Southeast Section to be represented by IVP Fairley

SAM H. MAY retired June 30 as International Vice President of the Southeast Section, a position he had held since July 24, 2003.

May began his career as a Boilermaker in 1969 and joined Local Lodge 454, Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1970. He graduated from the local’s apprentice program in 1973, earning an outstanding apprentice award.

May served Local 454 as recording secretary, vice president, and president. In 1991, he became the local’s business manager, and in 1996 he became business manager/executive secretary for District 57, which encompasses five locals with jurisdiction that covers parts of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and North Carolina, and all of South Carolina and Tennessee.

May earned considerable praise for his work on the law committee for the International’s consolidated convention in 1996 and chairmanship of that...
Industrial Sector meets in Las Vegas

More than 200 delegates gather for second conference

THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR conference held at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas Aug 16-20 surpassed attendance at the inaugural event last year, attracting 222 delegates from across the United States and Canada.

The conference included plenary meetings for all participants as well as 42 break-out sessions that focused on specific areas and industries. Thirty-six speakers addressed the delegates. They spoke about building the union, pensions, health care, FMLA, labor law, safety, legislative issues, bookkeeping, conducting audits, Boilermaker history, and other topics.

The conference featured presentations by labor officials, educators, attorneys, and government officials representing the Department of Labor, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Railroad Retirement Board, and the National Labor Relations Board.

Also presenting were Blake & Uhlig, the Boilermaker National Funds office, a consultant for the Boilermakers National Pension and Welfare Funds (Canada), and International staff.

Conference gets high marks

ISO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Jim Pressley said the conference received high marks based on feedback forms completed by delegates. “Participants indicated that they liked the facilities at Caesars Palace, the quality of the presenters, and the variety of content that was available.”

“While we were happy with how well the first Industrial Sector Conference turned out last year, I think this year’s event was even better,” he said. “Attendance at the various presentations was phenomenal; delegates showed they came to expand their knowledge and sharpen their skills.”

Pressley said he was impressed with the participation and support of Canadian members. “International Reps Richard MacIntosh and Kent Oliver did a great job of coordinating the Canadian presentations, and a substantial number of Canadian members attended.”

Pressley also praised Canadian International Vice Presidents Joe Maloney and Ed Power, “for their generous support of the conference reception.”

IVP Fairley calls for rebuilding manufacturing base

IN HIS OPENING remarks at the conference, IVP Warren Fairley gave a sobering assessment of American manufacturing and why the U.S. economy has faltered.

“In the last 10 years we’ve lost 5.5 million manufacturing jobs; we’ve closed 50,000 manufacturing facilities,” he said. “At the end of 2009, manufacturing employment was close to the same level as it was in the 1940s. Simply put, our system is broken.”

Fairley said he recently received three pieces of mail that, taken together, demonstrate the problems faced by American manufacturers. Two letters announced layoffs at American crane manufacturers. The third letter was from the Department of the Navy announcing that it had just signed a $29 million contract with South Korea to build cranes.

“Until we decide in the United States that we are going to make things again, and until we decide that we are going to hold the government accountable for the way they spend our money, the economic security of our citizens will always be at risk,” he said.

The news has been dismal for U.S. shipbuilders as well, Fairley said. He is currently negotiating a plant closure agreement involving the Avondale shipyard, near New Orleans, where Local 1814 (Bridge City, La.) members are employed by Northrop Grumman. And two commercial shipbuilders — NASSCO and Aker — have announced layoffs. Those shipyards employ members of Local 1998 (National City, Calif.) and Local 19 (Philadelphia).

While the situation is bleak, Fairley expressed optimism that U.S. manufacturing can recover. “I know we have a long way to go, but we can get there. We absolutely have to get there. It’s going to take business and labor moving beyond differences to promote shared goals. Right now the goal we all should share, the goal we must share, is getting our economy moving again and getting America building things again.”

“Light fires,” says Elaine Bernard

KEYNOTE SPEAKER ELAINE Bernard, executive director of the Labor and Worklife Program at Harvard Law School, stressed the importance of motivating members to become activists. Her presentation was titled “Lighting Fires vs. Putting Them Out.”

Bernard said that most members in unions today were not part of the organizing effort that created their union. Instead, they “discovered” that they were in a union by virtue of getting a job with an employer that was party to a collective bargaining agreement. That situation leads to a view by many members that the union consists of labor leaders and staff and acts mainly as an “insurance policy” for when something goes wrong. If unions are to increase their power and influence, they need to rebuild the movement.

ELAINE BERNARD, executive director of the Harvard Labor and Worklife Program, urges lodge leaders to “light fires” for their members.
influence, members must take an active role, she said. They need to “experience” the labor movement.

Bernard challenged delegates to think back to when they ﬁrst became active in the union and to try to create similar experiences for their members to become activists — in other words, to “light ﬁres” for them.

Phee Jung-sun calls for international collaboration

PHEE JUNG-SUN, the Materials Sector ofﬁcer for the International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine, and General Workers Unions (ICEM), discussed the importance of global solidarity and the challenges workers face in dealing with transnational companies.

He said large, multinational companies are difﬁcult to negotiate with because of their power and the diﬃculty unions have in getting speciﬁc operational and ﬁnancial information about them. The goal of union networks like ICEM is to develop global labor standards and to persuade transnational companies to sign a “global framework agreement” in which those companies indicate their acceptance of general principles regarding worker rights.

Jung-sun said that while the economic crisis has hit the United States hard, many other regions of the world are impacted by the loss of jobs, too. Workers everywhere are affected by the changing nature of companies, he observed, including the increased use of contract workers and ownership by investment ﬁrms that care more about return on investments than the future of the company or its employees.

He thanked the Boilermakers union for becoming involved in ICEM, noting that Intl. Pres. Newton B. Jones serves as chair of the ICEM Materials Sector and IVP Warren Fairley serves on the Materials Sector Committee. He also praised the Boilermakers for helping to spearhead the North American Cement and Building Materials Union Network (NACBMUN) to coordinate bargaining with the Steelworkers, Mine Workers, Laborers, and Teamsters. This network is an example of global cooperation that has already paid oﬀ, pressure from NACBMUN and ICEM convinced Lafarge to return to the bargaining table, as described in a story in the Jan-Mar Reporter.

BRS president calls for broader vision, activism

W. DAN PICKETT, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, drew parallels between his union and the Boilermakers, both of which were organized more than 100 years ago. “Both of our fine organizations have been successful in attaining [better working conditions, wages, and beneﬁts]. It is a constant battle to retain and expand what we have, and we must never ever give up the ﬁght. All of the things that we have achieved we have achieved through solidarity.”

Pickett said that for the labor movement to regain its place “our vision must be broad enough to see all workers in the same way that we see ourselves and our fellow workers.” He said hostile media continue to deﬁne what organized labor is, noting, “If our vision is to be heard above the noise of our opponents…we must learn to stand together again.”

Pickett urged individual union members to become activists and to promote labor in their homes, at their churches, and other places where they interact with people. He said labor must deﬁne itself and the good it does, rather than allowing our enemies to deﬁne us.

Union looks ahead to next conference, convention

AT THE CONCLUSION of the Industrial Sector conference, ED-CSO Jim Pressley reminded delegates about the 2011 consolidated convention, which will also be held at Caesars Palace next July. He noted that every 15 years the convention coincides with the election cycle for local lodge ofﬁcers, so that those elections and the election of delegates to the convention will occur in the same year. That will be the situation in 2011.

Pressley said all lodges will receive correspondence later this year regarding any election schedule changes that may be necessary. He also advised that the next Industrial Sector conference will be an abbreviated meeting held just prior to the consolidated convention.
Canadian building trades conference focuses on economy

Event draws Boilermakers from across Canada

“WE BUILD THIS country, and our views and issues deserve to be heard at every level of government,” IVP Joe Maloney said in his opening remarks to the 2010 Canadian Building and Construction Trades Department policy conference, held in the nation’s capital city of Ottawa, Ontario, May 10-13. Maloney, who is chairman of the Canadian BCTD Executive Council, added, “Our work and our sacrifices have earned us that respect.”

The event’s theme was: “Take it back: winning in today’s economy.” The conference drew union leaders from across Canada, including more than two dozen Boilermakers. Its purpose was to define issues that are vital to the Canadian trades and lobby legislators for support. Officials from the Canadian Ministry, members of Parliament and provincial governments, and industry representatives also attended.

Keynote speaker retired General Rick Hillier spoke about “the power of one,” a reference to individuals he has met during his military career who overcame personal difficulties to make a difference. Hillier held Canada’s top military position as chief of the defense staff before his retirement in 2008 and commanded the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2004.

Also addressing the conference were Mark Ayers, president of the Building and Construction Trades Department; Robert Blakely, director of Canadian affairs for the building trades; Keith Ashfield, minister of national revenue; Lisa Raitt, federal minister of labour; Mark Sherman, refinery general manager for Irving Oil; Valerie Keyes, executive director for the Canadian Forces Liaison Council; Pat Martin, New Democratic Party (NDP) member of Parliament, Winnipeg; Chris Charlton, NDP member of Parliament, Hamilton; Ron Generex, Suncor Energy Services; Don Areneault, New Brunswick minister of labour and deputy premier; and Michael Ignatieff, leader of the Official Opposition.

Delegates debated and voted on 20 resolutions, among them the creation of a value construction program for each political jurisdiction in Canada, the construction of a workers’ memorial, and a ban on asbestos.

During the conference, many delegates, including Boilermakers, met with government and opposition members of Parliament to discuss legislative concerns such as infrastructure development, the interprovincial Red Seal program (a skills certification for construction industry workers), and tax fairness for construction workers traveling long distances for employment.

IVP Maloney met with Prime Minister Stephen Harper to voice support for a change to the Income Tax Act that would allow construction workers to write off their travel and living expenses when they leave their principal residences to work on a temporary basis.

Attending the conference from the Boilermakers union were IVP Maloney, IVP Ed Power, Jim Tinney, AIP/AD-CSO-Canada/D-QCC-Canada; Canadian National Training Director Grant Jacobs; AIP-CSO Cory Channnon; Canadian National Director, Health & Safety Jason McInnis; International Reps Richard Machtonish, Kent Oliver, Stan Petronski, Norm Ross, and Guy Villemure; BM-ST Jim Watson, L-128 (Toronto, Ontario); BM-ST Warren Fraleigh, L-146 (Edmonton, Alberta); BM-ST Michel Trepanian, L-271 (Montreal, Quebec); BM-ST Phil Halley, L-359 (Vancouver, British Colombia); President Jim Quinn, L-451 (Flin Flon, Manitoba); President Curt Nestroy, L-532 (Regina, Saskatchewan); BM-ST Dallas Rogers, L-555 (Winnipeg, Manitoba); L-73 (Halifax, Nova Scotia) Business Reps Kim Blyth and Derek Carey, L-128 Business Rep Kyle Groulx; L-128 Training Coordinator Scott McMahon; L-146 Business Reps Ward Wagner and Arnie Stadden; L-451 Sec. Treas. Elian MacDonald; and L-532 Sec. Treas. Len Brodner.

