dozer operators followed the strings of toilet paper dropped from a float plane in front of them. It was completed in 4 months. There are three sons of one of the original Operators on this project: Dean, Zene and Steve Robinson. In total there are 13 operators dispatched to the project. The scope of the new work is 7 miles of road construction, including 2.5 miles of reconstruction on the original road and 4.5 miles of pioneering. Already this winter they have moved 40,000 yards of gravel and exported 8,000 yards. They have cleared 16.5 acres and expect to clear 28 more. I think this project is of significant historical value.

In South Anchorage, Quality Asphalt Paving picked up a \$16.9 million job for the Old Seward Highway between Brandon and O'Malley to provide upgrades to 1.6 miles of an existing two-lane roadway, turning it into an urban five-lane section; transitioning to a three-lane roadway south to include a roundabout, turn lanes, new bus stops, landscape, pathways, sidewalks, improved drainage with curb/gutter and new lighting. This will be a great project for that area and Quality Asphalt Paving.

## DISTRICT 7

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**Charlie Jurgens**  
President & District Rep.

It's been several months since the last Loadline and here in District 7 things have been busy with all of the summer work and now with winter work starting.

AGC summer work this past year kept our hands busy with projects all over the northern portion of the State of Alaska: Great Northwest started their Earthquake Permanent Repair work in the Tok area and an ongoing project at the new Battlefield Complex at Ft. Greely. They also finished the upgrade for Van Horn Road, which consisted of widening, a grade raise and safety improvements. They also had ongoing work at the Fairbanks International Airport and finished up their work on Wilbur Street.

HC Contractors were busy with the North Pole Overpass project, paving at Ft. Wainwright, and they finished their work at the new Boys and Girls Center. They also had eight miles of highway upgrade and paving along with various street upgrades in the Delta Junction area.

At Ft. Greely: Bechtel has ongoing silo projects at Missile Field 2. Norcon has the new power house project and Unit Company has utilidor work to the new power house. Brice Inc. is doing the civil work at the power house.

Chugach Alutiiq negotiations were completed in October for a new 3-year agreement at Ft. Greely.

Brice Incorporated has a project in Atka, and is also doing crushing in Prudhoe Bay.

Quality Asphalt Paving has ongoing work in Unalakleet on the runway project. They also have runway work in Nome as well.

Fairbanks Excavation continues its work for Free Gold Ventures which is developing a gold mine north of Fairbanks. They have also recently had their open house for their new shop and office building.

MCM Roe is continuing their work at the new Ruth Burnett Fish Hatchery and also at the new Central Kitchen for the school district.

Exclusive Paving had projects at Fairbanks International Airport, resurfaced the Steese Highway, and finished up their Parks Highway project.

Meanwhile, work up north is kicking off and it looks to be a very busy winter:

Price-Gregory has the ENI Nikaitchuk Field Development Pipeline project which consists of 3.5 miles of bundled pipe from offshore Spy Island Drill Site to the Production Pad at Oliktok Point. Onshore they will be running a 10-inch pipeline 14 miles from ENI's OPP Facility to tie into the Kuparuk Infrastructure.

Doyon Associated will be doing work for Conoco Phillips. This work consists of production line replacement and waterline replacement at various Kuparuk Drill Sites. They also have some pipe replacement work at Pump Station 1.

ASRC/Houston Contracting Company will be performing

work for BP at Milne Point. This project consists of installing approximately 7 miles of 10-inch and 6-inch line. This project will also need the installation of 657 new VSM's.

Nanuq Incorporated will be the civil contractor for the ENI Petroleum Project. Their work consists of removal of sea ice, building ice roads, work pads and excavation and backfill for buried bundled pipe. Nanuq will be working for Anadarko, which consists of support work for oil exploration. Nanuq will also be working for BP on their Liberty Project. This work consists of ice roads, and new gravel source development, including a 12-mile, 600,000 yard gravel haul.

Cruz Construction has ongoing support work for Chevron at Franklin Bluffs. They have also started support work for Anadarko Drilling Exploration.

Catco is working for Conoco Phillips at Alpine doing ice road studies and safe passage research work. They also have work for Anadarko at Wolf Creek hauling freight and fuel. Norcon continues to be busy with their maintenance and support work for BP -work that consists of drill site support and tie in work.

AIC has picked up a bridge project and is building an ice road approximately 25 miles out to Badami. They are also doing the Northstar ice road.

A new three-year pipeline contract was recently negotiated with classification changes. Another key highlight is a change in the schedule A that allows a contractor to name-request any operator with Group 1 hours. This change essentially means that any Operating Engineer with at least 500 Alaska hours over the last 2 years can now be name-requested on the Pipeline Contract, on the Alaska AGC Contract, and on the North Slope Contract.

Service contracts in the Fairbanks Area have all recently been renegotiated. Some good news for the Fairbanks area is that Golden Valley Electric Association has recently come to terms for the purchase of the Healy Clean Coal Facility in Healy which, once brought to operational status, will help reduce electrical costs for the Rail Belt Areas and Fairbanks.

There has been some progress in the exploration of natural gas reserves in the Nenana Basin with a company applying for pipeline permits and the possibility of road work to help exploration.

On the organizing front, we lost an organizing drive on Doyon Utilities at the Fort Wainwright power plant. We had four Union Brothers at the power plant doing all they could to explain to their coworkers why workers needed Union representation, but in the end Doyon Utilities won by spending a significant amount of time and money fighting the organizing drive. Management brought in the union busting company, LRI, who was able to spread misinformation and scare the employees into voting down the Union in the sanctioned NLRB election. The organizing drive at Doyon Utilities exemplifies the reasons why organized Labor needs the Employee Free Choice Act to level the playing field, and let the employees - not management - decide if they want a Union.



## DISTRICT 8

Juneau office  
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**Rob Peterson**  
District Representative

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Another year has passed by and work here in southeast Alaska has been strong. The Obama administration has promised large amounts of money to go towards infrastructure improvements and development. I hope we will continue to see projects being let to bid at a pace that will keep our members busy. It has been 13 years

since the Federal prevailing wage rate has been changed for most of southeast Alaska and we have just been notified that a new survey will be done in 2009. I hope that they will adopt the State prevailing wage but I'm sure there will be a battle that we will have to try and win. The Juneau Access project (Skagway to Juneau Road) has finally been fully permitted by the Federal and State governments but the permit is now in the courts being challenged by several environmental groups. I ask that you call or write your legislators and make them aware of the importance of the road to all Alaskans. I have lots of good information about the issue and you can call me anytime to discuss it. Several other projects that are continuing or starting in 2009 are the Petersburg Airport, Gustavus Causeway replacement, Hyder Causeway reconstruction, Hoonah Airport runway extension, and the Juneau Airport terminal upgrade and runway area safety improvements.

