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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL PRESIDENT JIMMY WILLIAMS JR.

UNION. FAMILY. FIGHT.

This August, the IUPAT will hold its 33rd General Convention in Orlando, Florida. This will be my first convention as your General President and an opportunity for us to rededicate ourselves to the values that led to the formation of our union over 137 years ago. I want to share with you why I chose One Union. One Family. One Fight. as our convention theme, explain what it means to me and how my experiences growing up in a longtime union family brought me to this moment.

In the Fall 2021 Journal, I formally introduced myself as General President of the IUPAT. I'm a fourth-generation IUPAT glazier from District Council 21/Local Union 252 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. My great-grandfather helped charter Local Union 252, and my grandfather, father, and several uncles and cousins were fortunate enough to be members. The labor movement shaped my childhood. From a young age, I got to walk picket lines and witness firsthand the power of solidarity and collective action.

I've spent over 20 years as an organizer and union officer. My priorities as General President directly stem from my time meeting workers at their homes, in union halls, and on job sites. I use every opportunity I have to tackle issues that are exploiting workers and undermining our industry. My vision of the IUPAT is one where workers of all races, genders, economic backgrounds, and nationalities can stand together in solidarity to fight for a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities.

My background in the labor movement and my experience as a member of the IUPAT led me to **One Union. One Family. One Fight**. Collectively, these phrases represent the potential of the IUPAT. To be a member of the IUPAT means to be part of something much greater than ourselves on an individual level—we are joining a movement that represents a family of working people, going back 137 years, united in one fight.

There's a reason **One Union** is front and center on the IUPAT logo. We represent a diverse set of crafts sprawling across North America—in fact, we represent more crafts than any other Building Trades union! Our diversity is our strength—



not just in the people we represent but in the work that we do. When we stand together as One Union, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish.

Most importantly, One Fight. Our union has always had a purpose—to fight for better working conditions, safer job sites, and the common interest of our families and our communities. Today, our union covers an entire continent our fights can seem broad, disconnected, and hard to identify with. Why should a painter in Philadelphia care about a floor coverer in San Diego? Or a drywall finisher in Toronto care about a public sector worker in Florida?

The answer is simple: we fight for working people. Our class—the working class—has a world to win if we unify under a common cause and a common interest. Uniting as **One Union** and **One Family** makes it possible for us to unite around one common fight. The purpose of our union is to allow painters in Philadelphia and drywall finishers in Toronto to realize that their fight is the exact same fight as their brothers and sisters in San Diego and Florida. We must

unify first before we can effectively win better working conditions for any of us. And the better working conditions get for painters, the better they will get for floor coverers, drywall finishers, public sector workers, glaziers, and every other trade we represent.

My own experiences growing up in a union family have shown me that, ultimately, our union's purpose is to take care of one another, not dissimilar to how a family operates. We look past our differences to fight for a better future for all of us.

While I am a glazier by trade, my life has been shaped by countless painters, drywall finishers, floor installers, trade show, and public sector workers. Every member I meet and talk to helps guide the vision of our union. We are nothing without each other. Everything I hold sacred about the IUPAT that makes me work so tirelessly for our union is a result of seeing how hard each and every one of you work day in and day out. You inspire me and motivate me to think bigger and push further. Just as it is important for us to unite as **One Union**, it is equally important for us to operate as **One Family**. An injury to one is an injury to all.

As we head into our 33rd General Convention, I invite all of you to re-engage with your union. We have an opportunity to chart the course of the IUPAT for the next five years, and I cannot do it alone. I am ready to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with anyone and everyone ready to be a part of the Army of Black and Gold. These colors and our union have provided a secure life for millions of working families, and with your help, we can ensure we do the same for millions more decades into the future. As we look back over our 137-year history, let us rededicate ourselves to the values that our union was founded on—solidarity, mutuality, and a shared vision of a better future for every worker in our industry.





MENSAJE DEL PRESIDENTE GENERAL JIMMY WILLIAMS JR.

SINDICATO, FAMILIA, LUCHA.

El próximo mes de agosto, el IUPAT celebrará su 33.ª Convención General en Orlando, Florida. Esta será mi primera convención como su presidente general y una oportunidad para que nos volvamos a dedicar a los valores que llevaron a la formación de nuestro sindicato hace más de 137 años. Quiero compartir con ustedes por qué elegí **Un sindicato. Una familia. Una lucha.** como tema de nuestra convención, explicar lo que significa para mí y cómo mis experiencias al crecer en una familia sindical de larga data me han llevado a este momento.

En la *revista* de otoño de 2021, me presenté formalmente como presidente general del IUPAT. Soy un vidriero de cuarta generación del IUPAT del Consejo de Distrito 21/ Sindicato Local 252 de Filadelfia, Pensilvania. Mi bisabuelo fue miembro fundador del Sindicato Local 252; y mi abuelo, mi padre y varios tíos y primos tuvieron la suerte de ser miembros. El movimiento obrero dio forma a mi infancia. Desde muy joven, pude recorrer los piquetes y presenciar de primera mano el poder de la solidaridad y la acción colectiva.

