Brothers and Sisters,

As Spring inches closer, I am happy to continue to report that the work picture for Local 354 remains very strong. At this time, every Journeyman that wants to be working in our jurisdiction is, and more opportunities are coming in every day. The Local organizers continue to press the Local market and present those in our Industry with the chance to work under a collective bargaining agreement. Our Apprentice numbers continue to grow, and we are approaching 450 Inside apprentices and over 40 in the Communications program. The interest in our training program is very strong right now, and we will continue to offer the best training the Industry has to offer to those that come in the door. I know that I sound like a broken record, but I would like to ask every member of this great Local to continue to spread the word about our organization to everyone involved in our Trade. You can reach people on a personal level, which is undoubtedly the most effective organizing tool we have. Please contact the Local Organizers if you have anyone that is showing interest and they will help you share our message.

I want to thank the Southern Unit for hosting their Annual Shrimp Party this last month. We had a great turn out to the meeting and the party that followed. Our next social event will be the St. Patrick’s Day Parade which will be on Saturday, March 16. If you would like to participate in the Parade, please contact the Union Hall. We will be putting everyone that joins us in a Local 354 T-shirt, and we will be walking with the rest of the Utah Building Trades. Feel free to bring your families along. We will have a couple of events in April that you should put on your calendars. On Thursday, April 11th, the Northern Unit will be hosting their Annual Steak Party. This year's Kids Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 20th. Details on both of these events will be in next months’ newsletter. I want to thank everyone that joins in the social events that we put on.

I will close this months’ address with a quick update on the New Apprentice Training Center. As of right now, the Utah Electrical Training Alliance (UEJATC) is planning on putting the first class into the new building the first week of April. For those of us that have been closest to the process, it has been a long time coming. I am very excited to have our training in the new building as we continue to improve our training program. In the months to come, we will be holding a couple of opening events, and I hope that everyone has the chance to stop in and see what we have accomplished.

In Solidarity,

Russell Lamoreaux
Business Manager
IBEW Local 354
Hey Brothers and Sisters, the Renew committee will not be holding it’s monthly boot camp in March due to a scheduling conflict around the St Patrick’s Day parade. The next Renew meeting will be on March 12th at 5:30 pm. We are also looking for some help with an upcoming volunteer project this Spring. If you’re interested in helping with anything, contact me - jared@ibew354.org

Member Deaths

Our condolences and deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of these members. We are on Death Benefit #152

Ray Clark passed away on January 25, 2019. At the time of his passing Ray was 94 years old and was an IBEW member for 62 years. His obituary can be viewed here.

Don Underwood passed away on January 29, 2019. At the time of his passing Don was 78 years old and was an IBEW member for 57 years. His obituary can be viewed here.

Taylor and Sidney McKay welcomed baby boy Rowdy Taylor McKay on December 22, 2018. Rowdy was 6 lbs 1 oz and 19”.

Jeffery Todd Evans passed away on February 5, 2019. At the time of his passing Jeffery was 56 years old and was an IBEW member for 28 years.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
IBEW LOCAL UNION 354

The nominations for officers of Local Union 354 will be held during the monthly unit meetings in May 2019, as outlined below. Anyone desiring to be nominated must be present during the nominations or provide a written and signed statement confirming that they will accept the nomination. Such a statement must be presented at the meeting wherein the nomination occurs. Anyone nominated for more than one office must choose the office for which he/she will be a candidate.

In order to be nominated, a member must have a minimum of two (2) years of continuous good standing in Local 354, meaning that the member is current in the payment of dues and has been for the two years immediately preceding the date of the nomination. Under Article III, Section 7(h) of the Local 354 Bylaws, apprentices shall not be eligible to hold an elected office.

An election judge and tellers shall be appointed at the combined unit meeting in April. The judge and tellers cannot be a candidate for any office. The election shall be conducted by mail ballot, and all members in good standing with dues paid through at least March 2019 shall be mailed a ballot and instructions not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the counting of ballots. Ballots shall be counted beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8th, 2019.

Please allow adequate time for delivery, as ballots received at the post office box after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7th, 2019 will not be counted. Candidates shall be entitled to be an observer at the ballot counting. Observers may not interfere with the orderly counting of ballots. It is critical that you ensure the hall has your correct mailing address and that you are current in your dues to ensure your ability to participate in the elections. More information to follow and you are always welcome to call the hall with any questions.