If you missed out on MSHA or other training let me know as I am trying to reschedule more classes.

**As a Health and Welfare Trustee I would like to pass on some interesting facts:**

- 1) The average Fortune 500 company spends more on health care benefits than it earns in profits
- 2) Health insurance expenses are the fastest growing cost of doing business
- 3) Employers spend an additional \$226 billion a year on absenteeism, low productivity, and other indirect costs related to family health care issues

Who is to blame? As the Pogo comic strip character used to say, "We have met the enemy and the enemy is us." Sixty-six percent (66%) of us are overweight, 46% of us eat fast food weekly, 60% of us don't exercise, and 25% of us still smoke. All of these unhealthy habits are making us sick. Seventy percent (70%) of all health care costs generated in the United States are attributed to preventable risks and unhealthy lifestyles. If you ask why so much of your yearly raises continue to go toward health care, you now have some of the answers. What we choose to do about it is, of course, up to us

### Benefits Compensation Digest 12/2008

Please remember to register in all districts when you are laid off. Most of the winter work is in Prudhoe Bay and if you don't register in Fairbanks you will miss out.

It is your duty as members not to work non-union. If you are caught you can be brought up on charges and punished by the membership. If you are in a bad way and feel you need to work non-union you can always contact your District Representative and talk with him or her.

*Flowline - Fairbanks*



# District 3 Projects underway



General Construction - Hood Canal



Check [www.HoodCanalBridge.com](http://www.HoodCanalBridge.com) for closure dates and progress

### District 3 projects currently underway include:

- Tri-State continues its work on the Bremerton tunnel project
- Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) has a \$99 million pier Bravo dock job. Nuprecon, Incorporated is doing the demolition of the old pier while ACC/Hurlen Construction is doing all the pile work for the new dock.
- Kiewitt General JVC is doing a \$245 million LAPSC project on the Bangor Naval Base.
- Pilchuck Contractors is doing pipe work on the Bangor Naval Base
- Del Hur is still working on the Elwha Water Facility
- Parsons is also working on the Elwha River
- Primo Construction is working on the Maritime Museum
- Manson Construction is doing a project on the Port Townsend ferry dock
- American Construction Company has a dredging project in Grays Harbor
- Rognlin's Incorporated is doing emergency work in Grays Harbor County due to flooding

## New Rep in Silverdale

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For those of you who I've not yet met or talked to, I am George Garten, your new District 3 Representative. Daren Konopaski hired me to this position after he was elected as Business Manager in September 2008. I encourage you to call me when you have District 3 issues that you need help with. My cell phone is (360) 649-3055.

Everyone knows work is slow right now, much of it due to winter weather conditions, including snow and flooding. The good news is that we expect to have lots of capital work this spring and summer, as Federal and State funds are released for transportation and infrastructure projects.

President Obama is planning to release a stimulus package of \$1 billion in Washington State for projects that are ready to go in 180 days. The state has \$3 billion set aside, which will be the largest road and transportation budget ever to be handed out to DOT. Governor Gregoire also has a stimulus package for projects ready to go in 90 days.

Local 302 is working hard to get the graving dock for the 520 Bridge to be built in the Grays Harbor area.

Just a reminder to all members that with work coming soon, you need to stay current on the out of work list and re-sign every 90 days. It is also a good idea to continually update your work qualifications with dispatch.

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District Representative

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**Marge Newgent**  
Field Representative



**Larry Gregory**  
Field Representative

# Snohomish county slow except Brightwater

## South site ahead of schedule

There is not very much going on in Snohomish County but here is some of what is happening:

The city of Lake Stevens has started their new sewer treatment plant, located just off of Highway 204. Balfour Beatty is the General Contractor and Marshbank has the dirt work on site. The project total is \$91 million; about \$8 million is Marshbank's share. In the Everett area, Mortenson is just getting going on a new building at Providence Hospital. The tower crane should be up any day. Just to let you know this is a non-smoking site - no exceptions.

We also have Apollo Construction working at Picnic Point doing an addition to the sewer plant there. They are about half way done on that project.

The work on the Brightwater sewage treatment at Highway 9 continues. Hoffman Structures is ahead of schedule on this project. Working on the south side is PKS and they are also ahead of schedule at this time. At the North Creek Brightwater site, Kenny Shea Traylor has finished the tunnel section and has moved to the Highway 9 site. PKS is starting their portion of work on that site which should last about one year. The central portion is being done by VPFK and they have had several problems, including an intervention that's been ongoing for over a month. The Ballinger site is finished, and waiting for VPFK. Working the other end is Jay Dee Tunneling. Jay Dee will start from the Puget Sound and work their way toward Ballinger Way where they will meet VPFK. They are moving along very well and should finish on time. We have about 200 operating engineers on the whole project, which is 14 miles long and is expected to be completed in 2012.



# Projects in Seattle

In spite of 24 major projects being put on hold in Seattle, work is still sprouting up downtown. The South Lake Union area is still the hot spot with Lease, Crutcher Lewis putting up a third tower crane at their Interbay project on Mercer. Next door, Sellen is breaking ground on 2 buildings for Amazon.com. CTI has the excavation and DBM is doing the tiebacks. GLY also has a project starting in the same area. Howard S. Wright is building a new main office a couple of blocks away on Terry Street. The dig goes on for Hos Brothers on the Gates foundation project. Hos is more than halfway finished with the 400,000 yard excavation.

On the water side, General Construction has three floaters working the Duwamish waterway: one is dredging at Pier 30, and the other two are installing a new ramp at the Glacier Plant to unload barges. Salmon Bay Sand and Gravel just took ownership of a brand new crane. It is a PLM-822 made in the Netherlands with a capacity of 150 tons.

Ness/Campbell also purchased a new crane with astounding reach capabilities. The Manitowoc 2250 has 300 feet of main boom with 200 feet of luffing jib. This machine can lift 32,000 pounds at 160 feet. Local 302 Executive Board member Taylor Mayfield is the Operator.

In the SODO District, Frank Coluccio Construction has started the first phase of the Alaskan Way Viaduct underground utility replacement. North West Construction is doing the mass excavation (three foot cut) and footings for a six-story building at 1st and Edgar Martinez Way. Kiewit has also started their SR 519 project at 1st and Royal Brougham. The \$70 million project will provide on and off ramps for container haulers to tie into I-5, relieving surface street traffic. Pedestrian overpasses will also be built over the 4th Avenue Railroad tracks, allowing fans access to both stadiums without train and auto traffic interference.

Pilchuck Contractors are working on West Marginal Way repairs and replacing a 2-inch gas main.