He pasado más de 20 años como organizador y funcionario sindical. Mis prioridades como presidente general se derivan directamente del tiempo que paso reuniéndome con los trabajadores en sus casas, en las salas del sindicato y en los lugares de trabajo. Aprovecho todas las oportunidades que tengo para abordar los problemas que aquejan a los trabajadores y socavan nuestra industria. Mi visión del IUPAT es una en la que los trabajadores de todas las razas, géneros, orígenes económicos y nacionalidades puedan unirse en solidaridad para luchar por un futuro mejor para ellos, sus familias y sus comunidades.

Mi historia dentro del movimiento obrero y mi experiencia como miembro del IUPAT me llevaron a *Un sindicato. Una* familia. Una lucha. En conjunto, estas frases representan el potencial del IUPAT. Ser miembro del IUPAT significa formar parte de algo mucho más grande que nosotros mismos a nivel individual.os unimos a un movimiento que representa a una familia de trabajadores, que se remonta 137 años atrás, unidos en una misma lucha.



Hay una razón por la que **Un sindicato** está en primer plano en el logotipo del IUPAT. Representamos a un conjunto diverso de oficios que se extienden por toda Norteamérica; de hecho, ¡representamos a más oficios que cualquier otro sindicato de la industria de la construcción! Nuestra diversidad es nuestra fuerza, no solo en las personas a las que representamos, sino también en el trabajo que hacemos. Cuando nos mantenemos unidos como **Un sindicato**, no hay nada que no podamos lograr.

Lo más importante, **Una lucha**. Nuestro sindicato siempre ha tenido un propósito: luchar por mejores condiciones laborales, lugares de trabajo más seguros y el interés común de nuestras familias y nuestras comunidades. Hoy en día, nuestro sindicato abarca todo un continente: nuestras luchas pueden parecer amplias, inconexas y difíciles de relacionar con nuestra experiencia personal. ¿Por qué debería preocuparse un pintor de Filadelfia por un revestidor de suelos de San Diego? ¿O por qué un acabador de paneles

de yeso de Toronto se preocuparía por un trabajador del sector público de Florida?

La respuesta es sencilla: luchamos por los trabajadores. Nuestra clase, la trabajadora, tiene mucho por ganar si nos unificamos bajo una causa y un interés común. Unirnos como **Un sindicato** y **Una familia** hace posible que nos unamos en torno a una lucha en común. El objetivo de nuestro sindicato es permitir que los pintores de Filadelfia y los acabadores de paneles de veso de Toronto sepan que su lucha es exactamente la misma que la de sus hermanos y hermanas de San Diego y Florida. Primero debemos unificarnos antes de poder conseguir de forma efectiva mejores condiciones de trabajo para cualquiera de nosotros. Y cuanto mejores sean las condiciones de trabajo de los pintores, mejores serán las de los revestidores de suelos, los acabadores de paneles de yeso, los trabajadores del sector público, los vidrieros y todos los demás oficios que representamos.

Mis propias experiencias al crecer en el seno de una familia sindical me han demostrado que, en última instancia, el propósito de nuestro sindicato es cuidarnos los unos a los otros, algo no muy distinto a cómo funciona una familia. Dejamos de lado nuestras diferencias para luchar por un futuro mejor para todos.

Aunque soy vidriero de profesión, innumerables pintores, acabadores de paneles de yeso, instaladores de suelos y

trabajadores de ferias comerciales y del sector público han formado parte de mi vida. Cada miembro que conozco y con el que hablo contribuye a orientar la visión de nuestro sindicato. No somos nada el uno sin el otro. Todo lo que considero sagrado del IUPAT y que me hace trabajar tan incansablemente por nuestro sindicato es el resultado de ver lo duro que trabajan todos y cada uno de ustedes día tras día. Ustedes me inspiran y me motivan para pensar en grande y llegar más lejos. Del mismo modo que es importante que nos unamos como **Un sindicato**, es igualmente importante que funcionemos como **Una familia**. Un perjuicio para uno es un perjuicio para todos.

A medida que se acerca nuestra 33.ª Convención General, los invito a todos a que vuelvan a involucrarse con su sindicato. Tenemos la oportunidad de trazar el rumbo del IUPAT para los próximos cinco años, y yo no puedo hacerlo solo. Estoy dispuesto a luchar hombro con hombro con guienes estén dispuestos a formar parte de nuestroejército negro y dorado. Estos colores y nuestro sindicato han facilitado una vida segura a millones de familias trabajadoras ycon su ayudapodemos asegurarnos de hacer lo mismo para millones más en las próximas décadas. Al repasar nuestros 137 años de historia, volvamos a dedicarnos a los valores sobre los que se fundó nuestro sindicato: solidaridad, apoyo mutuo y una visión compartida de un futuro mejor para todos los trabajadores de nuestra industria.