Also attending were Elaine Jackson, assistant to IVP Maloney, and MOST Boilermaker Delivery System (BDS) Program Manager Jayne Clements.

DOE announces $1B for FutureGen 2.0

Carbon capture and storage program will include world’s first commercial-scale oxy-combustion unit; could boost Boilermaker work

THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION signaled its continuing commitment to advanced coal technology Aug. 5 when the Department of Energy announced a $1 billion award for a carbon capture and storage program in downtown Illinois known as FutureGen 2.0.

Three firms will share in the award, which will be allocated from Recovery Act funding. The firms include Ameren Energy Resources, Babcock & Wilcox, and Air Liquide Process & Construction Inc. The program will involve “repowering” a 200-megawatt coal-fired unit at Ameren’s Meredosia, Ill., plant with oxy-combustion technology, to strip away carbon dioxide (CO2), and building a new pipeline to carry the CO2 about 150 miles to a regional storage site in Mattoon, Ill., where it will be permanently injected deep underground. The pipeline will transport an estimated one million tons of CO2 annually.

The project partners estimate that 900 jobs will be created in the region, with another 1,000 new jobs in the supply industries. According to Ameren, retrofitting the Meredosia plant will require 500 construction workers and will include a new boiler, air separation unit, and CO2 purification and compression unit. Boilermakers are expected to be involved in much of that work, said Legislative Director Abe Breehey. He added that since the project is funded under the Recovery Act, Davis-Bacon wage protections will apply.

The FutureGen 2.0 program is based on an earlier concept known simply as FutureGen. That program envisioned building a new power plant on site at Mattoon, near the underground CO2 storage area. President George W. Bush’s administration killed FutureGen in Dec. 2007, shortly after Mattoon was selected instead of a Texas site, triggering allegations that the project cancellation was politically motivated.

In an Aug. 5 press release announcing the FutureGen 2.0 funding, U.S. Energy Sec. Steven Chu stated, “This investment in the world’s first commercial-scale, oxy-combustion power plant will help to open up the over $300 billion market for coal unit repowering and position the country as a leader in an important part of the global clean energy economy.”

Oxy-combustion burns coal with a mixture of oxygen and CO2, instead of air, to produce a concentrated CO2 stream for safe, permanent storage. In addition, oxy-combustion technology creates a near-zero emissions plant by eliminating almost all of the mercury, SOx, NOx, and particulate pollutants from plant emissions. Studies by the DOE’s National Energy Laboratory have identified oxy-combustion as potentially the lowest-cost approach to clean up existing coal-fired plants and capture CO2 for geologic storage.

Boilermakers have long been at the forefront of building pollution control systems at coal-fired power plants and are continuing that involvement as new technologies emerge. In Sept. 2009, Local 667 (Charleston, W.Va.) completed a year-long project to retrofit a chilled ammonia system at American Electric Power’s Mountaineer plant in New Haven, W.Va. The validation project was the first to capture carbon dioxide from a slipstream of exhaust flue gas and pump it deep underground below the plant for permanent storage in a saline formation. In Dec. 2009, DOE awarded a $334 million grant to AEP as partial funding to bring the project to commercial scale.
Constr uction industr y reaps cost savings, performance gains

WHEN THE NATIONAL Tripartite Alli-
ance pioneered a concept to raise standards
in the union construction industry more than
20 years ago, few could have envisioned how
wildly successful that undertaking would
become. By establishing a labor-manage-
ment trust known as MOST (Mobilization,
Optimization, Stabilization, and Training),
the alliance created a remarkable engine
for innovation.

Today, programs developed under MOST
elevate the performance of Boilermaker
craftsmen and generate millions of dollars
annually in cost savings for contractor and
owner communities.

MOST programs give contractors and
owners a competitive edge, a “Boilermaker
advantage.” That advantage can be readily
measured. Weld-
ing certification costs have
dropped by 95
percent since
implementing
the Common
Arc Program.
Lost-time injury
costs have been
reduced by 90
percent as a result
of the MOST
OSHA 10/30
Program. And 98
percent of tests
under the MOST
Substance Abuse
Program come
back clean.

With such impressive results, it is easy to
see why various organizations in the construc-
tion industry owe their program concepts to
MOST innovation. MOST Administrator Bill
Palmisano has called the MOST Substance
Abuse Program “the most mimicked and cop-
ied drug testing program in the United States.”

MOST programs have received formal rec-
ognition, too. The Construction Innovation
Forum selected MOST to receive its NOVA
award — referred to as the “Nobel Prize” of the
construction industry — for “improving the
quality and cost-effectiveness of construction.”

Seventeen distinct programs now con-
tribute to the Boilermaker advantage. These
programs promote safe work practices; build
proficiencies in rigging, steel erection, and
scaffolding; certify member skills; create
highly-qualified field leaders through leader-
ship and project management training; and
promote the readiness and availability of the
Boilermaker work force.

Labor-management synergy
DRIVES MOST

THE MAGIC OF MOST programs
derives from the collaborative efforts of
the Tripartite Alliance. The Boilermak-
ers union, signatory contractors, and
participating owners share in the direction
and vision of the organization. An owner
advisory committee and a business managers’
advisory committee ensure that all interests
are represented.

The MOST board of trustees and the
committees that execute MOST programs
are composed of equal numbers of labor and
management representatives. Although
their priorities are sometimes specific to one
party or another, their focus remains on identi-
fying and solving problems — and continually
raising the bar for value and excellence.

This synergy allows labor and management
to achieve a level of cooperation and respect
that would otherwise be very difficult to attain.

MOST programs poised for new
marketing campaign

TO BUILD GREATER awareness about the
value of MOST programs, MOST is launching
a new marketing campaign. The MOST Mar-
keting Committee, in conjunction with Mar-
tin Public Relations, is developing a branding
strategy and new marketing materials.

“The campaign will tell the remarkable
story of MOST and its groundbreaking
and innovative programs that year after year
have proven their value,” said Brad Bradford,
chairman of the MOST Marketing Commit-
tee. “These programs have not only saved our
owners and contractors millions of dollars
annually, but even more importantly, with
their emphasis on safety, they have proven
to significantly reduce jobsite injuries and
save lives.”

One change that will be quickly appar-
ent is the addition of a new tag line —
“the Boilermaker Advantage” — to the MOST
logo. Promotional items such as hard hat stick-
ers and posters will be available to local lodges
in coming months, and a promotional video
will be unveiled at the Tripartite Conference in
Myrtle Beach in October.

Intl. Pres. Newton B. Jones summed up
the purpose of the campaign by stating, “Our
message must highlight the positive impact
that MOST has had — and will continue to
have — on the workplace. Although MOST
has been around for over 20 years, there are
many opportunities to ensure that this first-
of-its-kind labor-management trust continues
to serve the Tripartite Alliance as a valuable
industry resource.”

MOST Programs: “The Proven Boilermaker Advantage”

When Industry Speaks, Boilermakers Lead

THE MOST COMMON ARC PROGRAM

Reduced costs
Emphasizes a safe
work environment and
Reduced in lost time
Current with welder certification
and reduces liability issues
95% for owners and contractors.

THE MOST OSHA 10/30 PROGRAM

Reduction in lost time
injuries since 1989
90%

THE MOST SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

98% of those tested are Drug Free
**Local 154 rallies for clean coal**

More than 700 take to the street in Pittsburgh

CONCERNED ABOUT THE future of coal as an energy source, more than 700 members of Local 154 demonstrated outside their Pittsburgh lodge Aug. 25, drawing the attention of rush hour commuters, police, and the media.

The event was staged to raise public awareness and to alert politicians that Boilermakers demand their support for the continued use of coal. Protesting members lined both sides of Banksville Road, a major thoroughfare through the city, chanting slogans and hoisting signs reading: “Got electricity? Clean coal now.”

Pittsburgh police were present in substantial numbers to make sure the road remained clear for traffic. The demonstration was peaceful, although one member received a citation for a minor pedestrian violation.

Local 154 BM Ray Ventrone expressed his concern that “clean coal” is not getting enough support from policy makers. He told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that federal and state governments should “just keep coal in the mix. If they don’t go with clean coal technology — if they decide to go [predominantly] with windmills and solar energy — they’re going to put millions of people out of work.”

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, coal-fired plants account for 43.6 percent of the power generated in the United States, natural gas 21.2 percent, and nuclear 20.3 percent.

The United States has estimated coal reserves of at least 200 years at current levels of use.

Building and maintaining coal-fired plants has long been a staple for construction Boilermakers. That work accounts for hundreds of thousands of man-hours annually. Boilermaker miners at Local S8 (Equality, Ill.) and Local S1978 (Rock Springs, Wyo.) also depend on coal for their livelihoods.

However, climate change concerns have focused international attention on coal as a major contributor to atmospheric carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. Emerging technologies to clean up coal — such as chilled ammonia and oxy-combustion processes — have yet to be perfected for wide-spread commercial application.

In the absence of a comprehensive energy policy, many states have curtailed new coal-fired power plant construction. The Boilermakers union has been at the forefront of pushing for an energy policy that would include advanced coal technology, and on June 26, 2009, the House passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act. However, the Senate version faced unanimous Republican opposition and failed to come to a vote.

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**Firms pay $600,000 to end dispute with Boilermakers, UA**

Black & Veatch apologizes for violating National Maintenance Agreement

THE BOILEMakers AND the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters split a $600,000 settlement from a general contractor and a utility this past May in a case that ultimately went before the National Maintenance Agreement Policy Committee for consideration. When the NMAPC upheld the grievances, Black & Veatch filed suit seeking to vacate both decisions. In response, the Boilermakers and the UA brought a countersuit, seeking their enforcement. The case was brought before the United States District Court of Kansas, which passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act. However, the Senate version faced unanimous Republican opposition and failed to come to a vote.

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OSHA sets fines at $16.6 million for deadly plant explosion

Boilermaker contractor credited with minimizing losses

AN EXPLOSION THAT killed six workers and injured 50 others at a Kleen Energy Systems power plant under construction in Middletown, Conn., Feb. 7, has led to OSHA fines of $16.6 million for three construction companies and 14 site contractors. The combined penalties are the third largest ever issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for a single episode. Although Boilermakers are involved in the project, no members were on site on the day of the accident.

According to OSHA, the explosion resulted when crews were performing a gas blow operation, pumping natural gas under high pressure through new fuel gas lines to remove debris. The agency said a large amount of gas was vented into areas where it could not be readily dispersed. Welding and other operations nearby created a hazardous situation, and the accumulated gas exploded when it contacted an ignition source. In announcing the fines Aug. 5, OSHA said it found 371 violations, including 225 considered “willful.” O&G Industries received the largest assessment at $8,347,000. A fine of $6,686,000 was charged to Keystone Construction and Maintenance Inc., which was in charge of the piping. Bluewater Energy Services Inc., the plant commissioning and startup contractor, was fined $896,000.