In the University District, Sellen Construction has started the Foster School of Business project. CTI has the 30,000 yard excavation. Across the street on University Way, Sellen has reached ground level on their Savory Hall project.

February 28th is the deadline for TWIC Card implementation. The Coast Guard will be checking for compliance.

**For more information go to <http://twicinformation.tsa.dhs.gov>**



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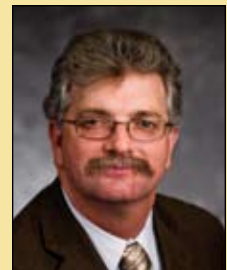
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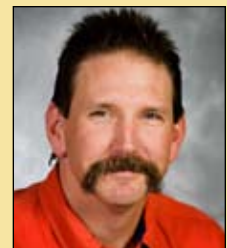
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Field Representative

## BOTHELL DISPATCH

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**Rick Cunningham**  
Dispatcher



**Tony Zempel**  
Dispatcher



# Public Works

At King County we continue to proceed through the process of numerous grievances. The main Grievance in question seems to center around the Furlough Day Issue. The Union and the Employer are still at logger head over the Legalities of this hotly divisive issue. Progress is being made on extending the current CBA for 18 months. This of course would take a ratification vote of the membership.

Over in Kitsap County we are at a stand-still with our negotiations. Funding for wage increases is once again the root of the problem as usual. Paige Anderson is the new Union Steward and she is doing a great job! We are now entering the Mediation stage with the negotiations and hopefully we will be able to get something in writing that the membership will ratify.

Mason County negotiations were going very well until the County Commissioners got involved. We had reached an agreement with the County until the Commissioners voted it down. Local 302 and the Teamsters Union are looking into the legalities of what happened. So stay tuned.

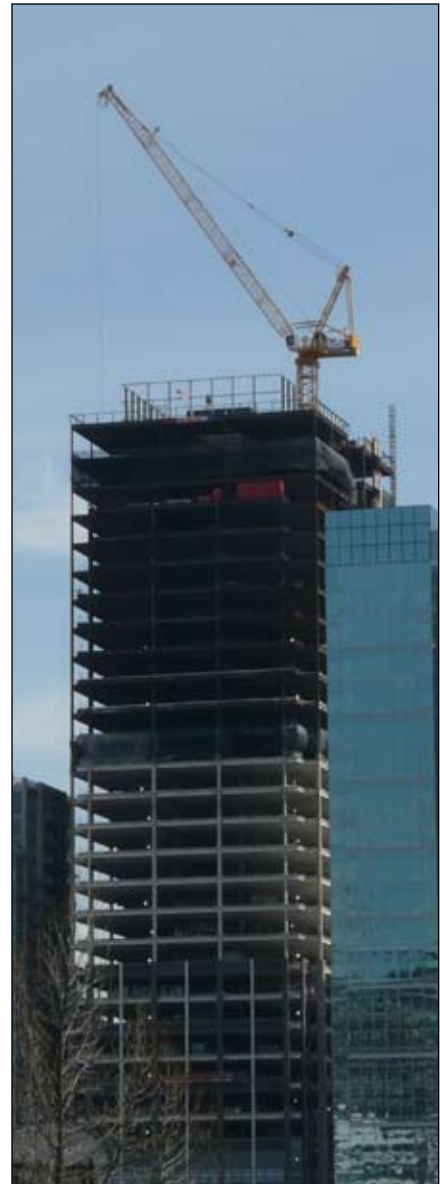
Our guys at Olympic View Transfer Station have been very patient in letting the Union do its thing with negotiations. The membership has been superb in their support and faith in the Union. Walter Haynes is the Steward there and he wears it well. We reached an agreement on the 8th of April and we are waiting the refined document so we can take it to the members for ratification.

Associated Catholic Cemetery reached an agreement even though the Arch-Diocese had a wage freeze on all employees. Let this be remembered as a prime example of what the Union does in negotiations. If this unit was not unionized with Local 302 they would not have received a wage increase going forward for some time. They received the largest increase in wages in recent memory. Thank You Matt Mortenson for doing your job well as Steward.

I will close with a heart felt Thank You to everyone on my bargaining teams. Without you it would not get done as well, and I am very appreciative. You know who you are.

Thank You

Bob Franssen Business Agent IUOE Local 302



## District 2 Report

### DISTRICT 2

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**Brett Holley**  
Field Representative

Despite the economic woes the construction industry has seen recently, District 2 has seen a small scale stimulus of it's own. We've had a couple of turnarounds at the refineries and hopefully that will kick us off into the new season.

I would like to welcome a new signatory contractor, Mullen Crane and Transport. Mullen Crane is planning to pick up more work in and out of the refineries and I wish them luck. I would also like to welcome in all of our new brothers and sisters from Granite Construction. We now have three new signatory pits in Whatcom County alone and several others in different locations. My hope is that having another large union contractor based out of District 2 will help increase our union density in the north end.

I would also like to extend an invitation for all members to attend the Deming Log Show on June 13-14. This is a great opportunity to relax and enjoy yourself. It is a fun family event, and for all of us "big kids" there are always some new equipment and booths to enjoy. Local 302's Training and Apprenticeship staff will be displaying some of their simulators for the kids and anyone who wants to test their skills. I hope to see you there!

Brett Holley

DISTRICT 4 & 5

Ellensburg office  
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**Sean Jeffries**  
Vice President  
District Representative

# District 4 and 5 Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First and foremost I need to say thank you to the members for the support in the election. I am proud to serve the members as the Vice President. The greatest joy and satisfaction is knowing when the membership respects and supports you. No one is greater than us as a whole, so stay united.

Looking back at the hours worked for some of the members shows last work season was not prosperous for many members. While work was down and the number of dispatches going out was not as many as we were used to, we are fortunate to have as much public work as we do in this state. Other states are a lot worse off with very little work in the public and private sector.

Wm. Dickson Company came into Ellensburg this year to demolish the Courson And Muzzall Halls at the Central Washington University. When it came time to knock down the main structure they brought in RW Rhine with one of their specialty long reach excavators to reach up and demo the building. The operator was Gil Olson Jr, a 29-plus year member of 302. Up in District 4 Goodfellow Brothers have been working on the Chelan river, for the Chelan County PUD. Part of the project has been stream enhancement for fish habitat. As seen in the picture, Walt Madson II, who is a Steward and a 29-plus year member of Local 302, was running the hoe. Randy Eneix, a 28- plus year member of Local 302, ran the dozer.

*Rhine - Central Washington University*



*Goodfellow Bros - Chelan*

Currently things are slow in our districts this time of year, although the recent floods have brought some extra work with the emergency repairs and clean up to our roads.

