

# PIPELINE NEWSLETTER

**JUNE 2020**

## **BUSINESS MANAGERS MESSAGE**

June 17, 2020

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

I hope you and your families are doing well. Since my last post almost 3 weeks ago, myself, the officers, and staff of Local 488 have been busy working to meet the needs of our membership. I take this time to thank the staff for the extra effort they have been putting in due to the current situation we are all experiencing.

I was invited to tour IPPL site two weeks ago. It is nice to see that we now have BFI, Fluor and Chemco getting decent man hours there. There have been hundreds of thousands of man hours performed on this site and we have been a part of roughly 30,000. The UA having a presence on this site or any site is a must.

I have met with the negotiating committee several times and have another meeting scheduled for this Friday June 19. A large amount of article has already been signed off. I am glad to say in dealing with the CLRA our ICI rate is re-opened. We are also in the middle of our Fab Shop negotiations which are going well. Our goal is in keeping the wage package competitive so that our contractors can acquire the work for our members while ensuring we have a good base wage as well as benefits. We will continue in our negotiations & not sell out to anyone.

We understand that the 2020 economy has placed a financial strain on our members. Add in the Covid 19 virus and these conditions have become catastrophic and will be talked about for many years. To try and ease the burden, we have decided to mirror UA Washington regarding dues. Members who have worked less than 40 hours through the local, the month of March, April, & May, on the out of work board, and paying their own dues, will not be charged non-working dues or be placed in bad standing during these months.

As the Covid-19 situation eases we have constructed a re-opening plan as follows:  
Phase 1 of the reopening will increase the number of hours our staff and agents will be working in the building, along with the weld shop and pipeline yard. It has also been our goal since March 16, 2020 to err on the side of caution. We will not re-open until it is safe to do so. We have ordered hand wash stations, wipes, hand sanitizer, masks, as well as signage. Our scheduled date to implement phase 1 is Monday June 22. Please watch the website for updates, as well as to book an appointment or use the facilities.

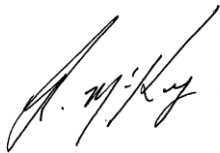
Phase 2 of reopening is tentatively set for early to mid July. During that time members needing to see an officer or representative will be required to schedule an appointment. These appointments will be in half hour increments. All members will be required to fill out a questionnaire, sign in and out, and not visit anyone else in the building during that time.

We will be re-opening dispatch when it is safe to do so but for the time being, we will continue with the online format. We have had positive feedback which shows it is working. As soon as it is safe to open, we will open you have my word. There is nothing I would like more than to see our Union Hall filled with Union Members!

It is great to see contractors placing more calls in at dispatch regarding outages and IPPL.

In closing I would like to thank the members and our job stewards on the way in which you have handled yourselves on site in these difficult times. Displaying dedication & professionalism while representing UA Local 488.

Fraternally Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rod McKay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "M".

Rod McKay  
Business Manager  
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