The companies involved were allowed 15 days to contest the proposed fines. BM-ST Tony DeFrancesco, Local 237 (Hartford, Conn.), said the tragedy was extremely unfortunate, since the construction project was nearing completion. “Up to that point, we were on schedule, and everything was looking good,” he said.

Despite the numerous alleged safety infractions, union workers had performed remarkably well. According to a statement by O&G, workers had put in 1.7 million man-hours with just a single workplace accident.

DeFrancesco added that the deaths and injuries could have been much higher. Signatory contractor Frank Lill & Son, which employs Boilermakers and other trades on the project, had informed O&G that if the gas blow was going to take place on Saturday, Feb. 6, as originally planned, that the company would suspend all work for some 300 tradesmen that day. Consequently, the procedure was moved to Sunday, Feb. 7, when the number of people on site was at a minimum.

“I credit Frank Lill & Son for their safety-mindedness,” said DeFrancesco. “I believe they are the only contractor on site that OSHA did not fine for safety violations.”

Construction of the power plant has resumed. About 90 Boilermakers were expected to be on site by the end of August, according to DeFrancesco.

IVP MAY RETIRES

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same committee for the consolidated convention in 2001. On July 24, 2003, he was sworn in as IVP for the Southeast Section to fill the unexpired term of Newton B. Jones and was elected to that position at the 2006 consolidated convention.

May also served as a trustee for the Boilermaker-Blacksmith National Pension Trust and for the Boilermakers National Health & Welfare Fund, acting as secretary for both boards.

WARREN FAIRLEY now serves as International Vice President of the Southeast Section and the Industrial Sector.

Fairley to represent IS and SE

WARREN FAIRLEY HAS been elected by the IEC to serve as International Vice President for the Southeast Section. He will continue his roles as Executive Assistant to the International President, IVP for the Industrial Sector (a position he has held since Oct. 24, 2007), and Director of the Shipbuilding & Marine Services Division.

Fairley joined Local 693 (Pascagoula, Miss.) in 1990 and worked in the rigging department at Ingalls Shipbuilding. He was elected the local’s business manager in 1996, and became an International Rep at the completion of his term. In 2003 he was made Assistant to the International President and Assistant Director of the Shipbuilding Division. One month later, he was promoted to Deputy Director of that division, and in 2005 became Executive Assistant to the International President and Director of the Shipbuilding & Marine Services Division.

The Southeast Section includes the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Puerto Rico, the Isthmus of Panama, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
Informed union voters can make a big difference Nov. 2

The candidates listed on these two pages have been selected by the leadership of the local lodges in their areas, along with the Boilermakers' Government Affairs Department, as those who will best support working families. The Boilermakers' union endorses candidates only after they have undergone close scrutiny. To earn this endorsement, a candidate must show a willingness to work with our union — not by its statements, but by their actions. They must vote the way we need them to vote on key issues before Congress, and they must sit down with us to solve problems we are having in their district or state.

Please look over this list. If you do not understand why we are supporting a particular candidate, ask your local lodge leaders or the Government Affairs Department for clarification.

We know that how you vote is a personal decision. And we respect that decision. We also know that working families will make a huge difference in these elections — just as we did in 2008, when many union members voted for candidates who worked to Congress and to state and local offices across the nation.

The union’s source of strength in the political arena is an informed union member who registers and votes. ☐

Boilermaker congressional/state candidate endorsements

Alabama
G Ron Sparks (D)*
LG Jim Folsom (D)*
AG James Anderson (D)
SS Scott Gilliland (D)†
T Andrew Chambliss (D)*
A Miranda Karrine Joseph (D)
CA Glend Zom (D)
S1 William Barnes (D)
S2 Dionne Stearns (D)*
S3 Steve Raby (D)*
S7 Terri Sewell (D)†

Alaska
AL Don Young (R)

Arizona
G Terry Goddard (D)+
AG Felecia Rotellini (D)*
SS Sam Wercinski (D)
T Andy Cherney (D)
S1 Rodney Glassman (D)+
S1 Ann Kirkpatrick (D)
S2 John Thirtzer (D)
S3 Jon Hafred (D)*
S4 Ed Pastor (D)
S5 Harry Mitchell (D)
S7 Raul Grijalva (D)
S8 Gabrielle Giffords (D)

Arkansas
G Mike Beebe (D)
LG Shane Broadway (D)†
AG Dusty McDaniel (D)
T Martha Shoffner (D)
A Charlie Daniels (D)†
L.D. J. Bryant (D)
S1 Chad Causey (D)*
S2 Joyce Elliott (D)*
S3 David Whasker (D)*
S4 Mike Ross (D)

California
G Jerry Brown (D)*
LG Gavin Newsom (D)*
AG Kamala Harris (D)
SS Debra Bowen (D)
T John Chiang (D)
S1 Bill Lockyer (D)
S1 Barbara Boxer (D)
S1 Mike Thompson (D)
S3 Americh Cherney (D)*
S5 Ed Hernandez (D)†
S6 Liz Milana (D)
S7 Doris Matsui (D)
S8 Lynn Woolsey (D)
S9 George Miller (D)
S10 Nancy Pelosi (D)
S19 Barbara Lee (D)
S19 John Garamendi (D)
S19 Jerry McNerney (D)
S12 Jackie Speier (D)†
S13 Peter Stark (D)
S14 Anna Eshoo (D)
S15 Mike Honda (D)*
S16 Zoe Lofgren (D)
S17 Sam Farr (D)
S20 Jim Costa (D)
S23 Lois Capps (D)
S24 Tim Allison (D)†

Florida
G Alex Sink (D)*
AG David Arreola (D)
T Lorraine Asay (D)
CA Scott Maddox (D)
S1 Kendall Meek (D)†
S4 Allen Boyd (D)*
S3 Corrine Brown (D)
S5 Jim Piccolo (D)*

Florida (cont.)
S7 Heather Beanway (D)*
S8 Alan Grayson (D)*
S10 Charlie Justice (D)*
S11 Kathy Castor (D)*
S12 Russ Oxley (D)*
S17 Frederica Wilson (D)*
S19 Ted Deutch (D)*
S22 Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D)*
S23 Aloe Hastings (D)*
S24 Suzanne Kosmas (D)

Georgia
G Roy Barnes (D)*
LG Carol Porter (D)
S9 Dan Seals (D)*†
C1 Mary Squires (D)*
S1 J. B. Powell (D)†
S1 Michael Thurmond (D)*†
S2 Sanford Bishop (D)†
S3 Frank Saunders (D)*
S4 Henry “Hank” Johnson, Jr. (D)*
S5 John Lewis (D)†
S6 John Cox (D)†
S7 Brian Fitzpatrick (D)†
S10 Claire McCaskill (D)*
S12 David Scott (D)†

Hawaii
G Neil Abercrombie (D)*
LG Brian Schatz (D)*
S1 Daniel Inouye (D)†
S1 Colleen Hanabusa (D)*
S2 Mazie Hirono (D)†

Idaho
G Keith Alfred (D)
LG Ed Waltz (D)
S1 Ben Yerxa (D)
S1 P. Tom Sullivan (D)*

Illinois
G Pat Quinn (D)†
LG Sheila Simon (D)*
AG Lisa Madigan (D)*
S5 Jesse Jackson Jr. (D)*
C1 David Dooley (D)†
C3 Robin Kelly (D)*
S1 Aldo Giannoulias (D)*
S1 Bob Etherington (D)*
S2 Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D)*
S3 Daniel Lipinski (D)*
S4 Luis Gutierrez (D)*
S5 Mike Quigley (D)*
S7 Danny Davis (D)*
S8 Melissa Bean (D)*
S9 Jan Schakowsky (D)*
S10 Dan Biss (D)*
S11 Debbie Halvorson (D)*
S12 Jerry Costello (D)*
S13 Scott Harper (D)*†
S14 Bill Foster (D)*†
S15 David Gill (D)*
S16 George Gruaupr (D)*†
S17 Phil Hare (D)*†
S18 Dierre D. K. Himer (D)†
S19 John Shimkus (D)*

Indiana
S1 Brad Ellsworth (D)*
S1 Peter Visclosky (D)*
S2 Joseph Donnelly (D)*
S3 Tom Hargun (D)*†
S4 David Sanders (D)*†
S5 Andre Carson (D)†
S6 Trent Van Haften (D)*†
S9 Baron Hill (D)*†

Iowa
G Chet Culver (D)
AG Tom Miller (D)†
SS Michael Mauro (D)
T Michael Fitzgerald (D)
S1 Roxanne Conlin (D)†
C1 Bruce Braley (D)*†
S2 David Loebeack (D)*†
S3 Leonard Boswell (D)*†
S4 Bill Maske (D)†
S5 Matthew Campbell (D)*†

Kansas
G Tom Holland (D)
LG Kelly Kultala (D)†
AG Stephen Six (D)
S1 Chris Biggs (D)†
C1 Dennis McKinney (D)*†
S1 Alan Jlka (D)*†
S1 Chery Hussedt (D)*†
S3 Stephen Moore (D)*†
S4 Ray Coley (D)*†

Kentucky
S1 Jack Conway (D)†
S2 Ed Marksby (D)*†
S3 John Yarmuth (D)†
S4 John Waltz (D)*†
S5 Ben Chandler (D)*†

Louisiana
S1 Charlie Melancon (D)*†
S2 Cedric Richmond (D)*†
S3 Rev. Sangiusey (D)*†

Maine
G Libby Mitchell (D)*†
S1 Chellie Pingree (D)*†
S2 Michael Michaud (D)*†

Maryland
G Martin O'Malley (D)
LG Anthony Brown (D)*†
AG Doug Gansler (D)†
CM Peter Franchot (D)*†
S2 Barbara Mikulski (D)*†
S1 Frank Kvatol (D)*†
S2 Dutch Ruppersberger (D)*†
S3 John Sarbanes (D)*†
S4 Donna Edwards (D)*†
S5 Sterry Hoyer (D)*†
S7 Elijah Cummings (D)*†
S8 Christopher Van Hollen (D)*†

Massachusetts
G Deval Patrick (D)†
S1 John Olver (D)*†
S2 Richard Neal (D)*†
S3 James McGovern (D)*†
S4 Barney Frank (D)*†
S5 Niki Tsongas (D)*†
S6 John Tierney (D)*†
S7 Edward Markey (D)*†
S8 Michael Capuano (D)*†
S9 Stephen Lynch (D)*†
S10 Bill Keating (D)*†

Michigan
G Virg Bernero (D)*†
AG David Leyton (D)†
SS Joessef Benson (D)*†
S1 Gary McDowell (D)*†
S2 Fred Johnson (D)*†
S3 Patrick Miles (D)*†
S4 Jenny Campbell (D)*†
S5 Dale Kidee (D)*†
S6 Don Cooney (D)*†
S7 Mark Schauer (D)*†
S8 Gary Peters (D)*†
S9 Candice Miller (R)*†
S11 Thad McCotter (R)*†
S12 Sander Levin (D)*†
S14 John Conyers (D)*†
S15 John Dingell (D)*†

Minnesota
G Mark Dayton (D)*†
S2 Mark Ritchie (D)*†
A Rebecca Otto (D)*†
S1 Tim Walz (D)*†
S3 Jim Melfert (D)*†
S4 Betty McCollum (D)*†
S5 Keith Ellison (D)*†
S6 Tarrey Clark (D)*†
S7 Jared Oberg (D)*†

Mississippi
S2 Bennie Thompson (D)*†
S4 Gene Taylor (D)*†

Missouri
A Susan Montee (D)*†
S1 Robin Carnahan (D)†
S1 William Lacy Clay (D)*†
S3 Russ Carnahan (D)*†
S4 Jocelyn Benson (D)*†
S5 Emanuel Cleaver (D)*†
S7 Scott Eckerd (D)*†
S8 Jo Ann Emerson (R)*†

Montana
G Dennis McDonald (D)†

Nebraska
G Mike Meister (D)*†
S2 Tom White (D)*†

Nevada
G Rory Reid (D)*†
LG Jessica Sferrazza (D)†
AG Catherine Cortez Masto (D)†
SS Ross Miller (D)*†
CN Kim Wallin (D)†
T Kate Marshall (D)†
S1 Harry Reid (D)*†
S1 Shelley Berkley (D)†
L-40 picnic draws candidate for U.S. Senate

ONE OF THE candidates in a key U.S. Senate race in Kentucky was on hand at Local 40’s (Elizabethtown) annual picnic June 12. Democrat Jack Conway, currently the state’s attorney general, visited with members and lodge leaders during a trip across the state.

