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INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

During the year, Brother Joe Hunt retired as General President; the general executive council met and unanimously elected Gen. Secretary Walter Wise to succeed as General President. Brother Eric Dean became General Secretary.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

We are pleased to announce the following new appointments and their positions!

Brother Neil Horne, President
Brother Nigel Blair, Vice-President
Brother George MacDougall, Business Agent and Training Coordinator

COMING SOON!

A "NEW" way of paying dues! Yes, we've are in the process of implementing a on-line bank payment system.

Announcing...

With deepest sympathy from your brothers...

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Brothers Shannon Ross, Ron Cook and David Barnes and former Brother Graham Matthews who passed away in 2011.

Dues Reminder...

****If you don't work the first week of the month, your employer does not deduct dues for that month. If your standing is in arrears 6 months, you become suspended from the Union****

4 Month Advisory Notice

A notice is being forwarded with any dues receipt which is 4 months in arrears so that payment arrangements can be made.

Notes from the desk...

Please remember to forward any changes of addresses and telephone numbers. This is very important so that you may continue to receive your dues receipts, taxation receipts and correspondence.

Knives, shirts, hats, hoodies are available at the Training and Union Office.

YOUR HEALTH & PENSION

For the first time we now have a new drug card. This came into effect in June 2011 along with Sobey's and Lawtons card.

In 2012 we plan on holding 2 special meetings with respect to the Pension Plan. We anticipate inviting our pension consultant and administrator from the Benefit Plan Administrators. We will announce more details in the future.

We will be forwarding from time to time information relating to the Cooperators Insurance Company and MCSHI through our mail outs..

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS

Our Cape Breton Island Agreements (Industrial and Commercial) expired at the end of July.

Negotiations have been completed and the new agreements can be viewed on-line at www.nscira.ca or our on our website.



YEARS OF SERVICE – RECOGNITION

As an on-going process, we have given our watches and pins this year to those attaining years of service. We will post names of these members in the near future on our website.

IN THE NEWS.....

The following projects were in progress, beginning in future or are now in process:

WINDFARMS:

Browns Mountain, Amherst, Nutby Mountain, Sheet Harbour and Port Hawkesbury.

Wind Farms construction throughout Canada has been increasingly done by non-union companies. We have to continue working hard to keep Wind Farms Unionized in Nova Scotia!

Other Projects Completed and in Progress

- ~New Page and Bio-Fuel Project (in progress), Port Hawkesbury
- ~Sydney Tar Ponds – McNally Construction
- ~Container Pier, Halifax – Bermingham Construction
- ~Offshore rig, Mulgrave – AMEC Black & MacDonald

Newfoundland and Labrador's Local Union 764 have work in their Province. They currently have a job-line for updates.

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A hearing was held with Titan Steel from April 26-29 re the Yarmouth School. Our District Council paid costs associated with legal fees and expenses.

Our International Convention was held in Chicago, August 15-19. Delegates who attended were John Wilson, Ken Lake, George MacDougall, Bill Gillis, Brad MacLaughlin and Neil Horne.

An amendment to the By-Laws relating to the hiring procedure of a Business Agent and Training Coordinator was approved by the International.

CERTIFIED!!

We have certified HB White (wind turbine), J Davis Steel (reinforcing steel) and McNally Construction (piles)

MESSAGES FROM THE TRAINING OFFICE

It has been a very busy year as always with training. The following is a summary of what has taken place:

- ~Nine Weld Test – (next test December 3, 2011)
- ~First Aid Training – 58 members (approx.)
- ~Fall Protection courses – 108 members (approx.)
- ~Zoomboom/Scissor lift courses – 8 members (approx.)
- ~Telehandler – 30 members
- ~Safety Orientation – 3 members
- ~Excavation – 1 member
- ~Rigging – 15 members
- ~WHMIS – 16 members
- ~Confined Space – 52 members
- ~Forklift – 2 members
- ~Manlift – 29 members
- ~Welding Inspector – 1 member
- ~Occupational Health & Safety – 1 member

We would also like to extend congratulations to the following Level 3 apprentices who have completed and successfully wrote their Red Seal Iron Worker Generalist exam:

- ~Joey Anderson
- ~Justin Brown
- ~Jaeson Fredericks
- ~Scott Graham
- ~Ben Jollimore
- ~Josh Murray
- ~Jonathan Nickerson
- ~Scott Pearce
- ~Matt Perrott

The 2012 Apprentice Course Schedule will start and include the first Ironworker – Reinforcing Apprenticeship Program. It is expected to be very successful. Earlier this year our very first Journeyman Rodmen members wrote and obtained the first Rebar Red Seal (1st in Nova Scotia) under the Section 30 application: Theodore Greeno, Kyle Jeffrey, Troy Cleveland and Travis Kaiser. Congratulations! We have in total 2 Rebar members at Level #1 and 1 Structural member at Level #3.

As mentioned in the last mail out, the Department of Labour and Advanced Education is waiving the Trade Qualifier fee for Reinforcing and Structural/Ornamental beginning September 1, 2011 and ending August 31, 2012. The regular exam fee will be charged.

Please refer to our Local's website for notification (letter) with regards to the Red Seal exam fee reduction for both Rebar and Structural trades.

Since obtaining the position of Training Coordinator, George MacDougall has been trained to instruct the following safety courses: Fall Protection, Confined Spaces, WHMIS, Safety Orientation, Telehandler and Manlift.

We are currently advertising for Instructors for the Apprenticeship program. You may submit your resume in person to our Training or Union Office, by fax (450-5082), by e-mail (iron.worker@ns.sympatico.ca). Deadline for applications is January 31, 2012.

If you require any of these or any other courses, please contact the Training Office. All welding tests and scheduled demand training will be posted on our website www.ironworkerslocal752.com. Please check regularly and leave your comments, suggestions and e-mail addresses.