A REPORT

FROM GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER GREGG SMITH

A MESSAGE ON A FIGHTING IUPAT

As our 33rd General Convention approaches, I want to tell every single one of you how proud I am of the work that we have accomplished together as a union. Since being elected General Secretary-Treasurer, I have said time and time again my one and only focus is our membership. General President Jimmy Williams and I have visited many of our District Councils and learned about the issues that affect each of you. Every day, we shape our priorities for a strong, working IUPAT. Last year, our union added over 3,000 new members throughout the United States and Canada. I know that our success doesn't just come out of thin air; every win, every success story, is proof of all the hard work each of you has done.

This year's Convention theme is **One Union. One Family.** One Fight. This theme could not be more fitting for our times. Since becoming GST, I have pushed our District Councils and Local Unions to unite in one fight. Without fighting, we wouldn't be where we are today. I am on the road every day fighting for our membership; I fight for a stronger and more unified union that works for all of us.

I'm also proud of the significant growth in organizing efforts made by District Councils across our two countries. In the past year:

- **District Council 5** (Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Utah) has organized 17 new employers.
- District Council 58 (Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee) has organized 15 new employers.
- District Council 78 (Florida, Georgia) has organized 10 new employers.

Additionally, just a few months ago, District Council 77 (Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South

Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia) helped 32 painters in Atlanta, Georgia, who were misclassified as independent contractors, receive over \$87,000 in back wages. In Nashville, Tennessee, **District Council 58** helped 70 drywall finishers who worked to build JW Marriott reclaim wages for unpaid overtime, and they are now receiving a combined \$700,000 in back wages.

These efforts are encouraging and give me hope that we can grow market share and strength for our union wherever we focus. We can organize new employers and ensure every generation can benefit from our opportunities for decades.

The construction industry in the South is booming, but bad contractors are doing everything they can to take advantage of working people; enough is enough. Working people lose over \$16 billion in stolen wages every year. We must fight every day to end employers' illegal wage theft and ensure construction workers are paid every dollar they earn. Immigrants built this country, and we must do everything in our power to defend those working in our trades.

When one of us loses, we all lose; it's as simple as that. That's why we are investing more in organizing today than ever



before in our union's history. We gain strength and worker power the same way we always have—from the bottom up. We organize from construction site to construction site and contractor to contractor to ensure every generation can benefit from the opportunities our union has to offer. I encourage each and every one of you to go out there and keep fighting the fight. We are our union. It's on all of us to stand together, be active, and build strength in numbers.



IUPAT leadership and District Council 50 representatives with DC 50/LU 1944 tapers.

Front, L to R: DC 50 Director of Training John Frigillana Jr, Executive Assistant to the GST Bill Francisco, DC 50 Glaziers Business Representative Dwayne Arelliano, GST Gregg Smith, GVP (Western) Mike Gutierrez, and taper Romeo Peralta.

Back, L to R: Tapers Kennel Diga, Raylen Itamoto, Ferdinand Ramirez, Chris Badua, and Anthony Elizaga.

IUPAT CASH & INVESTMENTS

	BALANCE	ACTIVITY	BALANCE
	AT	INCREASE	AT
	1/1/2023	(DECREASE)	11/30/2023
OPERATING FUNDS			
General Fund	39,048,634	1,749,376	40,798,010
Organizing Fund	3,438,015	(1,121,229)	2,316,785
Building Corp	4,187,808	(631,390)	3,556,419
Total Operating Funds	\$ 46,674,457	\$ (3,243)	\$ 46,671,214
OTHER FUNDS			
AD&D	488,506	(27,603)	460,903
Death Benefit	29,947,704	841,045	30,788,749
Convention	4,360,716	1,529,549	5,890,265
Issues Campaigns	238,022	(17,564)	220,458
FIDR Fund	987,287	78,384	1,065,671
Total Other Funds	\$ 36,022,235	\$ 2,403,811	\$ 38,426,046
Total IUPAT Cash & Investments:	\$ 82,696,692	\$ 2,400,568	\$ 85,097,260

INFORMEDEL SECRETARIO GENERAL Y TESORERO GREGG SMITH

UN MENSAJE SOBRE UN IUPAT EN LUCHA

A medida que se acerca nuestra 33ª Convención General, deseo expresar a todos y cada uno de ustedes el orgullo que me genera el trabajo que hemos realizado juntos como sindicato. Desde que fui elegido secretario general-tesorero (GST), he dicho una y otra vez que mi único objetivo es nuestros miembros. El presidente general Jimmy Williams y yo hemos visitado muchos de nuestros Consejos de Distrito y nos hemos informado sobre los temas que afectan a cada uno de ustedes. Cada día, damos forma a nuestras prioridades para un IUPAT fuerte y activo. El año pasado, nuestro Sindicato sumó más de 3000 nuevos miembros en todo Estados Unidos y Canadá. Sé que nuestro éxito no surge de la nada; cada victoria, cada historia de éxito, es prueba de todo el arduo trabajo de cada uno de ustedes.