"Local 40 is throwing its support behind Conway," says BM-ST Ray Parrott, "because he’s on the side of labor, and he will be a good friend for us in Washington." The lodge has an especially strong connection with Conway, as one of its members — Jim Arnett — serves as his chief of staff.

Conway is facing off against Rand Paul, the son of U.S. Rep. Ron Paul from Texas’ 14th district. The younger Paul is often in the news for his controversial remarks. He has stated that the government has no business getting involved in mine safety and dismissed the Gulf oil spill as just "an accident."

The Conway-Paul matchup is for an open seat now held by Republican Jim Bunning, who is retiring. Bunning himself has recently been in the news for repeatedly blocking efforts to extend unemployment benefits.

EDORNEES CONTINUED

NEVADA (cont.)
02 Nancy Price (D)+
03 Dina Titus (D)+

NEW HAMPSHIRE
S1 Paul Hodes (D)*
01 Carol Shea-Porter (D)
02 Ann McLane Kuster (D)

NEW JERSEY
01 Robert Andrews (D)
02 Frank LoBiondo (R)
03 John Adler (D)
04 Christopher Smith (R)
06 Frank Pallone (D)
08 William Pascrell (D)
09 Steven Rothman (D)
10 Donald Payne (D)
11 Douglas Herbert (D)+
12 Rush Holt (D)
13 Albio Sires (D)

NEW MEXICO
01 Gary King (D)
03 Mary Herrera (D)
T James Lewis (D)
A Hector Balderas (D)
LD Ray Powell (D)
01 Martin Heinrich (D)
02 Harry Teague (D)
03 Ben Ray Lujan (D)

NEW YORK
01 Andrew Cuomo (D)*
CM Thomas DiNapoli (D)
S1 Chuck Schumer (D)
S2 Kirsten Gillibrand (D)
01 Timothy Bishop (D)
02 Steve Israel (D)
04 Carolyn McCarthy (D)
05 Gary Ackerman (D)
07 Joseph Crowley (D)
09 Jerold Nadler (D)
09 Anthony Weiner (D)
10 Edolphus Towns (D)
11 Yvette Clarke (D)
12 Nydia Velazquez (D)
13 Mike McMahon (D)
14 Carolyn Maloney (D)
15 Charles Rangel (D)
16 Grace Meng (D)
17 Eliot Engel (D)
18 Nita Lowey (D)
19 John Hall (D)
20 Scott Murphy (D)
21 Paul Tonko (D)
22 Maurice Hinchey (D)
23 Bill Owens (D)
24 Michael Arcuri (D)
25 Dan Maffei (D)
27 Brian Higgins (D)
28 Louise Slaughter (D)
29 Matt Zeller (D)

NORTH CAROLINA
01 G.K. Butterfield (D)
02 Bob Etheridge (D)
04 David Price (D)
05 Mike McIntyre (D)
08 Larry Kissell (D)
11 Heath Shuler (D)
12 Melvin Watt (D)
13 Brad Miller (D)

NORTH DAKOTA
01 Franklin St. Louis (D)
02 Mark Twiss (D)
03 Earl Pomeroy (D)
04 G. Red Strickland (D)
05 Yvette McGeen Brown (D)
06 Richard Cordray (D)

OHIO
01 Richard Strickland (D)
02 Nancy Price (D)+
03 Dina Titus (D)+

PENNSYLVANIA (cont.)
06 Manan Trivedi (D)*
07 Bryan Lentz (D)
08 Patrick Murphy (D)
09 Tom Corrors (D)
10 Christopher Carney (D+)
11 Paul Kanjorski (D)
12 Mark O’Toole (D+)
13 Alyson Schwartz (D)
14 Mike Doyle (D)
15 John Callahan (D+)
16 Lois Henry (D+)
17 Tim Holden (D)
18 Tim Murphy (R)

RHODE ISLAND
01 David Cicilline (D)
02 James Langevin (D)

SOUTH CAROLINA
LG Ashley Cooper (D)+
AG Matthew Richardson (D)
SS Marjorie Johnson (D)
CM Robert Barber (D)
02 Rob Miller (D)+
03 Jane Derleth (D)*
05 John Spratt (D)
06 James Clyburn (D)

SOUTH DAKOTA
G Scott Heidelpriem (D)*
AG Ron Volesky (D)+
SS Ben Nessenhus (D)*
T Tom Katus (D)*
A Julie Ballard (D)+
01 Stephanie Hennek Sandin (D)

TEXAS
01 Krystal Ball (D)+
03 Robert Scott (D)
04 Wynne LeGore (D)+
05 Tom Perrelli (D)
07 Rick Waugh (D)+
08 James Moran (D)+
09 Rick Risher (D)+
10 Jeff Barnett (D)+
11 Gerry Connolly (D)

WASHINGTON
S1 Patty Murray (D)
01 Jay Inslee (D)
02 Richard Ray Larsen (D)
03 Denny Heck (D)*
04 Jay Clough (D)
05 Norman Dicks (D)
07 Jim McDermott (D)
08 Suzan DelBene (D)+
09 Adam Smith (D)

WASHINGTON (cont.)
01 Virginia Lynch Graf (D)+
02 Nick Rahall (D)
02 WEST VIRGINIA
S1 Joe Manchin (D)
02 Virginia Lynch Graf (D)+
03 Nick Rahall (D)

WISCONSIN
01 Jim Bunning (R)
02 Tammy Baldwin (D)
03 Ron Kind (D)
04 Gwen Moore (D)
07 Julie Lassa (D)*
08 Steve Kagen (D)

WYOMING
01 No Recommendations

KEY
A Auditor
AG Attorney General
Al-Adj. Adj. Attorney General
CA Com. of Agriculture
CI Com. of Insurance
CM Comptroller
CN Controller
G Governor
LC Labor Commissioner
LD Land Commissioner
LG Lieutenant Governor
S Senator cycle 1
S2 Senate cycle 2
S3 Senate cycle 3
SE Superintendent of Ed.
SP Super of Pub Inst
SS Secretary of State
T Treasurer
* Challenger
+ Open Seat
Numbers indicate U.S. House district
Five Common Grievance Issues

Adhering to the language in the contract protects both parties. If the tables were turned, would you want to give up 10 minutes of your lunchtime just because the second shift has been taking only 20 minutes when they are allowed 30?

**Unilateral changes on the job**

**THE MANAGEMENT RIGHTS** clause of your CBA gives management broad authority to run the work in an efficient manner. But that doesn’t mean they can make any changes they want without first consulting the union.

Even if there is no specific language in your current CBA regarding the proposed change, anything involving wages, hours, and working conditions could be, by law, a mandatory subject of bargaining. Working conditions covers a lot of territory, including both economic and non-economic aspects of the job — even the company’s work rules.

As plants modernize, they often bring in new equipment or initiate new work procedures. It is important to remind the company of their obligation to negotiate with the union on any change that materially affects the bargaining unit, whether it is specifically mentioned in the CBA or not.

Subcontracting is another issue for negotiation, whether it is mentioned in the CBA or not. Contracting out work ordinarily done by workers in your bargaining unit directly affects their ability to continue to make a living. Arbitrators tend to rule that employers cannot subcontract work in order to avoid the wages promised to bargaining unit workers by the CBA.

**Who has the burden of proof?**

**THERE ARE TWO** types of grievances — those dealing with contract language interpretation and those involving discipline. The important distinction between them is who has the burden of proof, because the side with the burden of proof has a more difficult job.

In contract interpretations, the union has the burden of proof. We are claiming that the company has been violating the contract, so we will need to convince them (and if it goes that far, an arbitrator) that our understanding of the contract is correct.

In a discipline case, the company has the burden of proof. They have disciplined someone, and we are demanding that they prove they had just cause for the discipline. If, for example, they can’t show evidence that the worker actually did what they accuse him of, then they have not met their burden of proof, and an arbitrator will rule in our favor.

Sometimes a union will give away the advantage we have in a discipline case by claiming disparate treatment — the company is treating the worker unfairly. When that happens, the burden of proof shifts back to the union. Now the union is claiming the company did something wrong, so we have to prove our case. It’s usually best to avoid this approach.

**Tell the company the remedy you are seeking**

WRITING UP THE grievance is a complex task that will be discussed in depth in a future article. But there is one very important point to remember: You can only get what you ask for, no more.

By filing a grievance, you are telling the company they have done something wrong and they must make it right. If you don’t tell them what they must do to make it right, they can admit they did something wrong, but do nothing to make it right.

Try explaining to your grievant that the company agreed they violated the contract and caused him to lose pay, but he isn’t going to get any of that back pay, because you didn’t ask for it.

A useful phrase to remember is “made whole,” as in the sentence, “The grievant should be made whole in every way, including being paid the wages not paid while he was on suspension and all benefits accruing by the payment of those wages, specifically pension contributions and sick and vacation hours earned.”

Being “made whole in every way” means the grievant should receive anything lost because of management’s action. In most situations, it is the maximum a grievant can get. And it is exactly what he or she deserves.

But if you don’t ask for it, you won’t get it. Don’t expect the company to go looking for what the grievant may have lost. Get all that information together yourself and put it all in your remedy.
Local lodge leaders attend summer institute

Union marks 53rd year with School for Workers

THE BOILERMAKERS union marked its 53rd year of participation in the annual summer training institute at the University of Wisconsin’s School for Workers (SFW) in Madison July 12-16. Twenty-six local lodge leaders attended the Basic class; the Advanced class was not held this year.

