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LEAP DELEGATES VISIT CAPITOL HILL
Once each spring, Boilermaker delegates attending the LEAP conference head to Capitol Hill for meetings in the offices of U.S. senators and representatives to discuss issues of vital importance to members and their families. On their way to one such meeting are, l. to r., Jacob Evenson, Shane Ferreira and Wesley Dale, L-627; and Trent Sorenson, AST-BHPD.
COMMENTARY

US must re-engage on climate change

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Paris withdrawal cedes leadership, will isolate nation

WHILE THE PARIS climate accord has its detractors — and there are legitimate concerns — turning our backs on the global movement to limit climate change and mitigate its effects is a national policy mistake that must be corrected, and soon.

The decision by President Trump to withdraw from the accord creates a leadership vacuum that will be filled by others, mainly China. The United States will suffer a loss of influence that could place us at a serious disadvantage in areas such as joint research and development of new technologies, including carbon capture, use and storage (CCUS). Advances in such technologies not only offer the best hope for limiting global warming, but they also offer the promise of boosting the economies of nations that lead the way.

A policy of isolation will negatively impact our competitiveness in technology development. It will undermine the efforts of U.S. university researchers, corporations, and government laboratories that even now collaborate around the world with other nations in a quest to find solutions.

We have already lost technology edge in coal-fired plants

THE UNITED STATES has already ceded the technology edge in advanced coal-fired power plants. While the Obama administration was making sure no new coal-fired plants could be built in America, China, Japan and other nations were moving forward with advanced ultra-supercritical technology. Also referred to as High Efficiency Low Emission (HELE) systems, this technology allows coal to be burned at extremely high temperatures and pressures. Because HELE systems burn less coal to generate the same energy output as older designs, they also generate less pollution and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Today the United States, and in fact all of North America, has but one ultra-supercritical coal-fired plant, AEP’s John W. Turk Jr. Plant, built by Boilermakers and other union trades in Arkansas, which became operational in late 2012. By contrast, China reportedly had 46 such plants at the end of 2012 with orders for 100 more.

Technology advances by China and Japan, in particular, have led to those nations exporting advanced coal-fired designs, expanding their influence and economic clout.

The opportunity to lead the world in ultra-supercritical technology has passed us, and the window of opportunity to lead in CCUS may soon close if we do not stay engaged with the rest of the world — and if we do not invest substantially more of our resources in this area.

Climate accord is far from perfect

TO BE CLEAR, the climate accord has serious faults. For one thing, it is voluntary and lacks an enforcement mechanism. The nearly 200 participating nations establish their own goals for CO2 emission reduction, so-called intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs). But there is no penalty for not meeting those goals.

Furthermore, expectations are more severe for developed nations like the United States, Canada and European countries. The accord assumes that developed nations must make bigger cuts and meet their INDCs more quickly, while other
nations are given latitude to continue their emissions and to allow their rates of emission to actually increase for a period of time before actual reductions occur.

For example, China — the largest CO2 emitter in the world — has said it needs until 2030 to reach its peak emissions rate before emissions even begin to fall. That means the amount of CO2 it pumps into the atmosphere could continue to increase for the next 13 years.

On the other hand, the United States, under Obama, committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 26-28 percent below its 2005 level by 2025.

Of course, the U.S. INDC is now off the table with Trump’s decision to abandon the Paris climate accord, but the disparate treatment of developed vs. developing economies has been a major sticking point.

And finally, there is debate as to whether the accord’s goal of limiting temperature rise to 2°C (3.6°F) above the preindustrial level is even feasible. Some critics say the overall impact of the accord’s carbon-cutting — even if every nation achieved its full INDC — would have an almost imperceptible effect on global temperature rise while costing billions (some say trillions) of dollars annually and hurting the economies of the nations making those investments.

**Climate change requires a global response**

DESPITE ITS FAULTS, the Paris climate accord has one primary strength that cannot be ignored. It focuses world attention on the reality of climate change and guides the world toward a solution. While the accord’s collective emission goals are insufficient to materially reduce expected temperature increases, those goals are envisioned as a starting point, with more aggressive goals envisioned for the future.

To build a global consensus on any undertaking is itself an achievement. It has taken 25 years (dating back to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) to reach the Paris accord.

In the wake of Trump’s announcement to withdraw from the accord, governors from California, Washington and New York established the U.S. Climate Alliance to remain involved, and at least nine other states have pledged to stay involved. Mayors of some 300 U.S. cities have adopted the Paris accord since Trump’s pullout.

Many U.S. corporations also support continued involvement and have urged Trump to stay in. Companies fear the absence of the United States could lead to a pushback from the rest of the world, including possible boycotts or carbon-related trade tariffs.

World leaders have strongly condemned Trump’s decision to leave the accord, with former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon saying, “I think President Trump is standing on the wrong side of history.”

**President Trump must lead from the front on CCUS**

PRESIDENT TRUMP’S MUCH ballyhooed deal-making skills won’t be of much value if the nation has no voice in the Paris accord. We must re-engage with the other nations of the world. If the accord is imperfect — and it is — we must help change it. We cannot go it alone, and we cannot risk placing our industries at a disadvantage should other nations react to our absence with trade barriers.

