



# Watt's Up ?!!!!



## IBEW Local 890's Newsletter

### BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

To all members of Local 890,

Dear IBEW Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this message finds you well. As we move through the year, I wanted to bring you up to date on several important developments within our local union.

- 1. Job Fair Announcement:** We are pleased to announce the success of our job fair scheduled at the end of June. This event presented an opportunity for both experienced electricians and apprentices to explore new job opportunities and network with potential employers. Since the Job fair has concluded, we have gained membership of JW's, apprentices, and CE's to our ranks.
- 2. LMCC Meetings:** Our Labor Management Cooperation Committee (LMCC) meetings have been reinstated to build communication and collaboration between labor and management. This group has not met in many years and we are excited to strengthen our relationship and find ways to help our industry grow together.
- 3. Open Calls:** We currently have open calls for various positions across different projects. These opportunities are an example of a robust work outlook in the coming months. Members are encouraged to regularly check the dispatch for updates and to take advantage of these openings.
- 4. Work Outlook:** The outlook for work remains positive, with a steady flow of projects expected to keep our members engaged. We have a few of the largest projects in Wisconsin in our jurisdiction, including Darien Solar and the Kikkoman facility and additions in Jefferson and Walworth.
- 5. Membership Growth:** I'm excited to inform you that our membership now exceeds 700 strong. This growth underscores the trust and confidence placed in us by both our existing members and those who are joining our ranks. Together, we continue to strengthen our community.
- 6. New Contractor:** We welcome a new contractor, Accelerated Electric to our network of partners. Their commitment to quality and training aligns with our values, and we look forward to a productive working relationship ahead.

**7. New Night School Coordinator:** We are pleased to introduce Ben Trappe as our new Night School Coordinator. Ben has been on the apprenticeship committee for 3 years and brings his experience in training and knowledge of what expectations we have for this roll. Ben plans to expand our night school offerings to further support the professional development of our members.

**8. Fall Festival/Open House:** Many members have not had the opportunity to visit our new location at 1900 Reuther Way. We are hosting a fall festival and open house in October for our members to come check out the office and training center with fun activities and food for all. Be on the lookout for a postcard with more details in the coming months.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for your ongoing dedication and contributions to our union. Your hard work and solidarity continue to drive our success. If you have any questions or need further information about any of these updates, please don't hesitate to reach out to the union office. Fraternaly yours,

Ben Myers  
Business Manager  
Local 890

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## ***Retirement Breakfast***

- The Retiree Breakfast is on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 9am at Eagle Inn, Janesville, WI. Please contact Local 890 at 608-752-0321 for any more information.
- We are looking forward to having another retiree breakfast at the hall. Our first retiree and apprentice breakfast went great earlier this year and we look forward to hosting again. This event gives our retirees a chance to meet and share a meal with the next generation of electrical workers. We will keep membership informed of the next in-house event!



## ***Local 890 Updates!***

I hope everyone is having a great first half of summer. We would like to share some of the upcoming events and updates here at Local 890.

Apprentices will be returning this August and we are on track to have the largest class yet!

IBEW Local 890 has organized a local non-union contractor in our effort to increase market share!

We are looking at having a Fall Festival/Open House event in October in place of the Sky Carp game. We did not have a great experience with the Sky Carp events team and are looking into a more family friendly event to bring us all together.

We have begun the data migration to a new website platform. We have been told by our website designer that there could be short periods of downtime as things are switched over. Our goal is to have a much more user friendly platform to share with our brothers and sisters.

Lastly, please remember to register to vote this year. Elections are one of the most important tools we have to get our union voices heard! To register or to check if you are registered, go to [www.myvote.wi.gov/](http://www.myvote.wi.gov/).

In Solidarity

Garrik Harwick



## Election 2024

A Letter from IBEW International President Kenneth Cooper,

### IBEW Endorses Proven Ally Vice President Kamala Harris for President of the United States

This morning, the IBEW International President convened a special meeting of the IBEW's international officers, who voted unanimously and enthusiastically to endorse Vice President Kamala Harris for President of the United States.

"Vice President Harris has been a proven ally of the IBEW. Working by President Biden's side, she cast the deciding vote to save our pensions. Their administration created good union jobs through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the American Rescue Act, the Inflation Reduction Act and the CHIPS and Science Act," said International President Kenneth W. Cooper

"IBEW members know Vice President Harris and have engaged with her over the last four years as she's visited our job sites, union halls and training facilities. She has listened to us, and we stand confident that she will continue this administration's extraordinary record on behalf of working people when she is sworn into office next January.