El tema de la Convención de este año es **Un sindicato. Una familia. Una lucha.** Este tema no podría ser más apropiado para nuestros tiempos. Desde que me convertí en GST, he presionado a nuestros Consejos de Distrito y Sindicatos Locales para que se unan en **una lucha.** Sin esta lucha, no estaríamos donde estamos hoy. Estoy en la calle todos los días luchando por nuestros miembros; lucho por un sindicato más fuerte y unificado que trabaje para todos nosotros.

También estoy orgulloso del importante crecimiento de los esfuerzos organizativos realizados por los Consejos de Distrito de nuestros dos países. El año pasado:

- El Consejo de Distrito 5 (Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Oregón y Utah) ha organizado a 17 nuevos empleadores.
- El **Consejo de Distrito 58** (Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky y Tennessee) ha organizado a 15 nuevos empleadores.
- El **Consejo de Distrito 78** (Florida, Georgia) ha organizado a 10 nuevos empleadores.

Además, hace solo unos meses, el **Consejo de Distrito**77 (Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi,
Carolina del Norte, Carolina del Sur, Tennessee, Texas y
Virginia) ayudó a 32 pintores de Atlanta, Georgia, quienes
habían sido clasificados erróneamente como contratistas
independientes, a recibir más de \$87 000 en salarios
atrasados. En Nashville, Tennessee, el **Consejo de Distrito**58 ayudó a 70 trabajadores de acabado de paneles de yeso
que trabajaron en la construcción del hotel JW Marriott a
reclamar salarios por horas extras impagas, y ahora recibirán
un total de \$700 000 en salarios atrasados.

Estos esfuerzos son alentadores y me dan esperanzas de que podremos aumentar la cuota de mercado y la fuerza de nuestro sindicato donde sea que nos concentremos. Podemos organizar a nuevos empleadores y garantizar que todas las generaciones puedan beneficiarse de nuestras oportunidades por décadas.

La industria de la construcción en el sur está en auge, pero los malos contratistas hacen todo lo posible para aprovecharse de los trabajadores; ¡ya basta! Los trabajadores pierden cada año más de 16 000 millones de dólares en concepto de salarios robados. Debemos luchar cada día para acabar



con el robo ilegal de salarios por parte de los empleadores y garantizar que los trabajadores de la construcción reciban íntegramente cada dólar que se les adeuda. Los inmigrantes construyeron este país y debemos hacer todo lo que esté a nuestro alcance para defender a quienes trabajan en nuestros oficios.

Cuando uno de nosotros pierde, todos perdemos; así de simple. Por eso estamos invirtiendo en organización hoy más que nunca antes en la historia de nuestro sindicato.

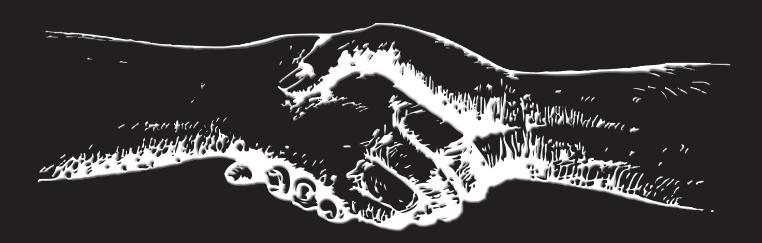
Ganamos fuerza y poder obrero de la misma manera que siempre lo hemos hecho: de abajo hacia arriba. Nos organizamos de obra en obra y de contratista en contratista para garantizar que todas las generaciones puedan beneficiarse de las oportunidades que ofrece nuestro sindicato. Ánimo a todos y cada uno de ustedes a que salgan y sigan luchando. Nosotros somos nuestro sindicato. Depende de nosotros mantenernos unidos, actuar y construir la fuerza en números.



Líderes del IUPAT y representantes del Consejo de Distrito 50 con empapeladores del DC 50/LU 1944

Frente, de izquierda a derecha: Director de capacitación del DC 50 John Frigillana Jr, asistente ejecutivo del GST Bill Francisco, representante comercial de vidrieros del DC 50 Dwayne Arelliano, GST Gregg Smith, y vicepresidente general (región oeste) Mike Gutiérrez, empapelador Romeo Peralta.

Dorso, de izquierda a derecha: Empapeladores Kennel Diga, Raylen Itamoto, Ferdinand Ramirez, Chris Badua y Anthony Elizaga.



SOMOS UN SINDICATOFUE



In conformity with Section 25 of the General Constitution, the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades will meet in General Convention at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando, Florida, August 26 - 30, 2024.

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NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DELEGATES

Section 29

Elections for Delegates must be held during the month of May 2024, nominations to be held one meeting prior to election. NOTE: Section 29 and not Section 209 governs the election of Delegates to the General Convention. Adequate notice of the nomination and election meetings shall be given to the membership as per Section 29(a). Notification of the nomination and election meetings may be set forth in the same mailing. Notification must clearly state the time, place and purpose of these two meetings.