The answer is not isolation; it’s firm, positive involvement that protects U.S. interests while helping move CCUS technologies forward. The world is a long, long way from ending its dependence on fossil fuels. We will need CCUS to constrain carbon dioxide and to convert carbon into valuable products rather than releasing CO2 into the atmosphere. The quicker we get there, the better for the climate. It will be necessary to rein in CO2 from gas-fired power plants as well as coal-fired plants — and from power-intensive industries like cement-making, aluminum smelting, petroleum refining and steel-making.

Climate change is a global challenge. It demands a global response, and we must lead from the front.

President Trump must restore America’s leadership in this global effort promptly by re-engaging in the Paris climate accord.
IR Trépanier leads 175,000 unionists in Quebec strike

Provincial government passes emergency law to force return to talks

MICHEL TRÉPANIER, an International Rep for the Boilermakers and a former Local 271 (Montreal) business manager, led a province-wide, seven-day general strike May 24-30 involving 175,000 Quebec construction workers. The action temporarily shut down construction projects across Quebec.

The strike followed four months of tough contract negotiations with industry employers, whose demands are unacceptable to the five labor federations of the Alliance Syndicale. Trépanier is president of one of the federations, the Quebec building trades, and was chosen as spokesperson for the entire alliance.

With the strike barely underway, the provincial government moved to pass emergency legislation forcing the union to return to negotiations under the threat of stiff penalties.
penalties. The two sides will have until October 31 to reach an agreement before government mediators establish terms of a new agreement.

Unionists decried the law as interfering with the rights of unions to take concerted action on behalf of their members.

“Our right to strike is gone,” said Trépanier. “We are going to contest the law before the Quebec Supreme Court.”

He said Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard undercut the union’s leverage by signaling beforehand that he would seek strike-halting emergency legislation.

Trépanier said three key issues separate the unions and employers: work schedules, overtime and wage increases. Employers want far greater latitude in arranging worker schedules, potentially forcing workers to report at different hours of the day, from day to day. Such changes, he said, would create havoc in planning personal time away from the job, calling the proposal a quality of life issue.

Employers also seek to undermine overtime rules by discontinuing double-time pay if weekday rains interrupt job activity and force union members to work Saturdays.

With the strike idling construction projects throughout Quebec, the action brought considerable media attention and public discussion. Trépanier said he averaged about 20 interviews with broadcast and print outlets each day of the strike.

“The union movement was amazing,” he said. “Everyone was on the same page, and it was good to see such a high level of solidarity.” He said the unity displayed by Local 271 members, led by BM-ST Bruno Guilmette, was “especially inspiring.”

Trépanier noted that the union alliance used social media effectively to keep members informed of the negotiations and strike effort. “We were very active with Facebook and attracted 80,000 new users,” he said. “We used Facebook Live [a video streaming application] to broadcast our union meetings to workers across the province.”

Joe Maloney, IVP-Canada, praised Trépanier’s leadership in marshalling overwhelming support from the five federations and their 175,000 members. Ninety-five percent of the unionists approved the strike vote, and workers turned out by the thousands to rally at the Quebec parliament among other sites.

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— Michel Trépanier
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Union solidarity ends Westinghouse lockout

New three-year contract puts 172 Boilermakers back to work

THE POWER OF union solidarity spurred Westinghouse Electric Co. to negotiate a new three-year contract with the members of Local 651 (Somerville, Massachusetts), ending the two-week lockout of 172 Boilermakers at the Newington, New Hampshire, facility that began May 21. Members ratified the agreement June 4 by a vote of 75-69.

At the Newington facility, union members make parts for nuclear power plant reactor cores. They produce the core barrel and all the internals, coolant pumps, motor stands and also the spare parts needed for shut downs.

Local 651 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer Michael DiClemente said members showed up on three picket lines 24 hours a day, without incident, and the International provided support for local members with signage, food and even portable toilets. The International also created a lockout fund, and the local set up a GoFundMe account.

“I believe [solidarity] forced the company to the table, and they moved,” DiClemente said. “With this contract, we have a lot more than we did with their ‘best and final’ offer. That’s what solidarity did. That’s what brotherhood did.”

In its last offer before the lockout, Westinghouse sought to strip severance provisions, cut defined benefits and drastically reduce health insurance benefits for the workers. In the new contract, DiClemente said the union got three of its four major demands including raises, severance provisions, and fewer health insurance cuts.

International Rep Miguel Fonseca said that support for the union also came from throughout the local community. He said New Hampshire state legislators, other unions, and even local media supported L-651’s efforts to negotiate a fair contract. “The fact that we got [Westinghouse] to move when they said they weren’t going to move is a huge victory,” he said. “The International gave members a lot of support to let them know they weren’t standing on their own.”

Industrial Sector Executive Director Tyler Brown said the International is “here to provide a service to our local lodges.” He said when something like a lockout occurs, meeting the need is a “huge team effort.” Brown noted the negotiating committee and members stood strong throughout the whole process, as did staff at the International. “People at all levels were fully engaged, working together as a team. It proves we can take on these big corporations and find victory for the workers in some of the toughest circumstances.”

After the lockout ended, the union filed an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board alleging Westinghouse unlawfully locked out members and did not bargain in good faith, since the company only met with the bargaining committee five times and walked out on a scheduled mediation session. Before being locked out, members were working under a 30-day contract extension. Brown said if the board rules in the union’s favor, Westinghouse may be liable for the two weeks’ pay members lost during the lockout.