"The choice this November will be a stark one for working people, and especially for union members. On one side, we have a proven track record of success and job creation. On the other side is someone who didn't pass anything except a massive tax cut for corporations and the wealthy.

"Our members will vote for the IBEW, and that is a vote for Kamala Harris.

"We look forward to Vice President Harris's choice of running mate, and to standing side by side with them in the fight for the future of all working families in the United States.

"The IBEW thanks President Biden for his extraordinary work on behalf of the 838,000 members and retirees of the IBEW and for his endorsement of Vice President Harris, recognizing her significant contributions and steadfast advocacy for working people nationwide.

"When Kamala Harris is elected president this November, the IBEW members will have a staunch ally returning to the White House."



## Organizer Report



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is hard to believe that the second quarter of 2024 is already in the rear-view mirror. We are now in the busiest part of the construction season. Work is busier than ever and doesn't seem to be slowing down. Even with the tremendous storms that had affected most of southern Wisconsin, work has continued to be steady throughout the 2024 season. With that being said I hope all my brothers and sisters overcame the storm's events and remained safe.

Organizing efforts have been very busy. Local 890 held a job fair in June and we had great interaction with applicants that attended the event. We had a total of 36 applicants attend and we have placed 7 with contractors. Prior to the job fair I hosted the LU-890 blitz where we knocked on a total of 716 doors to promote the job fair. These events would not have been possible without my fellow office staff, organizers from across the state, and the members. Thank you all that helped out, your dedication does not go unrecognized. I am proud to say that I have stripped three Jake's Electric apprentices and all three are working for Westphal now. With that being said, Jake's Electric and PDC will continue to be my top targets in upcoming organizing efforts.

I was busy with school fairs around the locals jurisdiction and attended a total of 10 high school job fairs. There have been many high school students that have reached out to me to get more information on the opportunities Local 890 can provide. I look forward to working with these students in the future. I have also assisted in job fairs and blitzes throughout other locals in Wisconsin as well. They include LU 159, LU 494, LU 430, and LU 158. Through these blitzes my fellow organizers and I have made 2,860 house visits so far this year. These efforts will continue strong throughout the 2024 year. IBEW nationwide has a total membership of 838,000. The 6<sup>th</sup> District has increased membership by 3,348 since July 2023. Local 890 has grown significantly in 2024. In February we had 671 members and are now at 741 members. This is a 10% growth rate which satisfies the 4% growth rate goal the international sets for every local in the nation. My goal is to reach a total of 800 members by the end of the 2024 year.

Thank you to all the members in supporting me in my new role as organizer.

Kyle Haney

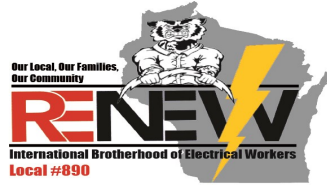
### Billie's Corner:

I would like to introduce Morgan Kenyon to the Local 890 membership! Morgan has been working as a part-time office assistant for the past few weeks, and we couldn't be happier with how helpful she has been. Please give Morgan a warm IBEW welcome when you stop by the hall. ~ *Billie Lucas* 😊



### Billie's Puns

"I caught my daughter chewing on a power cable....so I had to ground her."



### Upcoming Events:

Shawn's Toolbox– 1st Saturday after the Union meeting 1-3pm at the Local 890 Training Center

Renew Bags Tournament– August 10th at Sidelines Bar and Grill. Event starts at 1pm, cost is \$40 per person. No RSVP needed, just show up to play!

Renew Meeting– The renew committee meets at 5 pm on the first Thursday of every month before the union meeting.

Check out our Facebook page, **IBEW 890 Renew**, for updates and events!

Cody Krause

Renew Committee President

## Announcements

- Next union meeting is: Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 pm at Hall.
- Death Benefit #154
- 2024 Monthly Dues- \$47.02—Quarterly- \$141.06—Annual \$564.24
- Watch for the latest news and work updates concerning Local 890 on our website ([www.ibew890.org](http://www.ibew890.org)) and our Facebook page (IBEW Local 890).

### *Accidents, Illness, Death of Members*

- *Jerome “Jerry” O’Meara passed away on 6/21/2024. Brother O’Meara was initiated into the IBEW on 9/1/1970.*
- *Richard “Lefty” Wilson passed away on 5/27/2024. Brother Wilson was initiated into the IBEW on 11/1/1972.*

### **Quote of the Month**

*“The trade union movement represents the organized economic power of the workers...it is in reality the most potent and the most direct social insurance the workers can establish.”*

*-Samuel Gompers*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Union Meeting	2	3 Shawn's Closet 1-3pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Renew Bags Tourney
11	12	13 A&T Meeting	14	15 E-Board Meeting	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31