IT IS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE THAT ALL DELEGATES BE ELECTED BY SECRET BALLOT.

REPRESENTATION

Section 27

A Local Union, to be entitled to representation, must have been chartered for at least six months prior to the holding of the General Convention, and must have paid its per capita tax to the office of the International Union up to and including the second month preceding the Convention month.

This means that each Local Union must have per capita tax paid up to and including the month of June 2024. All payments must be received by the General Secretary-Treasurer's office no later than the last business day of the month preceding the Convention month, or July 31, 2024.

No Delegate will be seated at the Convention or receive a mileage check whose Local Union is delinquent in per capita tax in accordance with the above-mentioned rule.

Section 31

Each Delegate will be entitled to one vote. No proxy representation shall be allowed. Two or more Local Unions may combine to send one Delegate to represent them. He/she must be a member of one of the Local Unions and present a credential from each Local.

Section 28(a)

Except as provided in Section 29(e), Local Unions shall be entitled to representation in the General Convention according to the number of members on whom per capita tax shall have been paid.

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More than 100 Members,	
and Less than 500 Members	2 Delegates

500 Members and	
Less than 1,000 Members	3 Delegates

1,000 Members	4 Delegates
and an Additional Delegate	for each 500
Members or Major Fraction of	over 1.000



ELIGIBILITY OF DELEGATES

Section 29(b) and (c)

To be eligible as a Delegate or an Alternate a member must be eligible under the requirements of Section 29. Refer to the General Constitution for further explanation.

Section 29(d)

Life Members are not eligible as Delegates.

Section 30

Alternates, to represent the Local Union if the regular elected Delegate or Delegates are unable to attend the Convention, shall be the member or members who receive the next highest number of votes at the election of Delegates. Alternates must have the same qualifications as Delegates.

CREDENTIALS

Section 32

The credentialing process has been automated. A nomination verification form is enclosed as part of this automation process. This form is to be filled out by the Local Union Recording Secretary, and bear the name of all Nominees. After the election has taken place, the form must be immediately updated with the total votes, signed by the Local Union President, Local Union Recording Secretary, imprinted with the Local Union Seal and signed by the District Council Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Further instruction will follow.

MILEAGE AND EXPENSES

Section 34

Mileage, cost of hotel room, and per diem will be paid in accordance with Section 34 of the General Constitution.

Section 31(c)

All other expenses of the Delegates are to be defrayed by the Local Unions they represent.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS/RATES

All information pertaining hotel reservations and rates will be addressed in a letter forwarded to the Delegates. This same information will be published in a later issue of the "Painters and Allied Trades Journal."

AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL CONSTITUTION

Section 80

The General Constitution, and the Local Union rules contained therein, may be amended or altered at the regular session of the General Convention by a majority vote of the Delegates present. Laws so adopted will become effective on January 1st following, unless otherwise designated. District Councils or Local Unions that wish to submit proposed amendments must follow the procedure set forth in Section 80. All such amendments are to be presented, in writing, to the General Secretary-Treasurer postmarked at least 45 days before the convening of the Convention,

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July 12, 2024, bear the signature of the proper officers of the District Council or Local Union presenting them and be published in the Official Journal of the month preceding the General Convention, provided, however, that the General Executive Board may present amendments for adoption by the General Convention at any time when the General Convention is in session. Only District Councils or Local Unions can submit amendments. They cannot be submitted by Conferences or individual Members of the Union.

RESOLUTIONS

Section 37

All resolutions dealing with general subjects, such as organization, building trades, health measures, shorter work day, or legislative enactment, are to be forwarded to the office of the General Secretary-Treasurer, bearing the signature of the proper officers of the District Council or Local Union submitting same, postmarked at least 45 days before the convening of the General Convention. That means submissions to the office of the General Secretary-Treasurer must be postmarked no later than July 12, 2024. Any resolutions considered after that time must receive the consent of the Convention, except resolutions submitted by the General Executive Board. District Councils or Local Unions that wish to submit proposed resolutions must follow the procedures set forth in Section 37.

APPEALS

Sections 277-278

Appeals to the General Convention are governed by Sections 277-278 of General Constitution.

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James A. Williams Jr.