Participants received training from SFW professors as well as International staff on topics geared to a broad understanding of the labor movement and skills that are essential to union leadership-development.

This year’s class was held at the Madison Concourse Hotel, located between the university and the state capitol square.

Classes taught by SFW professors included unions and society, administering the labor agreement, collective bargaining, the National Labor Relations Act, workers and the global economy, the Family and Medical Leave Act, health and safety, and labor history. Classes taught by Boilermaker staff included political action, health and safety, Boilermaker history, communication skills, and structure of the Boilermaker union.

As with previous institutes, members took advantage of their time together to share experiences from across the spectrum of Boilermaker industries and occupations. In addition to participating in a focused learning environment, members enjoyed opportunities to socialize after hours, build friendships, and explore the state capital city of Madison and the University of Wisconsin.

Members attending the Basic class included Eric Edgren, Local 29 (Boston); Oscar Davila and Jeff Gleason, Local 92 (Los Angeles); Joné Lahaye, Allen Ford, and Don Chaney, Local D93 (Humboldt, Kan.); John McWhorter, Local 105 (Piketon, Ohio); Mike Prosneski, Todd Kishlock, Jerome Roark, and David Spencer, Local 344 (Ridgecrest, Calif.); Paul Biggs and Jerome Smith, Local 374 (Hammond, Ind.); Juan Garcia, Local 549 (Pittsburg, Calif.); Wendy Piaz, Local 647 (Minneapolis); James Young, Eli Matthews, Marco Robles, Morris Smith, Robert Flores, Fernando Arroyo, and Jose Rios, Local 1247 (Chicago); Kyle Hinson, Kenneth Milkey, and Diane Lencour, Local 1509 (Cudahy, Wis.); and Intl. Rep Mike West.

Teaching for the School for Workers were Associate Professor David Nack, Director and Professor Neill DeClercq, and Assistant Professor Michael Childers.

Boilermaker staff providing instruction included Donald Caswell, Director of the Communication and Education Department; Bridget Martin, Director of Political Affairs; Mark Garrett, Director of Health & Safety Services; and Mike Linderer, writer and editor in the Communication and Education Department.

QCCC opens training centre

Curriculum designed to give NDT workers a competitive edge

THE QUALITY CONTROL Council of Canada held an open house June 3 for its new training centre in Edmonton, Alberta. The QCCC represents employees in the Nondestructive Testing and Allied Workers industries (NDT), where workers test samples without damaging the material or device by using such equipment as X-rays, ultrasonics, radiography, and magnetic flux.

Darrell Fleming, a QCCC business rep, said Boilermaker Local 146 (Edmonton), along with UA Locals 488 and 496, are the biggest supporters of the new training centre. “The QCCC felt a need to take over NDT training to improve quality, based on the high failure rates to achieve federal certification by candidates who had passed community college courses,” said Fleming. “We started training in 2003 in British Columbia, but the idea of having our own facility began in 2008.”

QCCC National Director Lance Yearley said the new facility was built “to ensure our members and contractors maintain the competitive advantage of having the highest-trained and most-skilled workers in the industry.”

International Vice President for Eastern Canada Edward Power said, “This training centre is another fine example of the working partnership between the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers and the United Association in preparing and supplying qualified people to successfully work in the NDT field.”

NDT workers play a critical function in the construction and manufacturing industries. In 1973, the Boilermakers and UA formed the QCCC to represent NDT workers. Today, they represent 3,000 technicians who use sophisticated equipment and techniques to evaluate areas that are either difficult or impossible to examine using the naked eye.

Boilermaker International Vice President for Western Canada Joseph Malooney serves as president for the QCCC. He said, “The Quality Control Council is committed to preparing and supplying the best-trained technicians in Canada to our signatory contractors.”

The new facility has been accredited by the Canadian Government Standards Board (CGSB). Offered courses include advanced ultrasonics (including phased array), magnetic particle and liquid penetrant inspection, as well as heat treatment and stress relieving. For course information, visit www.qcccanada.com or call 1-780-488-3455.
L-146’s Hache wins Canadian apprentice contest

ERIC HACHE, a Local 146 (Edmonton, Alberta) graduate apprentice, took top honors in the 2010 Canadian Boilermaker Apprenticeship Competition held at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) in Edmonton June 21-24. The announcement came during the awards banquet at the Fairmont Hotel MacDonald.

Hache, 37, hails from Maisonneuve, New Brunswick. He worked in the lobster fishing and tobacco farming industries before traveling to Alberta in 2007 to try his hand as a Boilermaker. Hache said that during his first classes as an apprentice, he was surprised to learn how passionate Boilermakers are about their craft. "I thought, these guys are nuts — they talk about the trade like it was their wives or something." But that same passion has rubbed off on Hache. "Now I love the trade, too," he said.

Hache competed against five other contestants who represented their construction lodges, including graduate apprentices Jackson Bishop, Local 555 (Winnipeg, Manitoba); Lucas Wood, Local 128 (Toronto, Ontario); Adam Saunders, Local 359 (Vancouver, British Columbia); Andrew Dolan, Local 73 (Halifax, Nova Scotia); and Francis Cadieux, Local 271 (Montreal, Quebec).

The competition also featured a new peer-level prize called the Apprentice Recognition Award. Contestants voted among themselves to select a contestant who best illustrated exemplary character throughout the competition. That award went to Lucas Wood.

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— Ed Power, IVP Eastern Canada

Hache reflects on Boilermaker opportunity

The opportunity afforded to Hache by the Boilermaker apprenticeship program is certainly not lost on the former New Brunswick resident. In the span of a few years, he went from an unskilled worker in a small fishing village to the top Boilermaker graduate apprentice in all of Canada.

"I was happy to win the award, obviously, but really humbled by it," he said. "You've got all these top-notch guys, and you actually did better [than they did] for those few days. At that moment you had a little edge on the others. I think the training in Canada is pretty good all over from what I can see.

"I never believed I would be making this kind of money, doing this kind of work, working in a safe environment," he said. "It's not only the union that requires it. The contractors also want you to be safe. Even the industry is going that way. It's really nice.

"They take care of the older members, too," Hache observed. "And I think that when I'm 60, maybe they'll take good care of me."

Apprenticeship carries responsibilities, says IVP Power


"Most people think of an apprenticeship program as an avenue to learn a trade," Power said. "Well, that is correct, but it's also about the opportunities and responsibilities." He urged the apprentice contestants to honor responsibilities to the trade and the union and to "protect the valuable traditions that your forefathers worked so hard for.

Power added, "You are the 'Boilermaker advantage.' It is your responsibility to work safe, to work smart, to continue to show our contractors that our trade, the Boilermaker trade, is among the best in the industry."

Industry award goes to Brooks

THIS YEAR'S INDUSTRY Award of Excellence, which recognizes contributions to apprentices and the Boilermaker industry, went to Grant Brooks. A trustee on the National Training Trust Fund since its inception in 1991, Brooks recently retired from Bantrel Constructors. He previously worked for Catalytic Enterprises Limited at Suncor and at Bechtel on the Syncrude project. During his career, Brooks worked extensively on maintenance and construction projects across Canada and the United States.

In presenting the award to Brooks, Local 146 BM-ST Warren Fraleigh praised him as "a huge proponent of the Boilermaker organization and obviously a staunch supporter of our apprenticeship program." Brooks noted that while he is formally retired, he hopes to continue as a trustee for the NTTF for a few more years, and continue to work with the Boilermaker Contractors' Association of Canada.

"I've certainly enjoyed the last 38 years of working with this industry," he said. "I encourage our contractors to use Boilermaker apprentices. Apprentices are our future."

Competition goes biennial

GRANT JACOBS, Canadian National Training Director, reported at the banquet that NTTF trustees have unanimously approved a change in format that will see the apprenticeship competition go to a biennial schedule. The next event will be held in Moncton, New Brunswick, in 2012, with future competitions held every two years.

The new format will double the number of contestants and allow for team competition as well as individual tests. "Pairing contestants in team competition will reflect how they work together on the job," Jacobs said. Other modifications are also being considered to "create the changes trustees were looking for and to reenergize the competition," he added.

Contestants will be selected from graduating apprentice classes during the year of the competition as well as from the preceding year.

Competition measures knowledge, practical skills

THE CANADIAN BOILERMAKER apprentice competition tests journeyman tradecraft. The contest begins with a six-hour written exam that includes about 300 multiple-choice questions drawn from the apprentice training curriculum, the Boilermaker Constitution, and local lodge bylaws. Curriculum-related content includes such topics as cutting and welding; hand and power tools; construction materials; metalurgy; blueprint reading; layout and fitting; math; rigging; and boilers, heat exchangers, furnaces, and tanks.

For two to three days following the written exam, contestants compete in practical projects designed to test the application of their knowledge and skills, with a focus on welding and cutting, layout and fitting, tube rolling, and rigging.

In all four practical tests, judges graded for safety performance as well as completion of the project specifications.

This year's test coordinators were Ken Bachand and Glen Gibson, both from NAIT.

Judges from the technical colleges included Jim Beauchamp, Red River College; Marcel Losier, New Brunswick Community College; Ed Hoffmann, Humber College; and Russ Osborne, BCIT.

Union judges included Mike Bayens, L-146; Al Bennett, Local 359; Darrell Bray, Locals 128 and 555; and Dave Ralph, Local 146. Employer judges included Greg Blender, Horton CBI; Jerry Desjardins, TIW Steel Plateworks; Gabriel Beaulieu, Ganotec Inc.; and Jason Cherkewik, Alstom Power.
THE THREE-HOUR RIGGING EXERCISE required contestants to lift a vessel with a simulated weight of 9,250 pounds onto the first level of a rigging platform. Using a mobile crane, apprentices had to rig the vessel and move it horizontally from one end of the structure to the opposite side. The vessel had to be positioned correctly for the vertical lift through an opening in the structure using a second, 60-ton crane. Contestants planned and set up the lift, inspected the condition of all rigging tools and equipment, set up a safe work perimeter, calculated lift loads and sling angles, and used hand signals to communicate with crane operators and two volunteer apprentices who acted as assistants.

Above: L-359’s ADAM SAUNDERS (l.) positions a vessel during the final stage of the rigging exercise with the aid of L-146 apprentice volunteers Jake Taylor (c.) and Derm Hepditch.

IN THE WATERWALL EXERCISE, the apprentices cut and removed a bad section of tube, prepared the wall stub ends, and prepared and installed a 15-in. replacement pup. (A pup is a short piece of tube that is beveled on both ends to fit into the tube that has been cut.) Contestants were required to allow for specified gaps at the top and bottom of the pup.

Right: LUCAS WOOD, L-128, grinds membrane during the waterwall test.

Below right: ERIC HACHE, L-146 (this year’s winner), uses a tube-rolling motor to create a pressure seal, simulating work performed in industrial boiler repair.

THE LAYOUT AND FABRICATION TEST challenged contestants to attach a platform on a vessel measuring three feet in diameter and eight feet tall. Apprentices were allowed four hours to measure and cut six clips, tack them to the vessel at precise orientations and elevations, rig the platform, hoist it into place, and bolt the platform to knee braces.