“With all the challenges that workers face, the one thing that can help is having a union and the protections that it provides, such as a voice in the workplace, a collective bargaining agreement and a grievance procedure,” said Brown. “If these Westinghouse workers wouldn’t have had a union, they would have been at the mercy of their employer for their wages and benefits.”

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— Michael DiClemente, L-651 BM-ST

Photo opposite page: MEMBERS OF LOCAL 651 walk a picket line in front of Westinghouse’s Newington, New Hampshire, facility. After a two-week lockout, Westinghouse and the local signed a new three-year contract.
Labor Heritage Foundation honors IP Jones

Accolades given for Bank of Labor, social justice initiatives

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT NEWTON B. Jones received the 2017 Labor Heritage Foundation “Solidarity Forever Award” in ceremonies at AFL-CIO headquarters in Washington, D.C., May 19 for supporting labor history and culture through the Boilermaker History Preservation Department (BHPD).

LHF Executive Director Elise Bryant presented the honor.

Speaking about Jones’ achievements were A. Philip Randolph National President Clayola Brown, Ironworkers General President Eric Dean, Bricklayers International President James Boland, LHF Chair Saul Schniderman and Bridget Martin, Bank of Labor Senior Vice President of Marketing, Northeast.

Jones received praise not only for establishing the BHPD but also for re-envisioning the Boilermakers’ 93-year-old regional bank as Bank of Labor, which now offers services across the entire U.S. Labor Movement. He was also cited for his courage in addressing the historical injustice of segregated local lodges (common during the Jim Crow era of the 1940s) by offering a public apology on behalf of the Boilermakers union and commissioning a film describing that era through the eyes of former member Betty Soskin.

At 95, Soskin is the oldest full-time U.S. Park Service ranger and works at the Rosie the Riveter National Historic Park in Richmond, California.

“This award will have a special place in my office and my life as a daily reminder of our joint struggle and our unshakeable commitment to carry on the critical work of those who came before us in our great Labor Movement,” Jones said.

GALA HONORS RICHMOND SHIPYARDS’ ‘ROSIES’

AT ITS ANNUAL gala on April 8, the Rosie the Riveter Museum (Richmond, California) honored the legacy of women who worked at the Richmond Shipyards near San Francisco during World War II. During the war, women comprised 37 percent of all Boilermakers working at the shipyard. The “Rosies” held a wide variety of jobs, including welders, burners, ship fitters and general laborers. They also performed general clerical work.

Above, left to right, are Rosies Kay Morrison, Marian Sousa, Agnes Moore, Priscilla Elder, Marian Wynn and Phyllis Gould. All but Sousa are former Boilermakers. Photo courtesy of Kristopher Skinner/Bay Area News Group
SEA Tripartite meets on industry issues

Pension, recruitment, training, top agenda

PARTNERS IN THE Southeast Area Tripartite Alliance met April 10-12 in Destin, Florida, to review construction industry developments involving the Boilermakers, signatory contractors and owners.

Among the key topics addressed were changes to the Boilermaker-Blacksmith National Pension Trust and Boilermaker initiatives to ramp up training and recruitment.

CSO Executive Director John Fultz (now IVP-NE), along with Boilermaker National Funds Chief Operating Officer Lori Jasperson and BNF Director of Retirement Plans Christine King, provided an overview of the benefit trusts and explained recent revisions to the national pension and the underlying reasons why changes are necessary.

Jeffrey Hughes, the newly-appointed Director of National Training Services, said he will focus on evaluating instructor performance not only in the Southeast Section but also across the United States. He said special attention will be given to ensure that instructors who perform at their best either in a classroom or shop setting will be assigned accordingly. One area that needs improvement, he stressed, is the pass rate for Common Arc weld testing, the program that certifies Boilermakers before they report to a job site.

Tim Simmons, the newly-appointed Director of National Recruitment Services, explained how the union is identifying potential Boilermaker construction members, testing them and placing qualified new members on jobs. Simmons stressed the need to ensure that Boilermakers can fully man every job opportunity so that man-hours and benefit fund contributions are maximized.

MOST National Administrator Skipper Branscum walked conference participants through an abbreviated version of the Boilermaker Code program, which has earned high praise for changing attitudes and behavior on the job. Code training is being provided at locals across the country and, in some cases, on job sites.

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Other presenters included Mike Skaggs, TVA’s Executive Vice President for Operations, who provided an update of work on Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 2; Southern Company Craft Labor Manager Keith Metcalf, who discussed his experience and interaction with the Boilermakers and other skilled trades, along with developments in the power generation industry impacting his company; Bank of Labor Market President Mike Snowden, who described the bank’s national outreach efforts; Department of Government Affairs Director Cecile Conroy, who provided an overview of legislative and political developments under the Trump administration; and Director of Health and Safety Services Mark Garrett, who spoke about safety issues.

**Quilt brings in $4,240 for disaster relief**

**JoBeth Allison crafts unique fundraiser prize**

JOBETH ALLISON, WIFE of Local 69 (Little Rock, Arkansas) BM-ST Rodney Allison, used her quilt-making skills for an especially good cause - raising money for the Boilermakers’ Disaster Relief Fund. To create the quilt, she contacted construction lodges throughout the Southeast Section and requested T-shirts specific to each lodge. Then she worked the T’s into the quilt design. She also used T-shirts from MOST and the Southeast Joint Apprenticeship Committee.