Most of my conversations lately are in regard to what next season is going to be like for work. As a prediction for the next work season, I believe it will be another slow year. There is potential of some good projects in eastern Washington although it will depend on the financing of the projects and our contractors winning the bids. I hope for the best, for all of us on the job and at home.

Sincerely  
Sean Jeffries

Vice President and District 4&5 Representative

*Campbell Cranes / Ness Cranes - Seattle*





# Alaska Works

On TAPS we have a new contract for 2009. We finished negotiations in December on a 3-year contract. There were a few language changes in the contract with most of the changes being made in Schedule A. We are trying to be consistent with our hiring hall rules in all of our agreements. With that goal in mind we matched TAPS hiring hall to the AGC Standard Agreement. We also agreed on a zero-tolerance drug and workforce violence policy. There were a number of incidents with all crafts line wide on the TAPS including one serious workforce violence injury this past year. Like most companies, TAPS contractors take drug and alcohol abuse very serious, and will do random UA's. Bottom line is NO DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE!

For the Mat-Su area we will have a decent amount of work for this season. Neeser Construction, Incorporated was picked for the design-build of a 1,536 occupancy medium duty correctional facility at Knik-Goose Bay, at the corner of Alsop Road and Point Mackenzie Road. The ground breaking should happen this spring and will generate 600-700 construction jobs of all crafts. The Goose Creek Correctional Center site is about 330 acres total, with construction being done on about 150 acres.

North Anchorage will have some activity this season. AIC will be finishing 5th Avenue from Airport Heights to Gambell. They are also currently working on 48th from Elmore to Boniface, and will continue that work through the summer.

ARCTEC Alaska will be coming up on negotiations soon. This is one of Local 302's more unique contracts, as it deals with the early warning defense system for the military. There are 13 remote sites throughout Alaska along with Headquarters on Elmendorf Air Force



Base. Local 302 represents station mechanics and special skills personnel who maintain the long range radar sites. The long range radar is used by the U.S. Military to detect any unwanted air traffic within Alaska's borders. Our members are responsible for the maintenance of equipment, snow removal, site modifications, and keeping the site running. I look forward to working on this contract, as it is truly unique.

## FAIRBANKS DISPATCH

Things have been busy in Fairbanks as the North Slope winter season end rush is on. Things look fair for the summer. Please remember that it is your responsibility to register and re-register on the out of work list every 90 days, as well as keep your phone numbers up to date. I am asking the members here to clean up their qualification cards by making sure their NSTC, MSHA, First Aid and other safety cards are current. Also, those who have a CDL need to maintain their fitness card. I am also asking members to remove those classifications they know they no longer want to do or are not qualified to do. Remember that training is great and improves our skills but training classes alone are not going to give the seat time needed to meet all of the contractors needs. Please be patient and honest with me as I search for QUALIFIED people. After all we are professionals and that is what our contractors expect.

## DISTRICT 7

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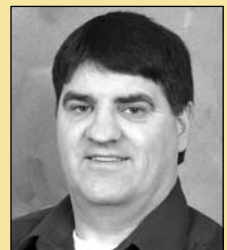
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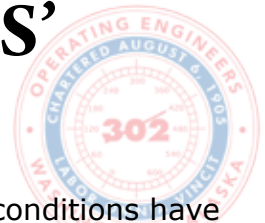


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**Shawn Lowry**  
Dispatcher

# THE STATE OF WORKERS' SAFETY AND HEALTH



Since 1970, when the OSHAct was passed, workplace safety and health conditions have improved. Unfortunately, as demonstrated by recent job safety disasters, such as the Sago mine explosion, the Imperial Sugar Refinery dust explosion and construction crane collapses in New York and Miami, which claimed dozens and dozens of lives, too many workers remain at risk and face death, injury or disease as a result of their jobs.

In 2007, the most recent year for which job fatality data is available, 5,657 workers lost their lives on the job as a result of traumatic injuries. While this is a decline in worker deaths from 2006, when 5,840 fatal injuries were reported, on average 15 workers die every day because of job injuries. In 2007, more than 4 million work-related injuries and illnesses were reported by employers, but due to limitations in the injury reporting system and underreporting of workplace injuries, this number understates the problem. The true toll is estimated to be two to three times greater or 8 to 12 million injuries and illnesses a year.

The cost of these injuries and illnesses is enormous—estimated at \$145 billion to \$290 billion a year for direct and indirect costs of disabling injuries. But these estimates are based upon only injuries that are disabling and that are reported by employers, and understate the full extent of occupational injuries and illnesses and their associated costs.

For eight years, the Bush administration failed to take action to address major safety and health problems. Many OSHA and MSHA rules were withdrawn or blocked. The rules that were issued were largely in response to court challenges, congressional mandates or tragedies. New and emerging hazards were not actively addressed. Voluntary efforts were favored over strong enforcement.

OSHA's enforcement has remained relatively weak. The dollar amounts of both federal and state OSHA penalties are woefully inadequate, even in cases of workplace fatalities. The OSHAct's criminal penalty provisions are also very weak and rarely utilized. OSHA funding and staffing has not kept pace with the growth in the nation's workforce. As a result, OSHA's ability to provide oversight has diminished with the average frequency of federal OSHA inspections now more than once every 137 years for covered workplaces.

Congressional oversight and legislative action on job safety and health have increased significantly with the election of Democratic majorities in the House and the Senate, and are expected to remain strong with the prospects for enactment of legislative improvements now greatly enhanced

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*This article is reprinted from the AFL-CIO's 2009 edition of "Death on the Job: The Toll of Neglect". It marks the 18th year the AFL-CIO has produced a report on the state of safety and health protections for America's workers. The report includes state-by-state profiles of workers' safety and health and features state and national information on workplace fatalities, injuries, illnesses, the number and frequency of workplace inspections, penalties, funding, staffing and public-employee coverage under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHAct). It also includes information on the state of mine safety and health. To view the complete report, please visit the Safety & Health section of the AFL-CIO website ([www.aflcio.org](http://www.aflcio.org))*



# U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis Honors Fallen Workers at Labor College

**Silver Spring, Maryland**—The newly appointed United States Secretary of Labor, Hilda Solis honored the more than 5,000 workers who are killed on the job each year and the more than 50,000 who die from occupation illness and disease at National Labor College's Workers Memorial Day ceremony. The Secretary joined NLC President William E. Scheuerman, AFL-CIO President John J. Sweeney, Secretary-Treasurer Richard L. Trumka, United Mine Workers President Cecil Roberts and hundreds of union leaders and members, college faculty, students and staff who were on hand for the groundbreaking of the new Workers Memorial to be constructed on the center of the College's campus.