Middle left: FRANCIS CADIEUX, L-271, connects a knee brace joining a platform to a vessel.

Bottom left: JACKSON BISHOP, L-555, marks platform clips to be cut.

CONTESTANTS IN THE CANADIAN BOILERMAKER APPRENTICESHIP COMPETITION include, l. to r., Jackson Bishop, L-555; Lucas Wood, L-128; Andrew Dolan, L-73; Adam Saunders, L-359; Eric Hache, L-146; and Francis Cadieux, L-271.

THIS YEAR’S WELDING AND CUTTING TEST required the contestants to weld two sets of coupons (small steel plates) — one in the flat position, the other in the horizontal position. Candidates were required to cut a double bevel in each set. The contestants also were required to cut a lifting lug from steel plate.

Left: ANDREW DOLAN, L-73, welds test coupons.
Local 85 revamps Michigan power plant

Members work at one of DTE Energy’s longest maintenance outages

MEMBERS OF LOCAL 85 (Toledo, Ohio) have successfully completed a maintenance outage for DTE Energy at its Monroe, Mich., power plant.

Scheduled for 12 weeks of 6/10s, members began their work for Boilermaker contractor URS Washington on March 13. They completed the job two weeks ahead of schedule, under budget, and with only one OSHA-recordable accident.

Local 85’s maintenance outage work was performed on the boiler’s internal system. It included replacement of over 2,000 feet of water walls, replacing the re-heat pendant and economizer pendant tubes, and additional work on the air heater duct work.

Members made over 500 crane lifts to remove the old pendant tubes and install the new ones. To access the re-heat pendant tubes, members had to remove the roof tubes and then weld them back in place once the new pendant tubes were installed (see photos). Over 5,000 welds were made, with a total rejection rate of only 1.7 percent. Local 85 members worked over 100,000 man-hours in two shifts to complete the maintenance outage. The job peaked with over 300 Boilermakers on site, 200 of whom were either tube or plate welders.

Local BM-ST Fred Keith credits the tripartite pre-outage planning by Local 85, DTE, and URS for the success of the maintenance outage. “Safety, production, and quality were outstanding on this project,” he said.

Built in 1974, the Monroe plant is the sixth-largest, coal-fired power plant in the United States.

Chartered in 1892, Local 85 represents workers in shops and the construction and shipbuilding/marine repair industries.
AmerenUE honors Local 27

MEMBERS OF ST. LOUIS Local 27 earned praise at their June meeting from David Strubberg, plant manager at the AmerenUE Rush Island Power Plant. Strubberg thanked the members for their outstanding performance, safety, and productivity during the plant’s annual spring equipment renovation in March.

Strubberg said there were no lost-time accidents or absenteeism during the 23-week project, which was finished days ahead of schedule. Local 27 members logged in over 140,000 man-hours working for contractors Nooter Constructors and Scheck Industrial.

“The work was accomplished with zero OSHA recordables, zero rework, ahead of schedule, and under budget,” said L-27 BM-ST William J. Noll. “[However,] the outage was extremely successful, largely due to the Boilermakers dispatched by Local 582 [Baton Rouge, La.].”

Work included:

- Replacement of a cold-end basket on air heater
- Replacement of hot, cold, and intermediate baskets on one air heater
- Replacement of the back-end of the unit’s intermediate baskets on one air heater
- 2,460 tube welds with a one percent reject rate.

The work was accomplished with the cooperation of the crafts, contractors, and owner all work together. Because of that cooperation, we actually finished five days early.”

— L-27 BM-ST William J. Noll

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- Visit sites for Boilermaker trust funds and local lodges
- E-mail other members (under Resources)
- Learn about the union’s structure, leadership, and much more.

FMS credits L-582 for outage success

FLUOR [MAINTENANCE SERVICES (FMS)] and NRG (Energy Inc.) have just completed a boiler outage on unit 2 at the Big Cajun II [a coal-fired power plant in New Roads, La.].

Facing an extremely tight schedule of 21 working days, this outage of 140,000 man-hours was a major concern to both NRG and Fluor.

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The work was accomplished with zero OSHA recordables, zero rework, ahead of schedule, and under budget. These accomplishments were met due to the joint effort of the crafts, contractors, and owner. The workers used state-of-the-art equipment to complete the work.
L-29 retiree receives award for bravery

Quick action saves teens from fiery crash

DAVID MOFFATT, a retired member of L-29 (Boston), was one of two men to receive an award for heroism June 14 for rescuing three teenage girls trapped in a burning sports car in May 2009 in Baring, Maine. The presentations were made during the 2010 Maine State Police awards ceremony in Augusta.

Moffatt, then 62, and Josh Goodine were traveling in opposite directions on the day of the accident when they came upon a two-door convertible that had struck a tree and caught fire. Four occupants, all 16 years old, were trapped inside. The men cut through the roof of the burning vehicle to free Shannon Scarlett and Angelica Underhill from the back seat. Moffatt then turned his attention to Tessa Claridge, who was pinned in the passenger seat by a crumpled dashboard. As the flames and smoke intensified, he cut Claridge’s seat belt, placed his arms under hers, and pulled her from the wreckage.

The male driver of the vehicle was killed on impact. “We got away from that car just in time,” said Moffatt, noting that the car quickly became engulfed in flames. Moffatt’s wife, Lois, was also at the scene along with the couple’s 10-year-old grandson. She was able to contact the local fire department, which arrived shortly after the rescue. Maine state police Lt. Christopher Coleman said, “This was a tragic event [because] one man died. However, because of the selflessness of these two men, three young women are alive today.”

Source: Bangor Daily News

Local 374’s Beebe recognized for flood work

Group cites Boilermaker for volunteerism

JOHN BEEBE SR., a retired member of Local 374 (Hammond, Ind.) was honored earlier this year for his efforts in assisting flood victims in northwest Indiana. Steve Conger, chairman of Lake- shore Area Regional Recovery of Indiana (LARRI), and Ike Randolph, repre- senting the office of Governor Mitch Daniels, presented the award during a dinner for LARRI volunteers in Merrillville (near Hammond) April 22.

Northwest Indiana was hit by devastating floods in September 2008. According to the citation, Beebe “assessed countless homes for flood damage, braving the mold and debris to make sure that those that were in dire need were cared for. His detailed reports helped us accurately determine the need and get help where it needed to be.”

Beebe is no stranger to volunteering his time. In addition to serving LARRI in various capacities, he has served on the allocations committee of the local United Way and worked on the Boy Scouts of America’s local council, central regional board, and national committee. He was featured in the Jan-Mar 2007 issue of the Boilermaker Reporter for his work with the BSA.

Boilermaker scholarships reduce cost for members

Son of L-13 member thanks lodge, International

WITH THE COST of college putting financial pressure on working families, scholarships can make a difference in getting an education without amassing a mountain of debt. Scholarship programs offered by the International, some local lodges, and organizations such as Union-Plus can help defray that debt for members and their eligible dependents.

Zach Perchinski, 21, the son of Philadelphia Local 13 member Gene Perchin- ski, recently wrote to Local 13 expressing his appreciation for financial aid. Zach is a 2007 recipient of a $7,200 scholarship from Local 13 and a $1,000 schol- arship from the International. He said he put the money to good use, graduating in 2010 from Mansfield University in northern Pennsylvania with a crimi- nal justice degree. While in school, he excelled in boxing, winning a gold medal for the East Coast in National Collegiate Boxing Association competition and a bronze medal in NCBA nationals.

Zach’s dream is to become a special agent with the FBI, DEA, or ICE. He is currently working as a seasonal police officer with the Ocean City Police Department in Maryland.

For information about how to apply for a scholarship, see pages 18 and 19 in this issue of the Reporter.
International announces scholarship winners

Thirty-three Boilermaker dependents earn awards totaling $50,000

THE BOILEMKERS’ International Executive Council scholarship committee announced the winners of its 2010 scholarship program on April 27. A total of $50,000 was awarded to 28 scholarship recipients: $10,000 to United States students, $12,000 to Canadian students.

Ten applicants are selected to receive $2,000 awards

Samantha Antczak, daughter of Paul Antczak, Local 1 (Chicago), is a member of the National Honor Society and recipient of several academic awards. She plans to study biology at the University of Michigan.

Michael Driscoll, son of John Driscoll, Local 73 (Halifax, Nova Scotia), has earned awards for his high academic excellence and school and community involvement. He is attending St. Thomas University.

Shelby Gehle, daughter of Jeff Gehle, Local 83 (Kansas City, Mo.), is a member of the National Honor Society and recipient of several academic awards. She was captain of the varsity volleyball team and a member of the student council, choir, and church youth group. Shelby served as valedictorian and plans to study biosystems engineering at Oklahoma State University.

Tina Giancarlo, daughter of Cesidio Giancarlo, Local 128 (Toronto, Ontario), was a member of the National Honor Society in each of her high school years. She earned high marks in area science fairs and plans to participate in the Bachelor of Health Science Program at the University of Western Ontario. She wants to become a dermatologist.

Rachael Heaberlin, daughter of James Heaberlin, Local 40 (Elizabethtown, Ky.), earned the Distinguished Scholar Award in three of her high school years, and was a member of the President’s Education Awards Program. She is attending Morehead State University, where she plans to study elementary education.

Remi Maillot, son of Joseph Andre Maillot, Local 73 (Halifax, Nova Scotia), will study pre-med at the University of Moncton. During high school, he participated in sports, earned academic awards, and worked part time. He also coached a peewee hockey team and was vice president of the student council.

Jeremy McGibbon, son of Gregory McGibbon, Local 128 (Toronto, Ontario), played sports, volunteered at a local food bank, and participated in clubs devoted to improvisational acting, philosophical discussions, and debate. He is enrolled in the Mathematical and Physical Sciences Program at the University of Toronto.

Michelle Senior, daughter of Randy Senior, Local 359 (Vancouver, British Columbia), wants a career in education. A member of her high school’s volleyball and dance teams, she has been recognized for her volunteer efforts at both her school and in her community. She is attending the University of British Columbia.

Megan Smith, daughter of Glenn Smith, Local 549 (Pittsburg, Calif.), earned several academic awards (she was also chosen as class valedictorian) while working part time and participating in school clubs, as a symphonic band member, and a varsity cheerleader. She plans to study mathematics or pre-med at Oregon State University.

Gabrielle Vienneau, daughter of Claude Vienneau, Local 73 (Halifax, Nova Scotia), has worked part time at a local grocery store since she was 14, while still participating in sports, dance, and doing volunteer work at school and community events. She is enrolled in the Health Science Program at the University of Moncton, Shippagan campus, the only French language university in New Brunswick.

Committee selects 21 $1,000 award winners

Lindsay Baker, daughter of Dean Baker, Local 455 (Shffield, Ala.), is attending the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she plans to study pre-veterinary medicine. She played varsity basketball and volleyball, and was a member of the choir, student council, and several academic clubs. Lindsay earned high academic awards and performed volunteer work in her community.

