



IBEW 2085



Empowering Manitoba's Construction Electricians

RUSS SHEWCHUK - BUSINESS MANAGER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY



Dear Brothers & Sisters:

It is an extreme privilege to write you all as your newly elected Business Manager/Financial Secretary for Local 2085, I.B.E.W. Congratulations to our newly elected officers of our Union along with all candidates that ran in our democratic process. At this time I would also like to thank Brother Ron Prive for taking on the role as Election Judge and his committee of tellers. The committee worked very hard to ensure that the election process was carried through in a fair and equal manner for all candidates.

We are approaching a very busy portion of the construction season as numerous projects are now at the tendering stage and also starting to come out of the civil stage of construction. The majority of this work will be going to Union Contractors which will mean further employment opportunities for our membership but with the encroaching Non-Union sector we must always be diligent in taking away work from our competition. I have called a special meeting with all Union Contractors to address bidding projects against the Non-Union. The goal will be to work collectively together with an aim to bring more unionized projects to local 2085 and persuade our competitors that working via the I.B.E.W. is definitely **The Right Choice**.

Brother Steve Hallock will be handling the Organizing duties of the local along with assistance from myself and Brother Dave McPhail.

I would like to encourage all members to lend a hand when possible to help with the organizing process as it is every members responsibility. If you accept a job in the Non-Union sector you must register with Steve Hallock and sign a salting agreement. Benefits will be paid to all members by Local 2085 while working under the direction of the Membership Development Coordinator. When we Organize we create more Union jobs for all members and increase our market share thus taking away the Non-Union sectors ability to win contracts over our I.B.E.W. contractors.

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During the week of August 15, 2011, I sent Representatives up to the Wuskwatim Dam to investigate the problems that the Local has had with not filling all the calls and losing the majority of work to Locals out east. Our goal is to correct the process to ensure that every single member of Local 2085 is not passed over before the contractors exercise their right to hire at Stage 4. We will be working very hard to correct what previously had been over looked and I would like to inform all members that our representatives did an excellent job in their investigation.

We must all bring an awareness to this issue as we are about to move from Wuskwatim to Keeyask in the very near future.

I would like to offer an invite to all members to come out to our regular meetings in Winnipeg the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. and in Brandon the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. We will be discussing all upcoming work, job tenders awards, construction manpower outlook, all communications to the Local and have door prize draws for the hottest tickets in town. The Winnipeg Jets & The Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

You can't win if you don't attend!

Provincial Election 2011

We would like to ask all members to support the Selinger Government in their bid for re election this October by either volunteering on the campaign trail or making a donation to the party. Under the NDP the I.B.E.W. and all Building Trades have improved their collective agreements and our Manitoba Economy has remained robust even through a worldwide recession. Over the last 12 years under the Provincial NDP we have seen an initiative to re invest in our infrastructure and Hydro Electric export capacity all of which has contributed to millions of man-hours of work throughout the construction process for unionized trades.

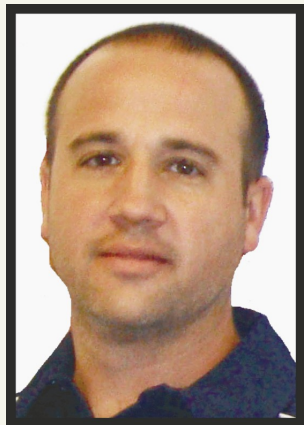
Jack Layton 1950-2011

On August 22, 2011 the people of Canada lost one of the most respected political warriors that this nation has ever seen after a lengthy battle with cancer. It is hard to imagine where working Canadian families would be if Jack had not been there to fight for collective bargaining rights, health and safety, employment insurance benefits, maternity leave improvements along with his diligent efforts to fight for environmental protection issues for this wonderful country we all share. He will be sorely missed from people from all political stripes as his vision for making Canada a better place for all citizens was his hope and aspiration for all. His shoes will be hard to fill, his dreams will be eternal.

May Jack Rest In Peace.

