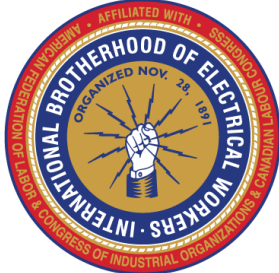




# Watt's Up ?!!!!



## IBEW Local 890's Newsletter

### BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We're excited to share some great news from our recent contract negotiations with the contractors. After a lot of hard work and collaboration, we've reached a settlement that includes the following wage increases over the next three years:

- **Year 1:** 5.6% (\$3.75 increase)
- **Year 2:** 5% (\$3.50 increase)
- **Year 3:** 4% (\$3.00 increase)

These increases represent more than a **\$20,000 boost to our total package** over the term of the contract. One of the main goals of our negotiating team, along with the contractors, is to work toward closing the wage gap with our neighboring locals. We are making significant strides to ensure that our members are compensated fairly for the hard work they do.

#### Wage Allocation Vote

We'll be holding a wage allocation vote on **May 1st at our union meeting at 6:00 PM**. Please make sure to attend and cast your vote as we move forward with this new contract. Your participation is important!

#### Health Fair Screening

There's still time to sign up for your **free screening** at the **IBEW Local 890 Health Fair**, sponsored by **Health Gauge!** Join us on **Friday, April 18th**, from **12:00 PM to 7:00 PM** for your opportunity to take part in this valuable health screening. It's a great chance to take charge of your health, and we encourage all members to sign up. **Appointment required.**

#### Join the Team – IBEW Organizer Position

Our office is still looking to fill the position of **IBEW Organizer**. If you're looking for a new challenge and a way to make an impact in our local, this may be the perfect opportunity for you. The job details are posted on our website, but feel free to reach out to **Garrik** or **Ben** for any questions or further details about the position. It might be a role you've never considered before, but if you've got the right skills and a passion for union work, we'd love to hear from you.

#### Committees Looking for Members

We are also looking to build an **Events Committee** and fill available spots on our **Design Committee** headed up by Greg Phillips for our Local 890 Union Hall. These are great teams to join if you are looking to get more involved. If you're interested, please contact our office for more details.

#### Thank You

Thank you for your ongoing support of our office and the Local. Together, we're continuing to grow our membership and build on our education and training programs to ensure our success for years to come.

In solidarity,

**Ben Myers**  
**Business Manager**  
**IBEW Local 890**

#### LOCAL 890 OFFICERS

- Ben Myers, Business Manager/  
Financial Secretary
- Robert Walters, President
- Alex Brellenthin, Vice President
- Nate Kalas, Treasurer
- Greg Phillips, Exec. Board
- John Bennett, Exec. Board
- Nick Bell, Exec. Board
- Greg Humphrey, Exec. Board
- Dan Reuter, Exec. Board
- Rob Rygula, Exam Board
- Jason Trumpy, Exam Board
- Garrik Harwick, Business Agent/  
Recording Secretary/Exam  
Board

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## **Retirement Information**

- 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.

**April 10, 2025**

### **IBEW Local 890 Retirement Seminar**

5:30-7:30pm

Representatives from WEEBF, Empower, and the IBEW International Office will be here to discuss retirement. Dinner will be provided for attendees.

Please call 608-752-0321 to register or scan the QR Code below!



**April 18, 2025**

IBEW 890 & WEEBF will host screening to detect your risk for stroke at no cost!! Eligible participants, eligible dependents 18+, and eligible retirees screen free!

### **Health Gauge Event**

IBEW 890 Hall  
12pm-7:00pm

Call 515-244-3080 for appointment(required), or scan the QR Code below!



## **Local 890 Updates!**

Happy Spring, Local 890! We are excited to announce that recurring dues are now a payment option for monthly membership dues. Stop in to the hall to get signed up! We are also in the process of rolling out online resign/referral. This new system ties into the existing payment portal on the website. The payment portal will become the Member's Portal, where you will be able to see your job history, sign books, see your position on the out of work list, and bid on jobs. We will also begin utilizing a new system to be able to email or text all members about important events and news. Continue to check out the webpage as we add more information and functionality. Our goal is to connect Local 890 and share with our membership all that the IBEW stands for!