Joshua Caleau, son of Tony Caleau, Local 433 (Tampa, Fla.), has been on the honor roll since middle school. He also earned high merits and distinction in the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test. Joshua served four years on his school’s academic team and performed volunteer work at his local library. He plans to study law at Florida College in Temple Terrace.

William M. Coleman, son of William Coleman, Local 13 (Philadelphia), is studying mechanical engineering at the University of Delaware. William, who worked summers as a lifeguard, was on his high school’s swim, football, and rugby teams, and earned service awards for his involvement with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Ross Cooper, son of John Cooper, Local 486 (Litchfield, Ill.), earned several academic awards and was a member of the National Honor Society. He participated in sports (football and wrestling) and clubs (scholar bowl and foreign language), and did volunteer work (Big Brothers & Sisters, tutoring, and Bible school). Ross plans to study law at the University of Illinois.

Ryan Hencel, son of Bradley Hencel, Local 154 (Pittsburgh), has done volunteer work, participated in sports and clubs, and worked part time while receiving high honors for his academic work. He is pursuing a pharmacy degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

Nicholas Hoster, son of Walter K. Hoster Jr., Local 13 (Philadelphia), was a member of the National Honor Society and was in the top 10 percent of his school. He played ice hockey and did volunteer work at food, clothing, and blood drives. He is majoring in exercise science, with a concentration in physical therapy, at West Chester University.

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Shelby Hudspeth, daughter of Ryan Hudspeth, Local 74 (Houston), a member of the National Honor Society, played varsity tennis, participated in theater and the Spanish club, performed volunteer work in her church’s youth group, and worked on her high school’s yearbook and newspaper. She is attending Stephen F. Austin State University.

Nathan Krus, son of Vaughn K. Krus Jr., Local 1393 (Altoona, Pa.), ran track and cross country for his high school. A National Honor Society member, he also was a member of the school's speech team, varsity club, French club, and peer jury. He plans to major in psychology at Penn State Altoona.

Lauren Lacovara, daughter of John Lacovara, Local 28 (Newark, N.J.), plans to study biology at St. Joseph’s University, eventually earning a doctorate in physical therapy at Jefferson University. She has worked as a lifeguard and swim instructor, and earned varsity letters in track, cross country, and swimming. She received several academic awards and performed volunteer work in her community.

Michael LeGrand, son of Daniel LeGrand, Local 237 (Hartford, Conn.), played in school sports (football and weight lifting), was active in Boy Scouts, played drums, and bowled in a league while earning high academic awards. He is attending Champlain College and hopes to eventually design games.

Stephanie Martin, daughter of Barry Martin, Local 13 (Philadelphia), plans to major in forensic and investigative sciences, with minors in biology and chemistry at West Virginia University. Stephanie worked part time and did volunteer work while attending high school, where she also participated in numerous clubs, lettered in water polo, sang, and earned high academic awards.

Dillon Mathews, son of Eric Mathews, Local 11 (Helena, Mont.), a student ambassador for People-to-People, earned academic honors while working part time and participating in football and wrestling. He also played guitar and sings in a band. Dillon is attending Montana State University, where he plans to study mechanical engineering.

Charles Matusky, son of Gregory Matusky, Local 1 (Chicago), wants to study neuroscience and computer science at the University of Wisconsin. He was vice president of his school’s Asian-American Association, and a member of the German and drama clubs. Someday, he would like to be a radiologist.

Sarah Mooney, daughter of James Mooney, Local 28 (Newark, N.J.), wants to become a math teacher. She volunteered at her local library while earning academic honors, playing in the marching band, and participating in the student government association, the women’s ensemble, and other clubs. She is attending Rowan University.

Melanie Jo Neddo, daughter of Lance Neddo, Local 169 (Detroit), will be attending the University of Wisconsin, where she plans to study mortuary science. Melanie was class president four years running, vice president of the National Honor Society, co-captain of her varsity softball, basketball, and volleyball teams, and a member of several school clubs.

Victoria Poe, daughter of Timothy Poe, Local 193 (Baltimore), designed costumes for the theater department and for a charity fashion show. She earned national recognition for her academic and leadership roles, and was vice president of the Interact Club, a service club for youth. Victoria is taking classes at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Arts, where she is majoring in fashion merchandising.

Zane Salter, son of Alan Salter, Local 433 (Tampa, Fla.), is attending Hillsborough Community College, where he plans to major in liberal arts and then transfer to the University of South Florida to pursue a teaching degree. He played tennis for his high school and participated in the debate club, as well as being active in his church’s youth group.

Dominic Taylor, son of Larry Taylor, Local 169 (Detroit), earned several academic awards for excellence while working part time and volunteering at his church. Dominic enjoys fishing, hunting, and camping. He plans to study pre-med at Michigan State University and eventually become a radiologist.

Garrett Tepen, son of Gary Tepen, Local 27 (St. Louis), is studying engineering at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. He is an Illinois state trooper, and a member of the National Honor Society and MVC all-conference football team. He spends his summers working as a lifeguard and running his own lawn service.

Hannah Thomas, daughter of Samuel Thomas, Local 900 (Barberton, Ohio), a clarinetist, was a member of her high school band, Canton Youth Symphony Orchestra, and Modern Music Masters Tri-M Honor Society. In addition to achieving high academic awards, Hannah worked as a youth leader and volunteered with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She is attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

William Worthwood, son of Matthew Worthwood, Local 647 (Minneapolis), is attending Bismarck State College, where he plans to study political science and law. An award winner in both physics and debate state-wide competitions, William also played in his school’s jazz band and orchestra, and was a member of several academic clubs at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. A National Honor Society member, William earned varsity letters in cross country and in both indoor and outdoor track.

The IEC scholarship program
Since 1988, when the International began the scholarship program, the Boilermakers union has awarded a total of $876,000 to 420 children and dependents of Boilermaker members.

Serving on the IEC scholarship committee are Intl. Vice Presidents Ed Power (chairman), Tom Baca, and Larry McMannon, with assistance by attorney Joe Moreland, representing the law firm of Blake & Uhlig. (This year, IVP Sean Murphy served in place of IVP Power, who was unable to attend.) The committee spent days reviewing the applications and reading the student essays, and its members were amazed by the caliber of the applicants. They were assisted by A/D- AAIP Tracy Buck and secretary Erica Turney.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A BOILERMAKER SCHOLARSHIP

Boilermaker Scholarships are open to high school seniors who will be entering their first year of a two- or four-year academic program at a degree-granting, accredited college or university within one year of their high school graduation and who are dependents of Boilermaker members in good standing.

• A dependent may be a son, daughter, legally-adopted child, or other dependent of an active, retired, disabled, or deceased member.

• Winners are chosen based on a variety of criteria that include grades, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, and a written essay on an assigned topic.

• Applications for the 2011 awards will be available from your local lodge at the end of this year and will be accepted from January 1 to March 1, 2011. Applications postmarked after the March 1, 2011 deadline cannot be considered.

• Contact your local lodge in December to get an application. The International will not mail applications to individuals.

• Some local lodges have their own scholarship programs. Scholarships are also available through the Union Plus credit card program and some state and regional labor councils.
Other scholarship winners

IEC scholarship committee announces local, CFL winners

THE BOILERMAKERS’ International Executive Council (IEC) scholarship committee has announced its selection of scholarship award recipients for two local lodges and the Canadian Federation of Labour (CFL).

Jeremy McGibbon, son of Gregory McGibbon, Local Lodge 128 (Toronto, Ontario), and Gabrielle Vienneau, daughter of Claude Vienneau, Local Lodge 73 (Halifax, Nova Scotia), will each receive a $1,000 Canadian Federation of Labour scholarship award.

John Allen, son of Larry Allen, and Hannah Spiller, daughter of Ricky Spiller, will each receive a $2,000 Don Storey Scholarship Award from Local Lodge 105 (Piketon, Ohio).

Ashley Dallinger-Williams, step-daughter of Alex Deren, will receive a $2,000 scholarship award, and Danielle Curran, daughter of John Curran, a $1,000 scholarship award from Local Lodge 146 (Edmonton, Alberta).

Local 13 awards 29 grants totaling $226,400

LOCAL LODGE 13, Philadelphia, announces the winners of 28 academic scholarship awards, each totaling $8,000, and one $2,400 vocational scholarship to dependents of Local 13 members who participated in the local’s annual competition. Winners were selected based on the results of a college aptitude test administered and graded by St. Joseph’s University.

The academic grants will be awarded over a period of four years — $1,000 per semester for eight semesters. The vocational grant, funded by the widow of apprentice Jeffrey C. Davis (who was killed in a 2002 job-site explosion), will be awarded over a period of two years at $600 per semester for four semesters. The Local 13 scholarship committee does not release names of scholarship winners for publication.

Local 83 awards seven $3,000 grants

LOCAL LODGE 83, Kansas City, Mo., announces the winners of seven $3,000 scholarship awards to dependents of Local 83 members who participated in the local’s annual competition.

Members of the local’s Special Funds Committee selected the following award recipients in 2010: Christian Dawn Acamo, daughter of James and Gail Knaebel; Cassandra Born, daughter of Patrick Born and Carmen Moore; Katie Ann Henneman, daughter of Arthur and Melody Henneman, Jr.; Molly McCulloch, daughter of Chad and Jeania McCulloch; Jessica Mendenhall, daughter of Joe and Debra Mendenhall; Christina Parle, daughter of John and Mary St. Helene; and Alexander White, son of James Bradley and Elisha White.

Local 108 awards five scholarships totaling $6,000

LOCAL LODGE 108, Birmingham, Ala., has awarded five scholarship grants totaling $6,000 to dependents of Local 108 members. This is the fourth year the local has issued scholarship awards. Local 108 BM-ST Ronnie Dexter says Recording Secretary Timothy Simmons was instrumental in setting up the lodge’s scholarship fund. Receiving a $2,000 award is Ashlee Brooke Tidwell, daughter of Heath Tidwell. Receiving a $1,000 award are Chelsea M. Daniel, daughter of Donnie Daniel; Ann Marie Tune, daughter of Ava Tune; Abbie Wolverton, daughter of Kristie and Stephen L. Speed; and Sarah Wyers, daughter of Wesley Wyers.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A L-13, L-83, L-105, L-108, L-146, OR CFL SCHOLARSHIP

DEPENDENTS OF LOCAL 13, Local 83, and Local 108 members who meet the eligibility requirements of the International Executive Council (IEC) Scholarship Program (listed at www.boilermakers.org) may also apply separately to Local 13, Local 83, or Local 108 for their awards program.

Dependents of Local 105 and Local 146 members, who are eligible and apply for the Boilermakers IEC Scholarship, are also considered applicants to their respective local lodge award programs.

Dependents of Canadian members who are eligible and apply for the Boilermakers IEC Scholarship are also considered applicants to the CFL scholarship program.
DON’T JUST WATCH hunting or fishing shows from your couch. Be a guest star on Brotherhood Outdoors, a brand new outdoor TV series of the Union Sportsmen’s Alliance that will feature hardworking and hard playing union members like you.