The unique quilt was raffled off at the 2017 Southeast Area Tripartite Alliance conference in April and brought in a total of $4,240. Retired Special Assistant to the International President and Boilermaker Code trainer Steve Speed won the drawing. JoBeth also created a smaller version of the quilt, which she presented to IVP-SE Warren Fairley at the conference in appreciation of his leadership.

The disaster relief fund provides monetary assistance to members and their families impacted by floods, fires, tornadoes and other catastrophic events in the United States and Canada.
D.C. in turmoil under ‘political neophyte’

MORE THAN 100 DELEGATES attending the Boiler-makers’ 49th Annual LEAP Conference in Washington, D.C., April 23-26, found themselves in a city still reeling from the election of Republican Donald Trump and the uncertainties of a polarizing president who has promised major changes to the country’s direction.

The LEAP (Legislative Education Action Program) conference is put on each year by the Boilermakers’ Department of Government Affairs to promote political action and provide a springboard for union leaders to lobby Congress. During each conference, delegates hear from lawmakers, policy experts and other speakers before visiting their senators and representatives on Capitol Hill.

International President Newton B. Jones opened the 2017 conference with an assessment of the new Trump administration.

“We have a new president who is both a political neophyte and an enigma,” he said. “On the one hand, he expresses a desire to end unfair trade deals, rebuild our infrastructure, expand our naval fleet, make things in America again, and reign in excessive EPA regulations.”

Those positions are “music to our ears,” Jones noted. But achieving those aims will require more than just actions by the White House, he said. Legislation must clear Congress and may face judicial challenges, so success is far from guaranteed.

Other aspects of Trump’s administration are troubling, Jones stressed.

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“President Trump has configured an administration that includes Wall Street bankers and corporate moguls — people who have demonstrated they are either indifferent to or hostile toward organized labor and the needs of workers. And he has placed a conservative judge on the Supreme Court.”

Jones added that conservatives in Congress and in state houses are “raising their battle flags to enact national right-to-work legislation, to eliminate Davis-Bacon prevailing wage protections, to end project labor agreements, to handcuff union organizers and to weaken OSHA protections.”

Ornstein explains dysfunctional politics

LEAP KEYNOTE SPEAKER Norm Ornstein, a political commentator, journalist and resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, discussed the current state of politics in the United States and the bitter partisanship that has strangled cross-party cooperation. He said “angry populism,” in which voters distrust people in power and at times rise up to oppose them, “is part of our DNA” as a nation. It was angry populism, he said, that propelled Donald Trump to the presidency.

Ornstein noted that while political polarization is not new, adversarial lawmakers in the past still worked together to pass legislation. Today, however, the nation is gripped by what he called “partisan tribalism.” Ornstein explained that “tribalism fundamentally is [an attitude that] ‘if you’re for it, I’m against it – even if I was for it yesterday.’”

Populism and tribalism have led the nation into what Ornstein described as uncharted territory where we have a president who has no government experience and a Congress that refuses to work cooperatively on the nation’s business.

Bustos calls for job creation, improving healthcare

REP. CHERI BUSTOS (D-Illinois 17th) spoke about the need for Congress to support energy projects and fix the Affordable Care Act.

She said pipelines in general — and not just the big projects like Keystone XL — are important to jobs.

“Let’s look at the millions of miles of pipeline that are beneath the ground right now and see what we can do to make sure those are up to the standard of the newer ones.” She noted that Congress is too focused on controversial projects like Keystone and not enough on long-term job creation.

Addressing health care, Bustos said initial health care reform backed by President Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan would have been the “greatest transfer of wealth in the history of our country — $600 billion — from working men and women to the ultra-wealthy.”

She said it’s important to eliminate the Cadillac Tax (a 40 percent excise tax on annual premiums leveled against most employer-sponsored health care), which hurts working families.

Joyce urges more infrastructure spending

REP. DAVID JOYCE (R-Ohio 14th) spoke about the need for funding to put the U.S. to work and improve the country’s infrastructure.

“Last year China spent $100 billion in other countries building infrastructure,” said Joyce. “Here in America, we’d be lucky to [invest] $58 billion a year for the next four years.”

Joyce said he wished the president would have addressed infrastructure first instead of health care, because he would have had a receptive audience. He said members of both parties care deeply about the country’s infra-
structure, and “making sure that the best and brightest, like [the Boilermakers], do the work. It’s important that we rebuild America.”

Joyce also criticized the Cadillac Tax. He said if it isn’t repealed there will be companies that will do less for their employees to keep costs down. “That’s a race to the bottom...”

Angielski outlines fossil fuel messaging

SHANNON ANGIELSKI, A principal with the law firm of Van Ness Feldman and Executive Director of the Carbon Utilization Research Council, explained CURC’s perspective on promoting fossil fuel use, stressing the need for carbon capture, use and storage (CCUS) technologies.

She called the U.S. electric energy system, with its low cost and high reliability, “an economic engine” that has been a major factor in global competitiveness. The role of fossil fuels in powering that engine needs to be communicated to policymakers, she said.

Angielski called on delegates to tell Congress that federal funding for research and development and regulatory reform are essential for the United States to develop CCUS technologies domestically and lead the global market. She stressed that CCUS must be applied to industrial emission sources, not just power generation facilities.

