



Watt's Up ?!!!!

IBEW Local 890's Newsletter



BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

IBEW Local 890 – Membership Update

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Local 890,

As we move through the spring season, we have several important updates, events, and opportunities for our members to be aware of.

Website Navigation Class – May 27

We will be hosting a **Website Navigation Class** on **May 27th at 5:00 p.m.** Pizza and beverages will be provided by Local 890. This class will focus on how to use the Wisconsin Electrical Employees Benefit Fund (WEEBF) website and better understand your benefits. Topics will include viewing your explanation of benefits, checking your reported hours, viewing your dollar bank and flex spending balance, submitting flex reimbursement requests, uploading documents such as birth or marriage certificates, and adding dependents to your insurance coverage. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to learn how to fully utilize the benefits available to them.

Color Cancer Screening Benefit

We would like to remind members about the **Color Cancer Screening Benefit** available to eligible participants, dependents, and retirees under the Wisconsin Electrical Employees Health and Welfare Plan. This program provides personalized cancer screening plans based on your health history, at-home screening kits for certain cancers, free genetic testing, counseling for high-risk individuals, and assistance scheduling in-person screenings such as colonoscopies and mammograms. Participants also have access to a team of cancer specialists who can provide guidance and answer questions at any time. For more information or to get started, please visit color.com/weebf.

Allocation Vote – \$3.50 Increase

We will soon need to determine the allocation of our negotiated **\$3.50 increase**. This allocation will determine how much of the increase goes toward wages, health and welfare, flex spending, and other benefit contributions. The options provided by the Executive Board will be voted on at our **May 7th membership meeting**. We encourage all members to attend and take part in this important decision.

HealthGauge Screening – Open Appointments

We still have openings available for the **HealthGauge Screening on Wednesday, April 15th**. If you have not signed up yet, please consider doing so. These screenings continue to be a valuable benefit and an important way for members to stay on top of their health each year.

Local 890 Challenge Coins

We have finalized **two new Local 890 challenge coin designs**, which have been ordered and are expected to be available in early May. The coins will recognize the **Ho-Chunk Casino project in Beloit**, a project Local 890 has been working to secure for a long time. The site currently has around **100 IBEW members working across five contractors**, and we are proud to have our members be part of such a major project in our area.

Please continue to watch for updates on our website and social media pages. Thank you to all our members for your continued hard work, professionalism, and support of your Local 890. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and events.

Benjamin Myers
Business Manager/Financial Secretary
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, Asst. Business
Manager/Recording Secretary
- Josh Denzer, Business Agent/
Organizer

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Retirement Information

Our retiree group meets on the **first Tuesday of each month at 9am** for breakfast at the **Eagle Inn**, Janesville, WI. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. We invite all recently retired members to attend! The only thing you have to do is show up!



Thinking about retirement or don't know where to start? Call and set up a time with Billie to go over the process!

Local 890 Updates!

Brothers and Sisters

Included in this newsletter is the official Notice of Nomination for upcoming officer elections for IBEW Local 890. Nominations for Local Union Officers will be accepted at our **May 7 membership meeting**.

The strength of our Local depends on active membership and participation. Officer elections are one of the most important ways members help guide the future of our union. Every office carries responsibility in representing the membership, protecting the financial strength of the Local, and ensuring that IBEW Local 890 continues to move forward in the best interest of our members.

This year also brings important decisions beyond our Local. In Wisconsin, we continue to see opportunities to push back against anti-union policies such as so-called Right to Work and Wisconsin Act 10, which stripped bargaining rights from most public sector unions. These laws have weakened working people across our state, and it remains important that union members stay informed and engaged in the issues that directly affect labor.

I encourage every member to take part in the process and remain involved in the work of our union. If you have questions about any office or its responsibilities, please contact the hall. We are always willing to discuss the roles and responsibilities of union leadership.

In Solidarity

Garrick Harwick
Assistant Business Manager
IBEW Local 890



Organizer Report



Brothers and Sisters,

As we move into the next quarter, the work of building and strengthening our local continues to gain momentum. With increasing job activity on the horizon and opportunities to engage the next generation, this is shaping up to be an important season for Local 890.

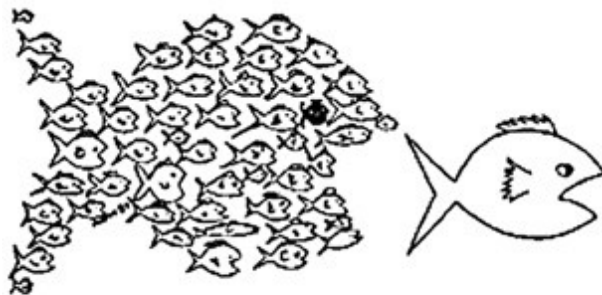
We are experiencing a steady ramp-up across multiple job sites in our local. This increase in man-hours brings opportunity, not only for employment but for reinforcing the value of union labor on every project we touch. Maintaining strong job site presence, professionalism, and brotherhood/sisterhood will be key as we move forward.

With increased work opportunities and our outreach to unrepresented electricians, we are in a position to grow in both numbers and strength. This growth depends on all of us representing the IBEW with professionalism, mentoring new members, and staying active in our local.

Together, we will continue to build a stronger Local 890

In Solidarity,

Josh Denzer
Organizer
IBEW Local 890



ORGANIZE!

Billie's Corner

Happy spring everyone!

Billie's Joke of the Month

How does a flower whistle?

—Through its tulips!



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR IBEW LOCAL UNION 890

The election will be conducted by mail.