General President

Gregg A. Smith

General Secretary-Treasurer

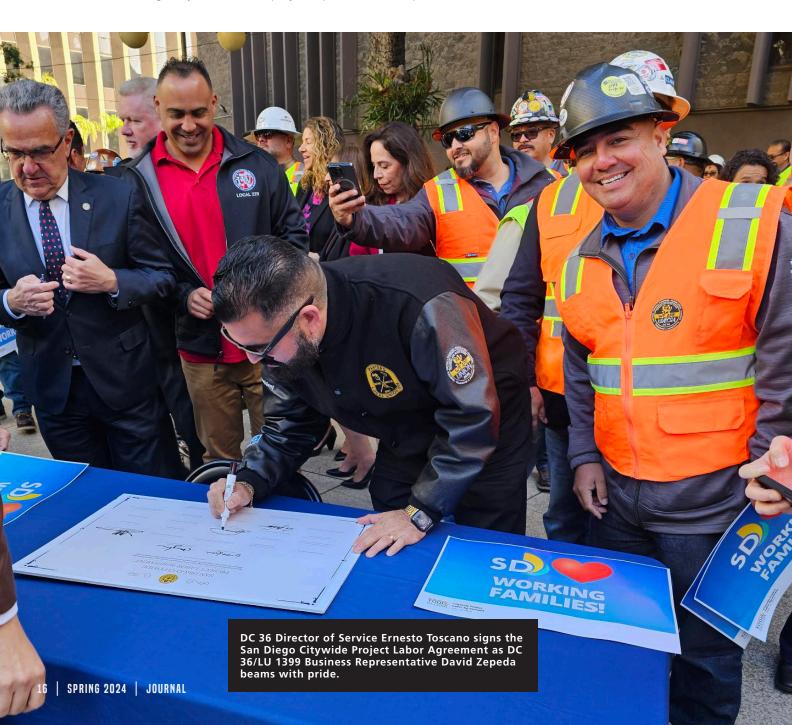
JUSTICE FOR ALL WORKERS

DISTRICT COUNCIL 36 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO

SAN DIEGO CITYWIDE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT

On February 14, 2024, San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria signed a citywide project labor agreement (PLA) into law. This legislation will ensure highly skilled workers, like the members of the IUPAT, are hired for local jobs.

District Council 36 has joined the San Diego Building Trades and others in fighting tirelessly over the years to lift the citywide ban on PLAs in the past. This historic decision is proof that when unions work together in collaboration with the community, we can overpower union-busting campaigns. Measure D, allowing the use of PLAs on San Diego city construction projects, passed with 57 percent of the votes.



SERVICING UPDATE

General Vice President for Service Mark Komaromi

STANDING TOGETHER

While traveling, I have seen some of the mega projects that members of our union are working on. Many of these projects are massive in size, will take years to complete, and require skilled and committed craft workers.

I recently visited the BlueOvalSK Battery Park site in Kentucky along with General Secretary-Treasurer Gregg Smith and General Vice President Charlie Meadows, and was blown away by the sheer size of this project and the number of craft workers across various trades that were onsite. During that visit, we spoke with a diverse group of over 55 drywall finishers and 40 painters from two companies. They all expressed pride in working on this project, and that they look forward to opportunities to work on future mega projects.

It was also apparent that there was an unspoken unity among the group of women and men; Black, Latino, and White workers; and father and son teams. To represent our union as one united workforce, we must look beyond our differences, treat each other with respect, and work together safely to make it home to our families at the end of the day.

In addition to a united membership, representatives must continue to educate and inform our members about upcoming trainings. This is imperative so that we can be the safest, most productive workforce to complete these projects and build our infrastructure for the next generation. No matter what, we must be in lockstep fighting and working as one to move our organization toward greater strengths within our crafts.

Our collective success and growth are driven by all of us. The best way for us to continue flourishing is to work side by side and lift each other up. These simple acts foster the unity and solidarity that we need to be an unbreakable workforce.

Let's continue to stand together to grow our union.



IUPAT Members: *Know Your Rights*

he Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA) guarantees certain rights to union members and imposes certain responsibilities on union officers to ensure union democracy, financial integrity and transparency. The Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS) is the Federal agency with primary authority to enforce many LMRDA provisions. If you suspect a violation of these rights or responsibilities please contact the Department of Labor at 1-866-4-USA-DOL.

UNION MEMBER RIGHTS

Bill of Rights - Union members have:

- equal rights to participate in union activities
- freedom of speech and assembly
- voice in setting rates of dues, fees, and assessments
- protection of the right to sue
- safeguards against improper discipline

Copies of Collective Bargaining Agreements - Union members and nonunion employees have the right to receive or inspect copies of collective bargaining agreements.

Reports – Unions are required to file an initial information report (Form LM-1), copies of constitutions and bylaws, and an annual financial report (Form LM-2/3/4) with OLMS. Unions must make the reports available to members and permit members to examine supporting records for just cause. The reports are public information and copies are available from OLMS.

Officer Elections – Union members have the right to:

- nominate candidates for office
- run for office
- cast a secret ballot
- protest the conduct of an election

Officer Removal - Local union members have the right to an adequate procedure for the removal of an elected officer guilty of serious misconduct.

Trusteeships – Unions may only be placed in trusteeship by a parent body for the reasons specified in the LMRDA.

Protection for Exercising LMRDA Rights – A union or any of its officials may not fine, expel, or otherwise discipline a member for exercising any LMRDA right.

Prohibition Against Violence – No one may use or threaten to use force or violence to interfere with a union member in the exercise of LMRDA rights.