Drake blasts NAFTA

AFL-CIO TRADE POLICY Specialist Celeste Drake briefed delegates on trade issues, including the North American Free Trade Agreement. Drake said NAFTA gave corporations more rights than workers, and it cost jobs, suppressed wages and hurt unions.

“It’s not an accident that union density in the U.S. has fallen, and it’s harder to organize a new plant,” said Drake, who noted that wages stagnated in the U.S., Canada and in Mexico because of NAFTA. “ Corporations have the real power in NAFTA; workers don’t.”

Drake said President Trump has taken tiny steps on NAFTA and trade, mainly ordering studies and promoting a “Buy American” policy, but he has done nothing that will change what’s going on in our economy. Official NAFTA renegotiations have yet to start.

“It’s our job to make sure that the Wall Street guys in the White House that want to do the same things they’ve always been doing don’t win [and that unions] have more influence than the Wall Street folks.”

Channon examines CETA

CORY CHANNON, ASSISTANT Director for the Construction Sector in Canada, raised concerns about CETA, the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union, warning of its detriment to the Canadian Labour Movement.

CETA, which will likely take effect in July, will require the Canadian government to “treat European Union companies as if they were Canadian,” said Channon. CETA also allows for mutual recognition agreements, which “lets low-wage European companies compete on the same footing as Canadian employers,” he said.

Channon said CETA will likely devalue apprenticeship and certification systems, compromise jurisdictional agreements, lower safety standards, and threaten the jobs and living standards of Canadian Boilermakers.

He called for fellow Canadians to contact their members of Parliament and argue for industry-based exclusions to CETA, and to monitor and intervene in Mutual Recognition Agreements between trading partners.

See related stories in this issue on Legislator of the Year Rep. Frank LoBiondo, Hill visits, CAF and LEF awards, and a tribute to the late Gerard “Mozzy” Maciejewski.
New Jersey congressman cited for record in common sense policies

FOR OVER 20 years, Frank LoBiondo has forged a reputation as a solid moderate lawmaker who works both sides of the aisle on behalf of hard-working Americans. The U.S. Representative from New Jersey’s 2nd congressional district received the Abe Breehey Legislator of the Year award April 25 during the Boilermakers’ annual LEAP conference in Washington, D.C.

International President Newton B. Jones introduced LoBiondo and presented him with the award, which is named for the union’s late legislative director who passed away unexpectedly in 2011.

Jones said LoBiondo has always looked for common ground on issues and crafted common sense policies. He cited LoBiondo’s support of emergency unemployment benefits in the aftermath of the 2008 recession and his opposition to weakening collective bargaining rights.

“He believes that he is elected to Congress to make things better for his constituents, not score political points for himself or his party,” said Jones. “Representative LoBiondo has consistently shown a commitment to the working men and women of our country. He has long has been willing to buck his party and side with labor.”

LoBiondo, who serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, “has been an invaluable ally on many key issues important to us,” said Jones.

Where the current administration has talked of doing away with project labor agreements, LoBiondo opposed legislation in that direction. He told LEAP delegates, “I’ve seen the importance of Davis-Bacon and project labor agreements up-close and personal.”

LoBiondo said besides attacking project labor agreements, the current administration may also challenge the Jones Act. During his 12 years chairing the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, LoBiondo came to a clear understanding of the act’s importance.

“I think it would be a tragedy of the highest magnitude if we were to damage or do away with the Jones Act,” he said. “This is critical to the United States of America.” He stressed that there is strong bipartisan support for the act.

“We haven’t had to test it, but we’re going to be ready if that comes up.”

Concerning health care, LoBiondo said what is currently proposed to replace the Affordable Care Act “will not get my vote. That Cadillac tax has got to be repealed. It’s absolutely devastating. I will work with my colleagues, and we’ll try to do that.”

LoBiondo thanked the Boilermakers and said it was our union that deserved an award, noting that the Boilermakers, along with all of organized labor, “are the backbone of the country. You build and rebuild this country. And in every segment of our economy you’re needed — and often not respected enough.”
LEAP conference remembers “Mozzy”

Late Gerard Maciejewski was fund-raising dynamo

AT THE START of the 2017 LEAP conference, IVP-NE D. David Haggerty gave a special nod to the late Gerard “Mozzy” Maciejewski, of Local 107 in Milwaukee. Mozzy was extraordinarily passionate about his union and the necessity of political involvement. He was well known as a dynamo at raising money for LEAP and did so with great energy and pride. A highlight of his life was attending the 2008 Democratic National Convention as a delegate, referring to the event as “the Super Bowl” of his political involvement.

Haggerty told the LEAP gathering in Washington: “Last October, we lost Mozzy. He worked tirelessly to support LEAP with contributions. He was just an amazing man, a great guy and a dear friend for many years. He will be dearly missed."

![Image of Gerard Maciejewski](image_url)

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Boilermakers seek consensus on energy, shipbuilding, health care and trade

LEAP DELEGATES FROM across the United States brought Boilermaker issues to the attention of legislators on Capitol Hill April 24-26, getting valuable face time with U.S. senators and representatives, as well as their staff.

This year, delegates sought action in four areas: a balanced energy policy that grows high-quality jobs and supports the research and development of carbon capture use and storage; support of fair trade deals that provide more equitable outcomes to working families, not more profits for multinational corporations; the preservation of the Jones Act (a law designed to protect domestic shipbuilding) and other issues important to U.S. shipbuilding; and the repeal of burdensome health care taxes, such as the Cadillac Tax (a 40 percent excise tax on the cost of employer-based health insurance above a certain threshold), which would impact the Boilermakers National Health and Welfare Fund and other such plans.

