

# CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Eastern Illinois Chapter

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## May Meeting Dates

**April 29th – May 1st**  
NECA Legislative Conference  
Washington, DC

**May 8th**  
JATC Meeting  
JATC Office – 3:00 pm

**May 9th**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
NECA Office – 8:00 am

## Upcoming Meeting Dates

**June 12th**  
JATC Meeting  
JATC Office – 3:00 pm

**June 13th**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
NECA Office – 8:00 am



## **2019 Contract Negotiations Update**

We are pleased to report that all CBA negotiations have been successfully concluded. Local IBEW 176 will be holding a ratification vote on May 9th, with an allocation vote on May 22nd. We will transmit the updated rates to all members (and post them on our website) as soon as we receive them on May 23rd. Here are the results of the negotiations:

**Inside Agreement** - This CBA was up for a one-year wage opener and discussions were held on coffee breaks, prefab language and shoe allowance language. Our negotiating team consisted of Greg Outsen (Outsen Electric), Greg Hill (MIV/Indicom), Dave Ruder (Ruder Electric) and Chapter Manager Scott Dworschak. We agreed to a one year \$2.65 total wage package increase effective June 1, 2019 and an increase to the annual shoe allowance from \$75.00 to \$100.00. No new language concerning coffee breaks or pre-fab work was agreed to.

**Residential Agreement** - This Agreement was up for a one-year wage opener. Our negotiating team was comprised of Tom McGann (Timm Electric), Jeff Keast (Keast Electric), Paul Rolih (Pierro Electric) and Scott Dworschak. We agreed to a one year \$1.85 increase to the total wage package effective June 1, 2019. The same increase also applies to the Residential Letter of Understanding. This wage increase reflects the same percentage increase agreed to for the Inside Agreement. Our negotiating team also spent time discussing with Union representatives' ways to regain our market share in this sector.

**VDV Agreement** - The full CBA was up for negotiation this year. Our negotiating team was comprised of Mike Trench (Ficek Electric), Ron Lindsay (CES), and Jim Cuning (Communications Solutions) and Scott Dworschak. We settled on a three-year agreement with a total wage package increase of \$2.30 effective June 1, 2019, \$2.40 in 2020, and \$2.50 in 2021. We also agreed to language paying Foreman 110% of the Sound Technician wage adding hacksaw blades to items provided by contractors and language concerning show-up time payments. The specific language additions will be found on our website in the Agreements section.

## **Sue Murphy Retirement Party**

We are hosting a Retirement Party for Sue Murphy in celebration of her 42 years of service to the EIL NECA Chapter on Tuesday, June 4, from 4-8 PM, at Syl's Restaurant. Anyone who has been touched by Sue during her long career is welcome to attend!

## ***New Apprentices Class Announced***

At their April meeting the JATC Board of Directors voted to start a class of 26 Apprentices for the next term. This year, in addition to drug testing, each student will also be required to pass a physical test designed to test strengths and tolerances required for the electrical trade. Applicants have been notified and are being processed. Currently, there is heavy demand for apprentices, so these students will be put to work immediately, with classes starting later this summer. The JATC Board is monitoring this situation closely and will adjust the class sizes in the coming months, if needed.

## ***Local 176 Hosts Solar Projects Meeting***

Does your company work on solar projects, or are you interested in doing so? On May 7, at 2:30 PM, Local 176 is hosting a meeting at the IBEW Hall to discuss the results of the recent solar lottery. This meeting will also gauge contractor interest in this area, and how we can cooperate in securing work in our district. All interested contractors are invited!

## ***Slammers Baseball Tickets***

The NECA-IBEW Local 176 LMCC has once again purchased season tickets for the Joliet Slammers. There are four club seats available for each game. We will notify everyone once we receive the tickets.



# **MANPOWER REPORT**

***Based on Monthly Benefit Reports for the work month of March 2019***

	<u>Inside</u>	<u>Res</u>	<u>VDV</u>	<u>Sign</u>
Local Contractors	41	5	8	6
Traveling Contractors	<u>94</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1</u>
	135	8	38	7
Workers-Local	504	4	43	9
Workers-Travelers	<u>326</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>1</u>
	830	13	138	10
Hours-Local	76,237	402	4,083	1,871
Hours-Travelers	<u>32,201</u>	<u>737</u>	<u>2,517</u>	<u>32</u>
	108,438	1,139	6,600	1,903

**Number of Workers**

Registered for Work as of 4/26/19:

Book I.....130

Book II.....162

Apprentices.....5

Residential Wiremen.... 10

Residential Trainees....0

VDV Tech....8

VDV Trainees....0