"It is appropriate that we dedicate this memorial at the National Labor College. Not only will this calm and quiet spot serve as a gathering place to pause and remember the men and women who have lost their lives while pursuing their livelihood, but it will serve as a reminder to future labor leaders about the importance of workplace safety," said Solis.

"Today what working people are establishing on the campus of the National Labor College is a lasting tribute to those workers who lost their lives simply trying to make a living," said Sweeney. "Through the efforts of this college, the union movement and all those who work to improve health and safety conditions on the job, we will continue to fight to ensure that workers are able to return home alive and well, every single day."

Solis also announced the sponsoring of an engraved brick in honor of Department of Labor Employees who gave their lives in service.

The Workers Memorial Day activities included a formal groundbreaking and bricklaying for the new national Workers Memorial to be constructed at the center of NLC campus. The events also included a special reading by NLC Alum Eric Kaufman from his treatment of the 1911 Triangle fire, "0707," followed by a traditional candle-lighting ceremony honoring all fallen workers.

According to an AFL-CIO annual report *Death on the Job: The Toll of Neglect*, issued Monday, April 27, in 2007, more than four million workers were injured and 5,657 workers were killed due to job hazards. Another 50,000-60,000 died due to occupational diseases. On an average day, 15 workers lose their lives as a result of workplace injuries and disease, and another 10,959 are injured.

"In our nation, we have memorials that honor police or firefighters killed in the line of action; we have markers to tragedies like the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire and 9-11," said Scheuerman. "The Workers Memorial is for all workers and all workplace tragedies and there is no more fitting place for this memorial than where it is today—the centerpiece of an institution devoted to the study of how to improve labor conditions."

Originally founded by the AFL-CIO in 1969 as the George Meany Center for Labor Studies, the center became the NLC in 1997 offering Bachelor's degrees in labor studies disciplines and Union Skills courses. The college is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, an independent, regional accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

# Why does America

## The Employee Free Choice Act is the change we need.

- ◆ The Employee Free Choice Act would put the choice of whether to form a union back in the workers' hands by giving them the option of using majority sign-up, an alternative to the current company-dominated system. Large national companies with good profit margins and good labor relations, such as AT&T and Kaiser Permanente, have used majority sign-up successfully for years.
- ◆ The Employee Free Choice Act guarantees that companies can't just drag their feet on a first contract. To guarantee workers can win a union contract, it provides for mediation or binding arbitration when it's needed.
- ◆ The Employee Free Choice Act levels the playing field by putting real penalties on companies that violate the law during organizing and contract campaigns.

## Unions are the best route to the middle class

- ◆ Union members make 30 percent (30%) more than workers who don't have a union.  
***That's about \$200 a week, or \$10,000 a year!***
- ◆ Union members are 50 percent (50%) more likely to have employer-provided health care insurance, and the benefits costs are better. Sixty-seven percent (67%) of union members are covered by defined-benefit pension plans through their jobs, compared with only 15 percent of workers who don't have unions.
- ◆ Communities with strong unions have higher living standards for everybody.

## Employer Interference by the Numbers

Chance that an active union supporter will be illegally fired for union activity during an organizing campaign: **1 in 5**

Employers that hire consultants or union-busters to help them fight union organizing drives: **75%**

Employers that force employees to attend one-on-one meetings against the union with their own supervisors: **78%**

Employers that force employees to attend mandatory closed-door meetings against the union: **92%**

Employers that threaten to call U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services during organizing drives that include undocumented employees: **52%**



need it?

# EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT

**Sixty million people who don't have unions say they'd join one tomorrow, but too few will ever get the chance in our corporate-dominated system.**

◆ Companies routinely intimidate, harass, coerce and even fire people who try to form unions, and current labor law is helpless to stop them. The penalties are so slight for breaking the law that corporations simply consider it the cost of doing business. The government found that companies violated the rights of 26,824 workers in 2006 alone (and those are just the documented cases). A quarter of those companies even illegally fired workers.

◆ Even when workers win their unions, many companies delay bargaining any way they can. According to a new study by MIT, 44 percent (44%) of workers who form a new union never reach a first contract.

**More than ever, working people today need a way to get ahead.**

◆ America's working people are stretched as never before. Wages are dropping, health care costs are rising and pensions are disappearing. For the first time in generations, people are very worried that their children will be worse off than they are.

Companies that *threaten* to close the plant if the union wins the election: **51%**

Companies that *actually* close their plants after a successful union election: **1%**

Workers in fiscal year 2006 who received back pay in cases alleging employer violations of workers' rights under the National Labor Relations Act: **26,824**

Percentage of cases in which employers do not agree to a contract after workers form a union under the NLRB process: **44%**

Portion of public that says strong laws protecting workers' freedom to form unions without employer interference are important: **77%**

Portion of public that disapproves of employer anti-union campaigns when workers try to form unions: **67%**

Nonunion workers who say they want to have a union in their workplace: **60 million**

Number and percentage of U.S. workers that belong to unions: **15.7 million or 12.1%**

# Employee Free Choice Act

Sisters and Brothers,

We all know the economy is in trouble and the middle class is suffering, while corporate executives and CEO's are bringing in record compensation packages. These CEO's are preventing working people from getting their fair share. I have some hope that we're about to see some change on the way.

Have you heard of the Employee Free Choice Act? It will make it much easier for workers to gain union representation in their workplaces. The Employee Free Choice Act will amend the National Labor Relations Act to:

"Establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and other purposes".

Currently, an employer can demand a secret ballot election even if a majority of employees has signed cards authorizing a union to bargain on their behalf.

**The Employee Free Choice Act will allow the employees to choose if they want to have a secret ballot election or a majority card check.**

In 2007 there were 15.7 million union members in the U.S. Some 60 million U.S. workers say they would join a union if they could, based on research conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates in December 2006. But when workers try to gain a voice on the job by forming a union, employers routinely respond with intimidation, harassment and retaliation.

The Employee Free Choice Act would provide for liquidated damages of three times back pay if employers were found to have unlawfully terminated pro-union employees. The Employee Free Choice Act also would impose a \$20,000 penalty upon employers for each employer violation.

Currently, an employer can drag their feet on the first contract negotiation for years. Imagine that your workplace voted for union representation and the union and your employer sit down to bargain your contract, and it goes on for years. The Employee Free Choice Act provides that if an employer and a union are engaged in bargaining for their first contract and are unable to reach agreement within 90 days, either party may refer the dispute to mediation. If mediation is unable to bring the parties to agreement after 30 days the dispute will be referred to arbitration and the results of the arbitration shall be binding on the parties for two years.