When meeting with two aides from the office of Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Oregon), Mike Anthony, Local 502 (Tacoma, Washington), argued for clean coal technology and an “all of the above” energy policy. “In my local, we have a coal-fired boiler that’s destined to be shut down in 2020 and a sister boiler in 2025,” he said, noting that the impending shutdowns might not have happened if there had been money going into research for CCUS.

Driving the point home, International Rep Fred Rumsey asked an aide for help on CCUS tax credits. “Keep your ear to the ground on legislation coming through on a vote for 45Q [renewal of the U.S. statute providing for the credits],” he said. “We’d appreciate any efforts to support it.”

Other delegates visiting with Merkley aides were Steve Behling, Local 104 (Seattle); Deanna Cain, Local 290 (Bremerton, Washington); Travis Dilley, Local 242 (Spokane, Washington); IR Gary Powers; Ben Heurung, Local 104; Mark Leighton, Local 290; Rachel Montoy, Local 290; Erik Seaberg, Local 502; and Timothy Tibbs, Local 290.

Meeting with aides in the office of Sen. Pat Toomy (R-Pennsylvania), delegates from construction and shop
Local 13 (Philadelphia), shipbuilding Local 19 (Philadelphia) and Local 154 (Pittsburgh) discussed the importance of the Jones Act. Delegates also sought funding for coal energy research and development. The delegation included Alex Biddy, Local 19; AD-CS/Canada Cory Channon; Sean Coleman, Local 13; Ray Doria, Local 154; James Hall, Local 19; Edward Harkins, Local 13; Acting Business Manager John Hughes, Local 154; and Max Tritz Jr., Local 19.

Delegates also met with their representatives from Congress. Abe Babcock, Rob Martin and Tim Timmons from Local 85 (Toledo, Ohio) met with an aide of Rep. Jim Jordan (R-4th Ohio). During the meeting, Timmons said the United States can’t rely on only one source of energy, particularly renewables. He also spoke about unfair trade deals like NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), that hurts American workers.

“All you have to do is go back to our district to see the devastation that’s been created by NAFTA, and other bad trade deals,” said Timmons. “What we’re looking for is for labor organizations to have input.”

In another lobbying effort, members from Local 169 (Detroit) met with an aide to Rep. Paul Mitchell (R-10th Michigan). Business Manager-Secretary/Treasurer Bob Hutsell said they reach across the aisle during visits to Capitol Hill. “We don’t just support Democrats. We support anybody that supports a Boilermaker agenda.”

During the meeting, delegate Jimmy Kaffenberger requested support for the Jones Act. “It seems like every year they try to weaken it. We believe it needs to stay strong.”

There was also a lively discussion on energy. Lori Custer explained the need for energy diversity. “Michigan is a manufacturing and industrial state, especially in the lower half of the state, and having a diverse portfolio of energy supply is essential for growth,” she said.

Other delegates in the meeting were Donald Fajardo, Kevin Tagger and Jim Calouette.

When meeting with Rep. Gary Palmer (R-6th Alabama), IR Ronnie Dexter and CSO Director of Recruiting Tim Simmons, both from Alabama, sought common ground with Palmer on onerous health care taxation.

“The Cadillac Tax is ridiculous,” said Simmons. “It’s going to hit middle income people the hardest.”

Palmer agreed that health care needed reform. He said that even if people could afford the premium, they might not have enough money to use their policy if they became ill.

Simmons also pushed for better trade deals. “NAFTA wiped my town out. There’s no major industry in Centreville anymore,” he said.
THE 2017 LEAP Congressional Reception drew federal lawmakers and other guests to the Mayflower Hotel April 25, including many in Congress who had just returned to Washington, D.C., following a recess.

The annual event allows Boilermaker delegates from across the country to meet with their elected representatives in an informal setting that is conducive to building relationships. Conversations begun earlier in the day on Capitol Hill are often continued during the reception and can lead to a better understanding of the union’s issues and the needs of Boilermaker members and their families.

Following are photos of the congressmen and women who attended the event to be with Boilermaker delegates.
REP. SHEILA JACKSON LEE (D-TX 18th) with, l. to r., Mark Thompson, L-132; IVP Warren Fairley; IP Newton Jones; and IR Clay Herford.

REP. RICK NOLAN (D-MN 8th), second from left, with, l. to r., Stacey Bendish, L-647; IP Newton Jones; Luke Voigt, L-647; and IVP Larry McManamon.
REP. JOSH GOTTHEIMER (D-NJ 5th), second from left, with, l. to r., Dave Addison, L-28; IP Newton Jones; and James Chew, L-28.

REP. DONALD PAYNE JR. (D-NJ 10th), second from right, with, l. to r., L-28 delegates Dave Addison and James Chew; and IP Newton Jones.
REP. TOM O’HALLERAN (D-AZ 1st), third from right, with, l. to r., Shane Ferreira, L-627; Trent Sorensen, AST-BHPD; Wesley Dale, L-627; Louis Dodson Jr., L-4; IVP J. Tom Baca; IP Newton Jones; Jacob Evenson, L-627; and Tawn Billy, L-4.