In Solidarity,

Garrik Harwick

Asst. Business Manager

Registrar



# IBEW LOCAL 890 Contract Settlement




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## IBEW Local 890 2025 Summary of Benefits Negotiated

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- **ANNUAL CONTRACT RAISES** (Distributed between: Check, Retirements and Healthcare)
  - **June 1, 2024** + \$2.38 = \$66.82/hour *total package*\* (+3.7%)
    - \$43.65/hour on the check- **Previous Contract '22-'25**
  - **June 1, 2025** + \$3.75 = \$70.57/hour *total package*\* (+5.61%)
    - TBD May meeting/hour on the check
  - **June 1, 2026** + \$3.50 = \$74.01/hour *total package*\* (+4.96%)
    - On check TBD
  - **June 1, 2027** + \$3.00 = \$77.07/hour *total package*\* (+4.05%)
    - On check TBD
  - **June 2028** – Open Contract to be negotiated
- **RETIREMENT**
  - **401A** – 25% Employer Contribution
  - **401K** – Optional Pre-tax Employee-only contribution 2,3,5,10 or 15%
  - **NEBF** – Defined Benefit Pension \$33 per month X years of service
  - **PBF** – Defined Benefit Pension \$5.50 per month X years of membership
- **EMPLOYER PAID HEALTHCARE** (Anthem Blue Cross)
  - **Medical** – Family PPO coverage
  - **Dental** – Two free exam/cleanings plus \$1700 towards other dental care per year per participant
  - **FSA** - \$1.75/hour worked into a non-taxed flexible spending account for non-covered medical expenses
- **OTHER BENEFITS**
  - **Disability** – Short and Long-term coverage of \$500/week
  - **Life Insurance** – Four different benefits that add up to \$27,500 for accidental death

\*The “total package” is the sum of the Hourly Base Rate, Healthcare, 401a and NEBF.

## Organizer Report



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are excited to have some big organizing events this month. We are looking for volunteers to help knock on non-union electricians' doors and invite them to our Job Fair. Organizers from around the state will assist Local 890 in 2 days of blitzing the non-union, as well as helping with the Job Fair. Any member participation would be a greatly appreciated. The goal is to expand our market share and get more of the work by stripping employees from merit shops. We will knock on doors on April 21st and 22nd, and the Job Fair will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Janesville, WI on April 23rd. Please reach out to the hall if you would like more information.

So far in 2025, IBEW organizers have visited the homes of 1,763 licensed electricians throughout the state of Wisconsin. We aim to reach every non-union electrician in our state and share the benefits that an IBEW membership brings!

The work outlook for Local 890 this year is great. We have a few large scale projects that will require additional manpower in the next few months.

We are currently taking resumes for the position of Organizer for local 890. This is an extremely important job in the IBEW, and vital for our growth as a union. If you have ever wondered or thought about what an organizer does, please reach out to the hall to learn more. The application and more information on the role are posted on the IBEW 890 webpage.

In Solidarity,

Garrik Harwick  
IBEW Local 890



### Billie's Corner

I'm so excited to announce that on March 18th I celebrated my 6 year anniversary of working at Local 890. I hope everyone is just as excited as I am. I love my job!

~ Billie Vazquez



### Billie's Joke of the Day:

Boss: This is the third time you've been late for work this week! Do you know what that means?

Me: That it's only Wednesday



### Upcoming Events:

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

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

Renew will be hosting another **Cornhole Tournament** on May 31st, 2025 at Sidelines in Janesville. The cost is \$40 per team and includes 2 drink tickets. Check in at 1pm, tournament begins at 2pm. Cash prize, raffles and more! Call to sign up!

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

Cody Krause

Renew Committee President

## Announcements

- Next union meeting is: Thursday, April 3rd at 6:00 pm at the Hall.
- Death Benefit #156
- 2025 Monthly Dues- \$49.02—Quarterly- \$147.06—Annual \$588.24. If sending payment via check, please call ahead for exact amount depending on time of year paid.
- 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 (International Brotherhood of Electrical

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

- *Brother Glenn Hults passed away on February 21, 2025. Glenn was a longtime IBEW member of Local 890 initiated on 1/1/1961 and was a 64 year member. Please keep his loved ones in your thoughts.*
- *Brother William Lois passed away on January 8, 2025. William was initiated into the IBEW on 4/1/1963 and was a 61 year member. Please keep his loved ones in your thoughts.*
- *Brother Luis Garcia Jr passed away on January 7, 2025. Luis was initiated into the IBEW on 5/28/1970 and was a 55 year member. Please keep his loved ones in your thoughts.*

### ***Quote of the Month***

“Our movement is of the working people, for the working people, by the working people.”

– Samuel Gompers



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Retiree Breakfast, Eagle Inn 9am	2	3 Union Meeting 6pm	4	5
6	7	8 A&T Meeting 3pm	9	10 Local 890 Retirement Seminar 5:30pm	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Executive Board Meeting 5pm	18 Health Gauge Event 12-7pm	19
20	21	22	23 IBEW 890 Job Fair 3-7pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			