The Employee Free Choice Act was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on March 1, 2007 by a vote of 241 to 185. The bill did not have enough votes in a motion to make it to the Senate floor on June 26, 2007. At that point the bill died, and will have to be re-introduced in this current legislative session in Washington D.C. The Employee Free Choice Act is expected to pass the House of Representatives by a bigger margin this time and President Obama has pledged to sign the Employee Free Choice Act into law. The holdup is the U.S. Senate, and this is where we can all make a difference.

Jared Hamlin

**Please call your Senators and ask them to support and pass the Employee Free Choice Act**

Washington State Senator Maria Cantwell - 202-224-3441

Washington State Senator Patty Murray - 202-224-2621

Alaska State Senator Lisa Murkowski - 202-224-6665

Alaska State Senator Mark Begich - 202-224-3004



## Economic Stimulus/Unemployment Insurance

Address Washington state unemployment insurance conformity to U.S. Department of Labor regulations

**HB 1906** To provide economic stimulus through the unemployment insurance program

## Underground Economy in Construction

**HB 1554/SB 5613** Stop Work Orders – provide Department of Labor and Industries flexibility and authority to issue penalties and stop work orders for repeat violators

**HB 1555/SB 5614** Implementing the recommendations of the Joint Legislative Task Force on the Underground Economy in the Construction Industry

**HB 1786** Include prevailing wage compliance under the test for an independent contractor as provided in law, Chapter 102 Laws of 2008 ~ a 2007 Underground Economy in Construction Task Force recommended definition clarification “blending bill” ESHB 3122

## Priority Public Works Legislation Supported by the Building Trades

**HB 1836** Allow the Department of Labor and Industries to collect off-site prefabrication wage data from out of state construction contractors supplying non standard items for work on Washington public work projects

**HB 1837** Aids enforcement of current contractor bid listing laws on public works projects.

## Worker Privacy Act Enacted this Session

**SB 5446/HB 1528** Workers should not have to lose their First Amendment and Privacy Rights at work – current law allows employers to force workers to participate in communication, and mandatory meetings where the employer can press their own views on religion, politics and unions – workers should not be disciplined or fired for refusing to participate in such communications.

## Public Stimulus Investments in Public Works Construction

**H-Z1378/09** Transportation, green economy, housing, schools and all other public/private projects should comply with basic laws for safety and health, workers compensation, unemployment insurance, prevailing wage and apprenticeship utilization standards.

## Education Funding for Apprenticeship and Green Economy Employment

**HB/SB** Enact Apprenticeship program reforms to strengthen and include all construction apprenticeship programs and to comply with existing laws.

**HB/SB** Require apprenticeship utilization on higher education construction projects; and promote sustainable energy initiatives for weatherization, auditors and renewable technology programs to be sure to utilize K-12 pre-apprenticeship and Running Start to the Trades programs with curriculum designed as entry pathways to Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committees in the Building Trades across Washington. Aids enforcement of current contractor bid listing laws on public works projects.

## Alaska Minimum Wage

**SB 1** “An act increasing the minimum hourly wage and providing for an effective date.” This bill passed the legislature and sets the minimum wage at \$7.25 per hour until December 31, 2009; then the minimum wage will be no less than .50 above the federal minimum wage.

## Capital Appropriations

**SB 75** “An act making and amending appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and appropriations to capitalize funds and providing for an effective date.” The legislature intends for the Alaska Energy Authority to award \$25 million to priority projects on the Renewable Energy Fund, Round II list dated March 23, 2009. This bill has passed the legislature.

## Crane Operator Licenses

**SB 97** “An act relating to the licensing of crane operators, and providing for an effective date.” This bill is currently under committee review.

## Re-employment of Retirees/Assigning Exempt Status

**SB 126** This bill allows certain public employees to be able to draw their retirement and paychecks at the same time. This is Alaska’s way of using the retirement system to supplement for poor wages. The bill also allows the state to remove some positions from the union and place them in exempt status. This bill currently under committee review.

## Unemployment Compensation

**SB 170** “An act modifying the Alaska unemployment insurance statues by redefining the base period for determining eligibility for unemployment benefits: relating to contributions, interest, penalties and payments under the Alaska Employment Security Act, and providing for an effective date.” This bill allows the state to qualify for stimulus money and has passed the legislature.

## STEP Program

**HB 105** “An act relating to the state training and employment program, and providing for an effective date.” This bill passed the legislature.

## Labor Neutrality for State Contracts

**HB 185** “An act relating to the labor organization position of state agencies and others with regard to construction contracts paid for by state money.” This bill would stop the state or municipalities from being able to require a project labor agreement on any project that has state or municipal funding. It makes the project labor agreement a voluntary option to all contractors working on state or municipally funded projects. This bill remains under committee review.



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Job Steward Training - Feb 2009



# Washington Training Report

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

This has been a very busy training season. In addition to all the last minute NCCCO training and new CDL regulations, we've also added additional classes as needed to meet the increased demand of our members. We've even added some new courses on a trial basis where we thought they would be valuable. This past Winter, we've been doing joint training with the apprentices of the Pacific Northwest Ironworkers local 86. This course was designed to promote more realistic training and foster better relationships between the future skilled craftworkers in both of these closely connected trades. We work together daily in the real construction world, why shouldn't we enhance our training with the opportunity to train together in a more realistic way?

The training involved about 20% class room time to cover the safety aspects of working with all kinds of different loads, capacities and cranes. We used items from our bone yard to get a feel for rigging and picking awkward loads. We built a steel beam building frame. It is something that can be erected and dismantled by the students in a safe and controlled environment at the training center under the supervision of instructors from both crafts. We expect this training to add realistic situations and diversity to our crane training.



*The Fleet in Ellensburg*

We also expect it to foster better working relationships between our two crafts that can be carried out into the work place to ensure a safer, better trained, more productive workforce for both our trades and our contractors. So far these courses have been well attended and the feedback from the students is that this training will be a valuable addition to their careers. We look forward to continuing to build relationships and developing more relevant, real life experience based training in the future.

We are hoping that work picks up soon and those of you that have spent time training with us this season will pass on the knowledge you learned or the experience you had at the training center to others throughout the work season.

Fraternally submitted,

Jim Agnew  
Tami St. Paul  
Sandy Winter

# Alaska Training Report

## IUOE Regional Training Center

Palmer, AK  
1-800-460-5044



**Ken Peltier**  
Administrator



**Mike Holcomb**  
Training Director



**Betty Jo Dibble**  
Apprentice Coordinator



**Chad Hutchinson**  
Apprentice Coordinator

Alaska has been fortunate not to feel the impacts of the recession, in comparison to so many in the Lower 48 states. The 2008 work season was quite steady, not as plentiful as we have seen in some years, but certainly not stalled. Spring is coming quickly but we are feeling a slower work affect from our winter season, rather than the recession.