UNION OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

Financial Safeguards – Union officers have a duty to manage the funds and property of the union solely for the benefit of the union and its members in accordance with the union's constitution and bylaws. Union officers or employees who embezzle or steal union funds or other assets commit a Federal crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment.

Bonding – Union officers or employees who handle union funds or property must be bonded to provide protection against losses if their union has property and annual financial receipts which exceed \$5.000.

Labor Organization Reports – Union officers must:

- file an initial information report (Form LM-1) and annual financial reports (Forms LM-2/3/4) with OLMS.
- retain the records necessary to verify the reports for at least five years.

Officer Reports - Union officers and employees must file reports concerning any loans and benefits received from, or certain financial interests in, employers whose employees their unions represent and businesses that deal with their unions.

Officer Elections - Unions must:

- hold elections of officers of local unions by secret ballot at least every three years.
- conduct regular elections in accordance with their constitution and bylaws and preserve all records for one year.
- mail a notice of election to every member at least 15 days prior to the election.
- comply with a candidate's request to distribute campaign material.
- not use union funds or resources to promote any candidate (nor may employer funds or resources be used).
- permit candidates to have election observers.
- allow candidates to inspect the union's membership list once within 30 days prior to the election.

Restrictions on Holding Office - A person convicted of certain crimes may not serve as a union officer, employee, or other representative of a union for up to 13 years.

Loans - A union may not have outstanding loans to any one officer or employee that in total exceed \$2,000 at any time.

Fines - A union may not pay the fine of any officer or employee convicted of any willful violation of the LMRDA.

http://www.olms.dol.gov **OLMS-Public@dol.gov** 1-866-4-USA-DOL

ORGANIZING UPDATE

General Vice President for Organizing Shane Smith

In January, we held our annual Directors of Organizing meeting in Hanover, Maryland. We welcomed five new DOOs to our team, who have all hit the ground running and are already building campaigns in their respective areas. They are:

- Savanah Palmira (DC 5, covering Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Utah)
- Orfeo Pagliacci (DC 38, covering British Columbia)
- Claire Cawley (DC 57 in Western Pennsylvania)
- Chris Wall (DC 91, covering Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Michigan)
- Nicolas Dubuc (DC 97 in Quebec)

During our three days together, we talked about the importance of building compliance departments and shared best practices that will help us grow market share throughout the United States and Canada. Compliance is the work we do to uphold state, local, and federal laws, like prevailing wage and specifications such as CAS and AGMT, which level the playing field for our employers and make it more likely that our members go to work on publicly funded projects. This is especially important now, with billions of dollars going to pay for new infrastructure projects like bridges, schools, airports, EV battery, and semiconductor plants across the United States. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) passed by the Biden Administration give us a unique opportunity to organize, and have already put thousands of our members to work. Because of these bills/funding mechanisms, some requirements give employers incentives to use well-paid and highly skilled union labor. For example, the IRA gives a 30 percent investment tax credit to any company building an EV battery plant that utilizes apprenticeship programs, pays a prevailing wage, and looks to hire local and diverse workforces. The IRA also gives a 25 percent investment tax credit that requires local hires, prevailing wage, and community benefits agreements on all semiconductor plants

The Directors of Organizing met on the Hanover campus in January. that cost over \$150 million to build. So, it is important that the IUPAT uphold these labor-friendly levers to make sure they keep working.

Another topic of conversation was around the National Labor Relations Board's new standard set forth in their CEMEX decision. Under this new standard, a union that possesses majority support (meaning 51 percent or more workers have signed a union authorization for representation card) can now request that an employer recognize that union as the designated representative and negotiate a collective bargaining agreement. If the employer refuses to negotiate or does not file a petition for election within 14 days, the employer commits an unfair labor practice for failing to bargain in good faith. This new standard is the best organizing tool given to us in decades because it possibly eliminates weeks and months of employer intimidation and other union-busting tactics. District Council 82 (Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin) was one of the first unions in the country to receive a bargaining order unitizing the CEMEX framework during their Smith Painting Campaign in Minnesota. DC 82 Director of Organizing Art Hill shared best practices with the directors on utilizing the CEMEX framework to organize. We believe the CEMEX framework will be a great organizing tool going forward, thanks to the NLRB's General Council Jenifer Abruzzo and the Biden Administration.

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IUPAT INTERNATIONAL & AFFILIATED FUNDS STAFF RETIREES

Rick Matthews

IUPAT (1981-2023)

Rick Matthews joined District Council 6/Local Union 438 (Steubenville, Ohio) in June 1981 as an apprentice. An industrial painter by trade, he worked throughout the United States as a journey worker and, later, a project manager.

In December 2004, he was hired as an apprentice coordinator for District Council 51 (Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia). In January 2009, he became a business representative for District Council 51/Local Union 1 (Baltimore).

In September 2015, he joined the LMCI as an industry liaison for the Eastern Region.