You work hard to keep this country running. You love your family and your union brothers and sisters. You volunteer your time and talents to make a difference in your community. And you’re passionate about the outdoors and passing on our hunting and fishing heritage to the next generation. That makes you a star in our book, so we want you on Brotherhood Outdoors.

The series, which will begin airing on Sportsman Channel in July 2011, will portray two kinds of adventure. In some episodes, host Tom Ackerman will take guests on an outfitted hunting or fishing trip in North America, often with a union member-owned outfitting operation. In others, the tables will be turned as union guests play the guide, taking Tom to their secret hunting spot or honey-hole.

So whether you want to take a break from the do-it-yourself routine and join Tom for a guided hunting or fishing adventure OR show your union brothers and sisters and the rest of America that you’ve got the skill and experience to be the guide, get your application in today and be a star on Brotherhood Outdoors!

To apply, download an application from www.unionsportsmen.org/brotherhoodtv.

Letters to the Editor

Local 29’s Giannone vows to beat cancer

I retired in March 2010 at age 55, and am so proud to have been a union Boilermaker. I worked all over the country, and I know there are no better brothers and sisters in the world than the field members I have met [since joining Boston Local 29 in 1980].

In July, I found out that I have cancer. An x-ray in January showed no problems, but persistent back pain sent me to a chiropractor in June, who ordered two MRIs. Finally, a CT scan showed a small spot on my lung. The point I want to make is: Do not depend on x-rays alone. If you don’t feel right, push your doctor for more tests. I have lots of hope and support to fight this, and I will beat this.

Keep fighting corporate greed and demand your fair share. They can’t make a profit without your sweat. Fight on, brothers and sisters.

Domenic “Nick” Giannone
Local 29 retiree
Weymouth, Mass.
### DEATH BENEFITS

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.

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**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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- **Union-Made Checks**
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  - Call: 1-800-871-8864

For information on these programs and other member-only benefits, go to [www.unionplus.org](http://www.unionplus.org)

*Retired members are eligible. Some programs are not available to members outside the continental United States, and not all programs are available in all states.*

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A NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO UNION SECURITY CLAUSES

Employers working under collective bargaining agreements containing union security clauses are required, as a condition of employment, to pay either monthly dues or fees to the union. This is their only obligation to the union, regardless of the wording of the clauses. Individuals who are members of the Boilermakers pay monthly dues. Individuals who are not members pay fees.

These dues and fees, which are authorized by law, represent your fair share of sustaining the broad range of programs offered by the Boilermakers in support of you and your fellow workers. The most important job right you can have is the right to collective bargaining. The working conditions of all bargaining unit employees are improved immeasurably when the union gains higher wages, better health care and pensions, fairness in the disciplinary system, overtime pay, vacations, and many other improvements in working conditions at the bargaining table. Because they negotiate together through their union, employees who are represented by a union typically receive higher wages and better benefits than nonunion workers doing similar jobs in the same industry. Strength in numbers is what makes this possible. The stronger your union, the better your contract.

We urge all employees to participate and become part of your labor organization. An objecting nonmember who is subject to a union security clause has a legal right to file objections to funding expenditures which are not germane to the collective bargaining process. Fee-paying nonmembers who choose to file such objections should advise the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers in written form of a letter, signed by the objector, and sent to the International Secretary-Treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, 735 State Ave., Suite 565, Kansas City, KS 66101. The letter must contain the objector’s home address and local lodge number, if known. Upon receipt of the objection, the International President shall provide a description of the procedures to be followed. This objection must be filed every year during the month of November, or within the first 30 days in which the objector is required to pay dues or fees to the union, or within 30 days after the objector becomes a nonmember.

Examples of expenditures germane to the collective bargaining process are those made for the negotiation, enforcement, and administration of collective bargaining agreements; meetings with employer and union representatives, proceedings on behalf of workers under the grievance procedure, arbitration proceedings, servicing the bargaining units that we represent, internal union administration, and matters related to these activities. Examples of expenditures not germane to the collective bargaining process are those made for political purposes, for general community service, for charitable activities, for non-worker related legislative activities, for members-only benefits, and for certain affiliation costs.

In considering these matters, you should be aware that only members have the following rights:

- To vote on the terms of your collective bargaining agreement;
- To participate in the development of contract proposals;
- To nominate and vote for local union officers;
- To attend International conventions as a delegate;
- To participate in strike votes; and
- To numerous other benefits available only to members, such as those described above and in the Union Plus programs described on pages 21-23.

It is clearly to your advantage to continue to be a full, active member of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers. Only through unity and solidarity can we better our working conditions and reap benefits for ourselves and our families.

College Edge
Education services for union members

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL?
SENDING YOUR CHILDREN TO COLLEGE?

Get an edge with education benefits from Union Plus that can help college dreams come true.

UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIP
- $150,000 in awards ranging from $500 to $14,000 are available annually to students attending college, trade or graduate schools.
- To apply, download an application at UnionPlus.org/Scholarships.

COLLEGE SAVING GRANT
- $500 grant for union members who start a new 529 college savings plan for children under 12.
- For info and to apply visit UnionPlus.org/CollegeSavings.

COLLEGE PREP DISCOUNTS
- Save 15-40% on college prep courses from The Princeton Review.
- Classroom, online and private tutoring for the SAT®, ACT®, GRE®, GMAT®.
- To enroll or learn more call 1-888-243-7737 or visit UnionPlus.org/CollegePrep.

NLC SCHOLARSHIPS
- Scholarships for National Labor College degree programs.
- NLC offers unique program tailor-made for full-time working men and women.
- To learn more about NLC programs call 1-888-427-0300 or visit NLCEdu.com.

For details about all the education benefits available to union members, visit UnionPlus.org/Education.
Worker-friendly candidates deserve our support

Opponents seek to reverse union progress

OVER THE LAST two years, the Democrat-controlled Congress and the Obama administration have made enormous progress on behalf of American workers. That progress has not come easy. In fact, Republicans have repeatedly attempted to block much-needed reforms, and they have obstructed Democratic initiatives designed to save jobs and rescue the economy.

Now, as we approach the midterm elections, an anti-incumbent fervor has blinded many Americans to the reality of what workers have gained. Pro-worker politicians at federal and state levels face tough elections Nov. 2 as voters express their fears and frustration over a stubborn economy.

Our friends in Congress and in state offices deserve our support. They have stood up for working people and at times have placed their own careers in jeopardy in order to do the right thing. It is a mistake to think the anti-worker politicians who got us into this mess will change their ways and work to get us out.

Workers risk losing key gains

THE SWEEPING CHANGES enacted by Congress and the Obama administration have already benefited working people, including Boilermakers and their families, and raised hope that the middle class — so long neglected — can be rebuilt. Consider just a few of these gains:

- Loan guarantees to build new nuclear power plants, creating jobs for construction Boilermakers.
- Major new investments in advanced carbon capture and sequestration technology to promote the continued use of coal.
- New funding for MSHA to step up safety and health enforcement for miners and railroad workers.
- Additional OSHA funding to protect workers in other industries.
- Presidential support for project labor agreements (reversing an earlier Bush ban on PLAs).
- Wall Street reform to protect investments — including union pensions — from future reckless behavior by big banks.
- Health care reform that will ensure nearly all Americans are covered and that will help employers who cover their workers be more competitive with those who do not.
- A union-friendly secretary of labor (Hilda Solis) as well as appointments involving strong labor supporters to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, the National Labor Relations Board, and other key agencies.
- Extension of unemployment benefits to help millions of Americans (including many of our members) who have lost their jobs due to the economic downturn, offshoring, and unfair trade practices.

It took incredible commitment and political courage to pass health care reform — a goal of every Democratic president since Harry Truman. Likewise, the stimulus bill involved great political risk. Those measures were pushed through in the face of withering attacks by Republicans and relentless obstructionism — not because they were easy or popular, but because they were necessary.

Without question, an anti-worker Congress would seek to reverse many of these gains. Some Republican candidates have even made repealing health care reform part of their campaign platform, and a few are campaigning to phase out Social Security and Medicare.

Labor foes created this mess

IN THEIR FRUSTRATION and anxiety, many voters believe that if they can just change the party in power things will be better. But it is the Republican Party and their allies who are most responsible for the economic crisis.

Republicans for years have resisted regulating Wall Street banks. Left unfettered, Wall Street engaged in reckless, shadowy schemes that brought our economy down and led to a worldwide recession.

Republicans have championed “free trade” policies that have contributed greatly to the loss of 50,000 U.S. manufacturing plants and 5.5 million U.S. manufacturing jobs in the past 10 years. Republicans have resisted making fundamental changes to our broken health care system, even while costs spiraled out of control, leading to countless bankruptcies for average Americans and a financial strain for businesses.

Republicans (and some “Blue Dog” Democrats) have supported tax breaks for the rich, even as the middle class shrinks and wealth piles up for a minority of Americans at the very top of the economic ladder.

These are ongoing, long-term positions held predominantly by Republicans. They are at the root of the mess we find ourselves in today. It is unrealistic to think that Republicans will suddenly give up these positions should they become the new party in power.

Recent actions show direction our opponents will take

LABOR FOES HAVE tipped their hands about what they believe and what they truly want going forward. Most Republicans supported the $700 billion Wall Street bailout following the economic crash — yet not a single one voted for the stimulus bill that provided some relief for working families. And when Chrysler and GM sought money to avoid bankruptcies, anti-worker politicians blamed union workers for the automakers’ plight and argued that those companies should be allowed to go under.

Blaming unions for the economic crisis continues to this day. Conservatives decry the fact that working people are able to retire with secure pensions and with dignity — even while many CEOs rake in enormous bonuses, stock options, and superstar salaries. These are the same folks who now demand that Wall Street continue to operate with minimal regulation, despite the fact that it was Wall Street that precipitated the economic collapse in the first place through its reckless and unregulated dealings.

These are the same people who demonize unions and oppose key laws and practices meant to preserve good jobs, including the Jones Act, Davis-Bacon, and project labor agreements.

These are the same people who support unfair trade agreements that hurt Americans and have cost us millions of jobs. And these are the same people who attack and mischaracterize the Employee Free Choice Act, legislation that would make it easier and simpler for workers to organize a union.

Let’s work to keep the gains we’ve made

IT IS COMMON for the party in power to lose seats during midterm congressional elections. And the economic crisis has compounded the unesi- nesses many Americans feel. But giving control of Congress back to the party that led us into the economic collapse would be a disaster. The Republicans have suggested no new approaches. Instead, they are calling for a replay of the same policies that have failed American workers and failed our economic system. The initiatives Congress and the president have implemented over the last few years need time to take effect.

Labor must step up and support those who have sought to protect our interests and the interests of all working Americans. Please give serious consider- ation to the candidate recommenda- tions on pages 8 and 9.

Every pro-worker candidate we place in office is a voice for our future.

“Anti-incumbent fervor has blinded many to what workers have gained.”

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