After a 3 year search, the Training Trust in Alaska located and signed for a 162.5 acre piece of land to build the next training facility on. The new land is still located in Palmer, just 10 miles from our existing site, but is nearly 3 times the size and secluded from residential subdivision. The Trust has been training on the existing site for over 18 years, but outgrew the site and classrooms many years ago.

We are currently training our 2009 heavy duty apprentice mechanics. Mike Holcomb, Training Director in Palmer states, "It has been an exciting and busy time for us at the training center. Our mechanic apprentices that started in January are scheduled to be released to the workforce at the end of March. The operator apprentices will be starting training on March 30th. We have enhanced our training to include GPS classes and in-depth CDL training. We also increased the frequency of the safety training schedule to better accommodate the members and added new locations throughout the state. We will be hosting NCCCO written testing in April at the Palmer Training Center and the Fairbanks Hall. For anyone interested in knowing more about

the classes offered or scheduling please see our website [www.aoeett.org](http://www.aoeett.org)."

Because CDL testing has been tightened further by the Feds, we have hired a designated CDL instructor to accommodate the heavily scrutinized testing. We welcome Bill Finke to the list of highly experienced instructors at Palmer. Bill has an excellent can do attitude and an extensive background in the operation and maintenance of tractor trailer, as well as heavy equipment experience. His job is to develop a top notch CDL program for our members, specifically the mechanics and service oilers who are required to have a CDL. He is also tasked with teaching all apprentices to include mechanics, service oilers and operators. These apprentices must pass their CDL training to graduate from Palmer. This step moves us from strictly third party testers, to more in-depth instruction and then testing.

A friendly reminder to all members: please check with the school and training offices to be sure they have a current mailing address and 2 good phone numbers, just as you would with the dispatchers.

On behalf of our entire training staff, I wish you a safe, healthy, and prosperous work season for 2009.

Ken Peltier, Administrator  
Alaska Operating Engineers/Employers Training Trust



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TRAINING TOGETHER



# APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING



*Job Steward Training*



*Sicklesteel*



*David Erickson in Whittier with ACC Hurlin*



*Plant operations in Alaska*

*Flowline - Fairbanks*



*Operating Engineers Local 302 mourns the passage  
of the following Brothers and Sisters:*

<b>LESTER SAVAGE</b>	<b>RAYMOND TORNOW</b>
<b>KJELL OLSSON</b>	<b>JACK KLINE</b>
<b>LOUIS GIERSDORF</b>	<b>WALTER CINKOVICH</b>
<b>JOSEPH BASILE</b>	<b>CARL ENGESETH</b>
<b>JAMES ROSS</b>	<b>JACK EVANS</b>
<b>LEROY BANGS</b>	<b>LLOYD THOMAS</b>
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<b>ROBERT VOLKENAND</b>	<b>KENNETH NELSON</b>
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<b>GAROLD HALL</b>	<b>EDWARD MOE</b>
<b>TED CASE</b>	<b>RICHARD SPRAGUE</b>
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*Governor's Inauguration Day*



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## JACK McDONALD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

### General Rules & Instructions for 2008 - 2009 School Year

**Two scholarships of \$1,500** each will be awarded to winners for study at any *accredited college or university*. A scholarship will be awarded to one student each in Washington and Alaska.

**Two scholarships of \$1,000** each will be awarded to runners-up for study at any *accredited college or university*. A scholarship will be awarded to one student each in Washington and Alaska.

**Two scholarships of \$1,000** each will be awarded for study at any *vocational technical college*. A scholarship will be awarded to one student each in Washington and Alaska.

Local 302 will impose no restrictions on courses of study. Recipients may accept other grants or awards that do not rule out scholarship aid from other sources.

### Who May Apply

Children of Local 302 members, or grandchildren of Local 302 members who are the legal guardians of their grandchildren, may apply for the scholarships. The parent or grandparent of the applicant must be a member of Local 302 for at least one year immediately preceding the date of application. Sons and daughters of deceased members are eligible to apply for the scholarships. The parent of the applicant must have been a member of Local 302 for at least one year immediately preceding the date of death.

Applicants must be senior high school students who have, or will be, graduated at the end of: (1) fall semester 2008, or (2) spring semester of 2009, in public, private or parochial schools who plan to attend a college, university, or vocational technical college anywhere in the U.S. during the academic year and who are able to meet the academic requirements for entrance into the university, college, or vocational technical college of their choice. Students selected for scholarships must have achieved not less than a "B" average in their high school work.

**Applications will be accepted between March 1 and May 31, 2009.** Application forms and instructions are also available at [www.iuoe302.org](http://www.iuoe302.org).

### Awarding Scholarships

Upon receipt of the application and required forms, Local 302 will verify the membership of the parent. The application will then be submitted for judging to a Scholarship Selection Committee. No applicant will be favored over another in any way, providing the applicant submits a complete application packet and meets the basic eligibility requirements. The Scholarship Selection Committee will select the winners based on factors normally used in awarding scholarships. Scholarship awards will be announced as soon as possible and the checks will be deposited in each winning student's name at the college or university he/she plans to attend.

### Jack McDonald Scholarship Award Fund Instructions

1. APPLICATION – to be filled out and returned by the applicant.
2. SCHOOL STATEMENT AND TRANSCRIPT – to be filled out by the high school Principal or designated representative, and returned directly to Local 302 at the address below by the person completing it.
3. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION – every applicant must submit one to three letters of recommendation describing his/her character and ability. They may be from teachers, community leaders, family friends, or others who know the applicant. These may be submitted with the applications, or sent directly by the writers to Local 302 at the address below.
4. RECENT PHOTOGRAPH – you may submit a digital photo, clearly identified, via CD or by email to [mainoffice@iuoe302.org](mailto:mainoffice@iuoe302.org). Or, please send a photo that is clear enough to reproduce with the applicant's name written on the back. The photo will *not* be returned to the applicant.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all required items are received on time and that they are sent to: **Malcolm J. Auble, Financial Secretary, IUOE Local 302, 18701 – 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Bothell, WA 98011-9514.**



**JACK McDONALD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**JACK McDONALD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**2008 – 2009 SCHOOL YEAR**

PLEASE PRINT  
NAME OF  
APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX:  Male  Female

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT'S SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL USE ONLY: Initiation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Register #: \_\_\_\_\_ Good  
Standing \_\_\_\_\_

School you presently attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

To which university(ies), college(s) or vocational program(s) have you applied or will you  
apply? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Provide a brief statement regarding your educational and career  
goals: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List all activities, organizations and honors while in high  
school: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List outside activities and/or other special  
interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**JACK McDONALD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**SCHOOL STATEMENT FOR 2008 – 2009 SCHOOL YEAR**

PLEASE PRINT

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ENROLLMENT AT YOUR SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe the applicant will perform university, college or vocational technical college work successfully?

