



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono Counties

Business Manager's Report by John A. Brown

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

School is back in session and summer is coming to an end, but there are still many hot days ahead of us before the cool days of fall arrive. Please exercise great care in protecting yourself from the elements. Keep hydrated, be aware of those around you for heat-related illness, and get your rest.

We have had most of our large solar jobs put on hold or withdrawn from the permitting process mostly due to lack of funding for the projects. On a positive note, we have just signed a Letter of Agreement on a 20 MW solar PV called the Alamo Oro Grande Solar Project, and a 20 MW solar PV in Lucerne Valley for Agincourt. These projects do not have contractors or financing yet, but they do have Power Purchase Agreements with Edison or Pacific Gas and Electric. Projected start time for these projects is at the end of 2013.

Thanks to all our members who participated in our Member-to-Member class with International Officers, Tracy Prezeau and David Jones. This group has been helpful in getting our information out to the members who live in Colton, as we work towards building a relationship between the Colton Unified School District and our Joint Electrical Training Center. During the month of July, our Membership Development Committee headed by Brian Marsteller and Victor Rodriguez, in conjunction with Rick Purper, Training Director of the JATC, hosted 75 teachers, counselors, vice principals, principals, school board members and the Superintendent from the Colton USD. They toured the Training

facility and were able to monitor a class being taught by Fernando Rodriguez to our apprentices. They were also presented a presentation on the IBEW, its training and how much it benefits their community. I couldn't be more pleased by the response of the Colton USD wanting to learn more about our program. The Committee is now planning to host the students from the Colton USD to help them understand what is available in the Construction industry as a career path and the importance of keeping their studies up in math and science as they choose their profession. We need to seize every opportunity and capitalize on it, and we've taken the first step. Again, a BIG thank you to those who helped: Teresita Araujo, Danny Archuleta, David Baez, Jose Baez, Kenny Felts, Theresa Fosdick, Dan Holbrook, Chris Mitchell, Angelito Ocampo, Rene Palomares, Ian Pollard, Jose Rodriguez, Michelle Romo, Richard Thomas, Aaron Velasquez, Larry Whiteside, and Kirk Williams. Staff: Perry Brown, Dave Hall, Peggy Long, Brian Marsteller, and Victor Rodriguez.

Please join me in congratulating Peggy Long, on her retirement. Peggy has served on our Executive Board for many years, Job Steward, and most recent, Registra. Her long-standing commitment to the IBEW makes us proud to have had her on our team!!

We are preparing for our Annual Picnic to be held on Saturday, 9/14/13, at Glen Helen Regional Park. Please join us for a family day of fun, food, games, and raffles. This year we will be honoring our members who have reached milestone years: 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, and 70 years of services on 9/13/13 at our Union Hall, San Bern, @6PM.