Fraternally Yours,

**Brother Russ Shewchuk
Business Manager/Financial Secretary**

STEVE HALLOCK - ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER/MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

As the Assistant Business Manager/Membership Development Coordinator, I look forward to a new direction, new endeavors and growth in Local 2085 under the direction of Russ Shewchuk our new Business Manager.

I also look forward to increasing our membership and facilitating New Member Orientation which teaches members what the Union is about. See you at the September 14, General Membership meeting.

In Solidarity,
Steve Hallock

DAVE McPHAIL - PRESIDENT

As President of your Local I would like to thank you for exercising your democratic right to vote. Our new Executive Board is very excited to represent you the members in all facets. The Executive board is a very integral part of your Union who works along with your Business Manager, Russ Shewchuk and your office staff.

As a Journeyman working in the trade I can tell you first hand, the members are excited about this change and this is what helps motivate your new Executive.

Refer to Page 4 for the voting results of the 2011 elections.

Door prizes are great!

We have purchased season tickets to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and The Winnipeg Jets.



We would like to see the members at our regular general membership meetings the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Hopefully we will see you all at the golf tournament on August 27, at Cottonwood.



In Solidarity,
Dave McPhail

ELECTION RESULTS FOR IBEW LU 2085 - 2011

BALLOTS MAILED	962
BALLOTS RETURNED	451
INELIGIBLE BALLOTS RETURNED	1
SPOILED BALLOT RETURNED	0

ELECTION RESULTS

BUSINESS MANAGER

SHEWCHUK, RUSSELL	273
STECY, RON	172
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	446

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION (2)

BUSINESS MANAGER	X
PRESIDENT	X
ALGUIRE, JASON	43
BODNAR, GERALD	91
BOITTIAUX, FRANK	143
CONWAY, GEORGE	39
DUDYCH, MICHAEL	35
KASLAUSKAS, ALGI	180
KLASSEN, GERALD	84
LEYTE, SHELDON	22
PATERSON, ANDREW	88
STECY, TYLER	98
SPOILED	17
TOTAL	840

PRESIDENT

McFARLANE, GREGORY	141
McPHAIL, DAVID	295
SPOILED	8
TOTAL	444

VICE - PRESIDENT

FRANK BOITTIAUX	ACCLAMATION
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TREASURER

DESROSIERS, JARED	132
KASLAUSKAS, ALGI	210
PATERSON, ANDREW	105
SPOILED	4
TOTAL	451

RECORDING SECRETARY

DOUG BELL	166
BODNAR, GERALD	161
GREEN, CRAIG	108
SPOILED	6
TOTAL	441

EXECUTIVE BOARD (3)

CONWAY, GEORGE	81
GOBEIL, JOEL	70
HOLOKRYN, THOMAS	82
KLASSEN, GERALD	143
KUMIEGA, WAYNE	144
LEYTE, SHELDON	37
MULLIGAN, ROB	151
SKINNER, JEFFREY	48
SLEEVA, RIKK	134
STECY, TYLER	133
WILLITS, LARRY	201
SPOILED	7
TOTAL	1231

ELECTED CANDIDATE

EDUCATION & TRAINING

The position of Education and Training Coordinator is currently being reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

It is the goal of the Trustees to develop a more comprehensive training program. Our goal is to better serve the members who need help in school and to organize programs more suited to our Journeyperson's, Apprentices and Supervisory staff in the field.

In the interim we will be looking for a part-time Education & Training Coordinator for evening help.

Our Administrative Staff will be handling the on-line training now set up downstairs in our hall.

Please refer to page 6 of this newsletter for the on-line courses.

The Mandatory courses are as follows:

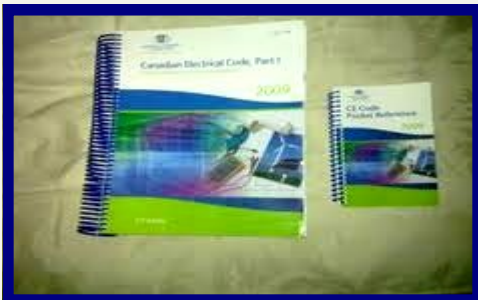
- WHMIS
- First Aid
- Arc Flash
- Confined Space
- Fall Protection
- Working at Heights

Effective September 1, 2011 only the above courses will be eligible for \$25.00 with the exception of First Aid which is \$50.00.