REP. RUBEN GALLEGO (D-AZ 7th) fourth from right, with, l. to r., Louis Dodson Jr., L-4; Wesley Dale, L-627; Tawn Billy, L-4; Jacob Evenson, L-627; IVP J. Tom Baca; IP Newton Jones; Trent Sorensen, AST-BHPD; and Shane Ferreira, L-627.
SEN. TIM KAINE (D-VA), center, with, l. to r., Danny Watson, L-45; IP Newton Jones; IVP-NE Dave Haggerty; and IR Frank Hartsoe.

REP. MARCY KAPTUR (D-OH 9th) with, l. to r., Abraham Babcock and Rob Martin, L-85; Scott Hammond, L-105; IR Pat Stefancin; IP Newton Jones; and Jimmy McManamon, L-744.
REP. BILL FOSTER (D-IL 11th), fifth from left, with l. to r., IR Bill Staggs; Gary Lusk, L-60; Eli Matthews, L-1247; IP Newton Jones; James Young, L-1247; Kirk Cooper, L-60; IR Miguel Fonseca; IVP Larry McManamon; and ED-QCCUS/AD-CSO Eugene Forkin.

REP. BRENDA LAWRENCE (D-MI 14th), fifth from right, with l. to r., L-169 delegates Donald Fajardo, Jim Calouette, Lori Custer and Bob Hutsell; IR Pat Stefancin; IP Newton Jones; Kevin Tagger, L-169; IVP Larry McManamon; and James Kaffenberger, L-169.
REP. CAROLYN MALONEY (D-NY 12th) with, l. to r., L-5’s Moises Fernandez and Chris Donahue; IP Newton Jones; L-5’s Andrew Labeck and Tom Ryan; and IR Miguel Fonseca.

REP. YVETTE CLARKE (D-NY 9th), with, l. to r., L-5’s Chris Donahue and Moises Fernandez; IP Newton Jones; L-5’s Andrew Labeck and Tom Ryan; and IR Miguel Fonseca.
REP. JOYCE BEATTY (D-OH 3rd) with, l. to r., Abraham Babcock and Rob Martin, L-85; Paul Price, L-154; Scott Hammond, L-105; IP Newton Jones; IVP Larry McManamon; IR Pat Stefancin; and Jimmy McManamon and Larry McManamon Jr., L-744.

REP. DAVID CICILLINE (D-RI 1st), fifth from left; with, l. to r., John Adamson, L-614; Sean Kelly, L-29; Peter LeComte, L-29; IP Newton Jones; Frank Ward, L-614; Scott Burke, L-29; Chuck Hancock, L-29; Patrick Joyce, L-614; and guest Kathy Hall.
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BOILERMAKERS EMBRACE EMERGING WELDING TECHNOLOGY

Local 92 meets increasing demand for qualified craftsmen

LOCAL 92 (LOS ANGELES) is embracing new technology to stay attractive to contractors in a highly competitive market and to meet increased demand for qualified welders in California. For the past two years, L-92 has trained journeymen and qualified fourth-year apprentices in flux-core welding using PipeWorx 350 FieldPro, a Regulated Metal Deposition (RMD™) system, according to Oscar Davila, L-92 president and training instructor.

RMD, a modified short-circuit MIG process, produces high-quality welds on the root pass with a stable arc. It also significantly cuts welding time by eliminating back purge on certain alloys. Davila said training takes about a week and that the response has been good, because members are excited to learn new technology as it becomes available.

Davila noted the training has put L-92 workers in high demand, because three major contractors are already using FieldPro, and a lot of others are considering it. He said there is a growing demand for qualified welders in California. He attributes the continued increase to a new California state law requiring at least 60 percent of workers in the state’s 19 refineries be graduates of an apprenticeship program certified by the state. He expects L-92 to grow significantly — around double the current 600 members — making training in current and emerging technologies even more vital.
Local 106 members create twin towers replica for 9/11 memorial

Traveling memorial honors victims of the World Trade Center attack

MEMBERS OF LOCAL 106 (Cincinnati) created a stunning 7-foot replica of the twin towers as an addition to 9/11 Steel, a Cincinnati traveling memorial honoring the victims of 9/11. The original memorial consisted of a 12-foot section of twisted structural steel from the World Trade Center that had been donated to the Fire Museum of Greater Cincinnati and maintained by volunteers of the city’s Goodtimers Foundation. For years, the steel had been displayed alone, on a flatbed trailer.

When a member of the Goodtimers approached Jim Stapf, L-106, about enhancing the 911 Steel memorial, Stapf asked his employer, Enerfab, for support. With Enerfab’s contribution of materials, and the space to create the towers, L-106 President Tim Parsons and Stapf got to work. Parsons said he and Stapf designed, programmed and used a computer numerical control machine to create the twin tower replicas. For safer travel, they made and mounted hinges so the towers could lie horizontal during transport. They also added a diamond plate to the trailer. According to Parsons, the project took approximately 200 hours to complete.

“It’s important to remember those who lost their lives during 9/11,” said Parsons. “We were honored to contribute our time to the project.”

The newly-renovated 911 Steel memorial was unveiled at a ceremony in Cincinnati March 30. In early April, Parsons and Stapf, along with other volunteers, walked alongside 911 Steel during the Cincinnati Reds opening day parade.