YES

NO

Is the applicant a leader in recognized extracurricular activity at your school?

YES

NO

If so, please specify the activity: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please give your personal evaluation of the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

The Principal or authorized representative is requested to complete this form, include one copy of the applicant's official transcript, and mail both directly to:

**Malcolm J. Auble, Financial Secretary, IUOE Local 302  
18701 – 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Bothell, WA 98011**

IUOE 302  
Deadline

**IUOE Local 302 Membership Survey**

Second Quarter 2009 Loadline

How often should we publish the Loadline membership magazine at \$14,500 per issue?

**Circle one**

1. Eliminate    2. Semi Annual    3. Quarterly

Monthly District 1 (Bothell) Membership meeting night? What night do you prefer and please only vote if you would attend the meetings. **Circle one**

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 6pm    2) 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 6pm    3) 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 7pm    4) 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7pm

Would you prefer an annual Christmas Party or an annual Summer Picnic?

1. Christmas Party    2. Summer Picnic

Would you approve of Local 302 hosting a Retiree's Luncheon annually?

1. Yes    2. No

What membership training have you found most interesting and useful?

**Please rate 1 thru 5 with 1 being the most useful.**

\_\_\_ Steward Class    \_\_\_ Take It Back    \_\_\_ Health and Welfare    \_\_\_ Pension    \_\_\_ Comet

What topic do you wish there was more detail spent on or expanded on in our membership meetings? **Please rate 1 thru 6 with 1 being the priority.**

\_\_\_ Financial Statements    \_\_\_ Agent Reports    \_\_\_ Unionism    \_\_\_ Benefits    \_\_\_ Politics  
\_\_\_ Organizing    \_\_\_ Meetings are fine the way they

What task of your Field Representative is priority to you?

**Please rate 1 thru 4 with 1 being the most important.**

\_\_\_ Job Visits    \_\_\_ Organizing    \_\_\_ Politics    \_\_\_ Jurisdictional defense

**COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please mail, fax or hand-deliver your completed survey to:**

IUOE Local 302  
Member Survey  
18701 – 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
Bothell, WA 98011  
Fax: (425) 806-0030





# The kindness of strangers

*Written by Sandy Early, IUOE Local 302 Executive Assistant and Loadline Editor*

IUOE Local 302 job steward Roy Larson, an elevator operator for Turner Construction, never expected his life to become entwined with someone who had survived the brutal reality of the Rwanda genocide. He probably never expected that his token of generosity for that person would continually expand and involve even more people in his life, either. But that's what happens when you're accustomed to looking out for the welfare of your union brothers and sisters. You get involved.

It was just over 1 year ago that Larson's life took an unexpected turn when he discovered that one of his regular elevator riders – a young, female engineering student at the University of Washington – suffered a brutal attack near the UW campus as she walked to her car. She was bludgeoned with a hammer, causing grievous injuries. By sheer force of will, the young woman was able to drive herself half a mile to a guard shack for help, and was then transported to Harborview Medical Center.

Since it's unknown whether her attacker is still at large, for her own safety the young woman remains unidentified. For this article she'll be referred to as Jane Doe. Ms. Doe was born and raised in Rwanda, Africa – a nation riddled with ethnic cleansing attacks that often involved slaughtering entire families. That's exactly what happened to Ms. Doe's family. She watched them being hacked to death, and by pure chance was able to escape. She ran – and ran – and ran – for her life. At some point she found shelter and was eventually brought to the United States as a teen-aged refugee. She seized every educational opportunity available to her, earning high school honors and two university scholarships.

When Larson heard about Ms. Doe's attack, he stood up in front of a group of his peers at a safety meeting, told them about Ms. Doe's situation, and put \$100 of his own money toward a collection to help pay for her medical expenses. Larson promised a liter of Crown Royal to anyone at the meeting who also contributed \$100 or more. By the end of the day, Larson had collected \$900. His supervisors - Dave Marburgh, Craig Holt and Gordon Hale - gave him permission to continue collecting money for Ms. Doe's medical expenses during the course of his regular duties. And that's exactly what Roy Larson did. During the 6 weeks following Ms. Doe's attack, Larson raised over \$3,500, all of which he turned over to the Pink Blanket Fund, an account set up for Ms. Doe at Wells Fargo Bank. Larson's employer, Turner Construction, matched the donations dollar for dollar.

Ms. Doe continues to improve and has even been able to return to her engineering studies. Larson and Marburgh met with her last April and gave her flowers. He said she's doing well, one day at a time.

Roy Larson has received many honors and media interviews since that time, including a call from the Oprah show, but that's not what motivates him. He said the recognition only matters if it helps Ms. Doe – and others in need of assistance from strangers who are willing to get involved. You see, while Ms. Doe was being viciously attacked in that parking lot near the UW campus, a group of young men at nearby Greek Row probably heard her screams and decided to do nothing.

The information for this article was obtained from interviews with IUOE Local 302 job steward Roy Larson and Local 302 Field Representative Eric Bellamy; a Seattle Times article written by Robert L. Jamieson; a weekly report from Harborview Medical Center's Executive Director (February 6, 2008); and a letter of thanks from the University of Washington, Office of the President (March 12, 2008).

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# DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE



## **DISTRICT 1 - BOTHELL**

First Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
Union Hall, 18701 – 120th Ave. NE.

## **DISTRICT 2 - MT. VERNON**

Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.  
NW WA Electricians JATC, 306 Anderson Rd.

## **DISTRICT 3 - ABERDEEN**

Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
Eagles Hall, 200 W. Market St.

## **DISTRICT 3 - SILVERDALE**

Third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
Union Hall, 3599 Carlton St.

## **DISTRICT 3 - PORT ANGELES**

Third Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
Eagles Hall Aerie No. 483, 110 S. Penn St.

## **DISTRICT 4 - WENATCHEE**

Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
Red Lion Hotel, 1225 N. Wenatchee Ave.

## **DISTRICT 5 - ELLENSBURG**

Second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
Union Hall, 403 S. Water St.

## **DISTRICT 6 - ANCHORAGE**

Fourth Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
Union Hall, 4001 Denali St.

## **DISTRICT 7 - FAIRBANKS**

Fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
Union Hall, 3002 Lathrop St.

## **DISTRICT 8 - JUNEAU**

Fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.  
Union Hall, 9309 Glacier Hwy., Bldng. A-102B.



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