If any one is interested in Pipe bending instructions, please call the office at 204-982-2085 to register your name.

Fraternally Yours,

Dave McPhail
Chairperson of Education & Training
President Local 2085



LOCAL 2085 ON-LINE COURSES

MANDATORY COURSES REQUIRED TO ACCEPT CLEARANCES FOR WORK

<http://www.vubiz.com/ChAccess/IBEW6> - IBEW PASSWORD IS: IBEWHS

Membership Card # - enter one of the following three choices to log on
Membership Number, Phone Number or Postal Code

Refer to screen print below

Confined Spaces: The Basics (CCOHS)

Fall Prevention and Fall Arrest

WHMIS for Workers (CCOHS)

Working at Heights (CCOHS)

First Aid

Phone 982-2085 for appointment

Arc Flash: Live to Tell – cost is \$ 21.00 (Reimbursed) This is the only course to be done at

<http://www.constructionsafety.ca>

OPTIONAL COURSES

<http://www.vubiz.com/ChAccess/IBEW6> - IBEW PASSWORD IS: IBEWHS

Asbestos Awareness

Contractor Health and Safety (CCOHS)

Electrical Hazards (CCOHS)

Emergency Preparedness for Workers (CCOHS)

Fire Safety: The Basics (CCOHS)

Health and Safety Committees (CCOHS)

Ladder Safety (CCOHS)

Lockout (CCOHS)

Manual Material Handling and Back Safety

Mould Awareness

Office Health and Safety (CCOHS)

Pandemic Planning (CCOHS)

Preventing Hearing Loss from Workplace Noise CCOHS

Return To Work: The Basics (CCOHS)

Violence in the Workplace (CCOHS)

Young Worker Safety Orientation

Login:

IBEW Password:

Membership Card Number:

Enter the following on your first visit only:

Membership Card Number (confirmation):

Local No:

First Name:

Last Name:

[CCOHS](#) – The Canadian Center for Occupational Health & Safety (Government of Canada)

Effective September 1, 2011 the fee of \$ 25.00 will be paid for the mandatory courses only as per the Trustees of Education and Training

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

WINNIPEG (UNIT 1)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011 11:30 A.M.

Portuguese Association of Manitoba
659 Young Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba 783-5607

BRANDON (UNIT II)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2011

PLACE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED
BRANDON, MANITOBA

Our Annual Children's Christmas party for member's children 12 years of age and under. The party will be held in two locations, one in Winnipeg and one in Brandon (please specify which location). In order for this party to be a success, please assist the Committee by filling out the form and return same to the office by mail, fax (982-2086) email (ibew2085@mts.net) or phone (982-2085). The local union office must receive this information no later than Friday October 7. 2011.

Please be advised that we will not be able to deviate from this date, due to our supplier. **Please ensure that you respond in time or your child will miss out on a gift.** If you are not able to attend the party, your gifts must be picked up no later than Monday December 12, 2011 by 3:00 p.m. Past that date all gifts not picked up will be donated to a charitable organization.

WINNIPEG _____ BRANDON _____

MEMBERS NAME: _____
TOTAL # ATTENDING: ADULTS _____ CHILDREN _____

CHILD'S NAME	AGE	MALE	FEMALE

**WE ARE ON THE WEB
IBEW2085.COM**

MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

UNIT I: WINNIPEG

Unit I Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at

**556 Notre Dame Avenue,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.**

UNIT II: BRANDON

Unit II Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the

**Canad Inns Brandon
1125 18th Street
Brandon, Manitoba
Salon "A" in Altos Restaurant**

MEMBER'S CORNER

Apprentices– Please make sure you have registered for the 2011-2012 school year.

Level 4 Apprentices effective September 12, 2011 you will have to apply at the beginning of your school level to write your Interprovincial Exam. Call the office for more information

All members not employed are responsible to maintain your Non-Working dues of \$ 44.70.

Upon Termination of employment please call the office to register your name on the out of work list.

The Local Union staff of Marlies, Cindy and Amber will assist you with any of the above.