“We are extremely proud of this memorial, and grateful to Enerfab, the Boilermakers and Garden Path Landscape [which provided new lighting for the memorial],” said Paul Weber, a board member with the Fire Museum of Greater Cincinnati. “As a retired Cincinnati firefighter who lost two friends in the World Trade Center attacks, the 911 Steel memorial has a special place in my heart.”

If you are interested in seeing the exhibit, visit www.911steel.com for more information.

THE RENOVATED 911 STEEL MEMORIAL IS UNVEILED at a ceremony at the Green Township Administration building in Cincinnati March 30. Photo courtesy of Deborah Reynolds
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Music and dance cheer vets across the U.S.

CAMDEN CHOPLICK, SON of Philadelphia Local 13 member Chester Choplick, is touring the United States to entertain hospitalized veterans through song and dance. Camden is a member of Re-Creation, a group founded in 1976 that performs in Veteran’s Administration medical centers in all 50 states. During the nine-person, interactive shows, the audience hears familiar songs with unique vocal arrangements, enhanced by dance routines and costumes. In addition to performing for veterans, Re-Creation presents around 300 fundraising shows a year.

According to Mary Reich, Re-Creation group director, their mission is to remind veterans they are not alone, that there are people in this country who appreciate what they’ve done for America. Re-Creation is also impactful for the young people who perform. “Being in the group is a life-changing experience,” she said.

Chester Choplick, who has seen his son perform multiple times, said that Re-Creation energizes those in the audience both during the performance and through personal interaction after the show. He said the shows are making a difference by “bringing up the spirits of vets. It completely transforms them in such a short time.”

Camden, 19, who sings tenor, started with Re-Creation in July 2016 and will continue with the group through July of this year. Even though the schedule can be demanding, with up to two shows a day, he said it’s an honor to perform.

Camden said that going into VA hospitals gives him the opportunity to meet the men and women who served in the military. “It changes a person in multiple ways, and what you get out of it internally is amazing and beautiful.”

Find out more about Re-Creation and how to become involved at www.re-creationusa.org

CAMDEN CHOPLICK, fourth from left, son of L-13 member Chester Choplick, along with other members of the group Re-Creation, meet with a veteran at Nottingham Village in Northumberland, Pa.
The Union Plus Mortgage program is one of some 40 benefits available to help union members. The program is for union members and their parents and children. Benefits include mortgage hardship assistance to help protect members’ homes in the face of financial hardship. With Union Plus, a mortgage is more than a monthly payment. It’s long-term protection for everything your home means to you.

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VO-TECH STUDENTS SEEKING high-paying welding jobs with the Boilermakers received an opportunity to test their skills at the Tom P. Haney Technical Center in Panama City, Florida, recently, according to Tim Simmons, the Boilermakers’ Director of Recruiting. Simmons said qualified welders are in high demand across the country, so graduates of technical schools and high schools with welding programs, especially MIG welders, have an excellent opportunity to find high-paying welding jobs with the Boilermakers, or welding apprenticeships.

Pictured from left to right, instructor Steve Youngblood, Austin Chaille, Richard Morris, Dakota Roy, Taylor Davidson, instructor Paul Richardson, Daniel Speigelman, Laeton Mowatt, instructor Eric Johnson and Simmons.
Local 1 • Chicago
JOHN F. RIEL, BM-ST of Local 1, Chicago, reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

55 YEARS Kenneth Malecki; and
25 YEARS Kevin Conde, Kenneth Nading.

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45 YEARS John N. Miserocchi Jr.;
40 YEARS Edward R. Goodhart, Jerry A. Kissane Sr.;
35 YEARS Gregory Donahue, Arthur M. Morgan, Paul E. Ostrosky;
30 YEARS Paul M. Laskowski, Andreas F. Staton; and

Local 60 • Peoria, Illinois
GARY L. LUSK, BM-ST of Local 60, Peoria, Illinois, reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

60 YEARS Rondell Barnes;
50 YEARS Mike George, Jim Scobell;
40 YEARS Gene Kowalski, Dwain Harrison, Mel Hill, Doyle Sawyer, Bob Sears, Jeff Vincent, Jeff Wallace, Ed Weatherford, Scott Wilson, Bob Yates, Ed Hebert;
20 YEARS Bob Plemons; and
15 YEARS Lonnie Imel, Jim Cook, Valentino Salinas.

Local 83 • Kansas City, Missouri
JOE LEWANDOWSKI, BM-ST of Local 83, Kansas City, Missouri, reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

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20 YEARS Jason Fisher, Gary Gasche, Jackie Nash, Thomas Rouse; and

Local 191 • Victoria, BC
CHARLES G. WHITE, BM-ST of Local 191, Victoria, BC, reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

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30 YEARS Gerry Chisholm, Glenn McGowan, Kelly Nellesyn, John Perry;
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45 YEARS  James R. Field, Gerald L. Pelke, Ricky Taylor;
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The death benefit plan under the Boilermaker-Blacksmith National Pension Trust has paid the beneficiaries of the following deceased members who were covered by the plan since the last issue of our publication. If you have not yet been furnished this information, contact your local lodge, secure the beneficiary forms, complete the required information, and forward to the Administrative Office of the Pension Fund, 754 Minnesota Avenue, Suite 522, Kansas City, KS 66101, at the earliest possible date.

NOTE: These additional death benefits can only be derived for members who worked under a collective bargaining agreement with an employer contributing to the Boilermaker-Blacksmith National Pension Trust.

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