The nominations for all officers of Local Union 890 will be held on May 7, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m. at the local meeting hall located at 1900 Reuther Way, Janesville, WI.

Anyone desiring to be nominated must be present during the nominations or provide a written and signed statement that they will accept the nomination. NO member may be a candidate for more than one office. Anyone nominated to more than one office must choose the office for which they will be a candidate.

You may nominate yourself for any office or for convention delegate. After the close of nominations, any member nominated for an office will be contacted by the Election Judge and at that time must provide a written or emailed statement confirming that they have accepted the nomination and agree to the election rules.

Nominations will proceed in the order of offices as listed in the IBEW Constitution whose term of office shall be 3 years. (Nominations shall be accepted via email until 4:00 pm on May 7, 2026 at Electionjudge@ibew890.org).

President

Vice President

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Business Manager/ Financial Secretary/Delegate to the International Convention

Executive Board (6 positions)

Examining Board (3 positions)

Additionally, nominations will be held for 3 delegates to the International Convention.

The Business Manager shall be a candidate for convention delegate contingent with the office as stated in Article VIII, Section 3 of the local union bylaws. This leaves 2 delegate positions open to nominations for the at-large election. No member nominated for office of Business Manager may be nominated for the at-large delegate position.

To qualify to be nominated, a member must have a minimum of 2 years of continuous good standing in Local Union 890. Good standing means that the member is current in their payment of dues and has been for the 2 years preceding the nominations. Per the Local Union Bylaws, Article III, Section 8 (e) no apprentice shall be eligible to hold office in the Local Union.

An election judge and tellers have been appointed by the Local 890 President. None of these may be a candidate for any office.

The election shall be conducted by mail ballot, and ballots shall be counted beginning at 8:00 am on June 4, 2026. All members in good standing shall be mailed a ballot not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the above-specified date. Ballots received after the close of business on June 3, 2026, will not be counted.

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In you do not receive a ballot in the mail by May 20, 2026, please contact the election judge immediately at:

electionjudge@ibew890.org and request a replacement ballot.

In the event a run-off election is required, same shall be held on June 25, 2026. The same rules shall apply to the run-off election as were applicable to the regular election. Members who requested an absentee ballot for the regular election will automatically receive same for the run-off.

All officers shall be installed and begin their 3-year terms at the regular meeting of the local union on July 2, 2026.

Candidates shall be entitled to an observer at the polling place and during the counting of the ballots. Observers may not interfere with the orderly procedure of the election. There shall be no campaigning inside the building at the polling place. Signs and literature are also forbidden.

Any member who believes a protest of the election is warranted must present their protest to the election judge prior to the certification of the election results. Further, protests of the election may be filed in writing with the International Vice President of the district within 30 days following the election.

The decision of the International Vice President shall conclude the processing of a protest within the IBEW.

In the event the protesting member is not satisfied with the decision of the International Vice President the member may submit his/her protest to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Donald Oliver
Election Judge
IBEW Local 890



To: All IBEW Members from IBEW Local Union 890

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The IBEW is calling on all Wisconsin IBEW members to mobilize in support of the *Build a Stronger Wisconsin* legislative package, especially its call to **repeal the anti-worker “right-to-work” law**.

Since 2015, Wisconsin’s so-called “right-to-work” law has weakened unions, lowered wages, and hurt working families by letting non-members benefit from union contracts without paying their fair share.

The *Build a Stronger Wisconsin* package would put working people first by repealing “right-to-work,” restoring **prevailing wage**, re-establishing **project labor agreements (PLAs)**, and strengthening penalties for **worker misclassification**. These reforms would raise wages, protect good union jobs, and rebuild the middle class.

Repealing “right-to-work” means stronger unions and stronger communities, delivering **more resources** for training and organizing, **greater bargaining power** for better pay and benefits, and **fairness** for all workers by ending the “free-rider” problem.

Introduced in September 2025, the package has **unanimous Democratic support** and is awaiting committee action. However, with **Republican legislative majorities**, moving forward requires pressure from members. Lawmakers need to hear from us now.

The Government Affairs Department has created the **Repeal Right-to-Work Toolkit** below. It includes a website posting, a letter campaign to Wisconsin state legislators and a social media post with graphics.

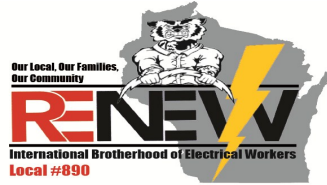
This toolkit is also available on the IBEW Government Affairs website at ibewgov.org/take-action.

In Solidarity,

Ben Myers
Business Manager/Financial Secretary



Scan QR Code for
Fillable Letter Template



Upcoming Events:

Shawn's Toolbox– 1st Saturday after the Union Meeting, 1-3p.m. at the Local 890 Training Center

Renew Meeting– The Renew Committee meets at 5 p.m. 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, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Hall.
- Death Benefit #156
- 2026 Monthly Dues- \$50.02—Quarterly- \$150.06—Annual \$600.24. 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) and our Facebook page (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 890).

Accidents, Illness, Death of Members

- *Brother Frank Rappold passed away on March 7, 2026. Brother Rappold was a 73 year IBEW member. Please keep his loved ones in your thoughts.*

Quote of the Month

“It is essential that there should be organization of labor. This is an era of organization. Capital organizes and therefore labor must organize.” – *Theodore Roosevelt*



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10	11	12 A&T Meeting 3pm	13	14	15	16
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24	25 Memorial Day Closed	26	27 WEEBF Website Navigation	28	29	30
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