In July 2021, Matthews became a general representative for the IUPAT and remained in that position until his retirement in December 2023.

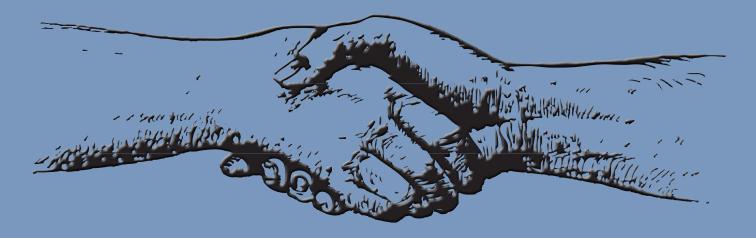
Jack White

IUPAT (1976-2023)

Jack White was initiated into Local Union 138 (Burnaby, British Columbia) in 1976. A commercial painter by trade, White held several positions with LU 138, including recording secretary (elected) in 1981, president in 1983, and full-time business representative (elected) in 1989.

In 1998, he was elected as the first business manager/secretary-treasurer of the newly minted District Council 38. In 2000, White joined the IUPAT as general president's representative and remained in that position until his retirement in December 2023.

WE ARE UNION STRONG



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

General Vice President for Government Affairs Liz McElroy

Recently, I had the opportunity to spend some time with trade union leaders from around the world as they met in Washington, D.C. They shared stories about organizing, and the solidarity and the power of the global labor movement struck me. One theme that resurfaced over and over was the concept of democracy and how it is both fragile and resilient.

Oftentimes, we think of "democracy" as it relates to election administration—which is an important part of it—but it is so much bigger than that and so much more directly connected to our daily lives as IUPAT members. Democracy is also about what happens in our workplaces and even our right to have a union... and we all play a role in protecting it.

At its core, democracy simply means that we make decisions about our future, together. The majority rules and the minority is protected.

On our job sites, we express democracy through our union. We come together to bargain contracts so that our bosses have a set of rules they have to abide by. In our country, we express democracy through voting and advocacy so that the wealthy and well-connected don't make decisions that govern our lives and our communities unchecked. Democracy is a core value of the IUPAT and of unions across the globe. In fact, the presence of a strong union movement is a key indicator of whether a country has a functioning democracy.

Democracy is not stagnant, though. In order to survive and thrive, people, including all of us, need to participate. Democracy is also not guaranteed. Keeping our rights takes hard work, but not as much work as gaining them back if we lose them.

In Florida, workplace democracy is under attack by extreme politicians who passed a law to rob public sector workers of their union. Within six months of the bill taking effect, 30 non-IUPAT local unions in Florida had already lost their unions and their contracts. Imagine if one day you showed up to work and you no longer had a union contract to protect you—a contractor could demand you show up hours earlier than your start time, and a boss could deny you safety equipment. In Florida, thousands of IUPAT members' job protections, pay, and benefits are under attack because of extreme politicians.

In the United States and Canada, our civic democracies are under attack, too.

Our union fights for our democratic rights at work, at home, and in our community. We have the right to come together and bargain collectively to demand fair pay and sufficient benefits so we can provide for our families. Likewise, we have the right to demand our government works for us, not for the wealthy and well-connected who want to rewrite the rules of the economy to benefit themselves.

So, what does this look like in reality? It can take a lot of forms but it is as simple as showing up and being involved in our union, in our communities, and our elections. Things like:

- Attending union meetings to learn about the priorities of the union.
- Participating in calls to action to call or send emails to legislators about bills at the local, state, provincial, or national level.
- Talking to your Local Union reps about what you are active in outside of work. There may be things the union and your community can do together.
- Signing up for trainings, workshops, classes and IUPAT Communications emails so you always know what is happening and how you can be involved.
- Getting the facts on where your elected officials and candidates for office stand on some of our key issues like right-to-work, protecting prevailing wage, and registered apprenticeships.
- Voting in elections at all levels of government.

Later this year, IUPAT members from across the United States and Canada will come together at our 33rd General Convention to participate in our union's most fundamental work—to debate key issues and discuss our union's future. That's what unions do best. We listen to each other's opinions, debate an issue, and then make a decision together. That's what democracy is.

This year, there are two big tests for our democracy. To protect our workplace democracy, we'll come together at the Convention to renew our commitment to each other and our union. To protect our civic democracy, our American members will participate in our presidential election this November. Our Canadian members will do the same in 2025. Our commitment to each other means holding powerful people accountable, whether they're an employer or a politician, and standing together for the principles that unite us.

POLITICAL ACTION

DISTRICT COUNCIL 35 I MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, RHODE ISLAND, VERMONT

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION PETE BUTTIGIEG AND NEW HAMPSHIRE SENATORS MAGGIE HASSAN AND JEANNE **SHAHEEN VISIT DC 35'S TRAINING CENTER**

Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and New Hampshire Senators Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan recently visited District Council 35's training facility in Brentwood, New Hampshire, to show support for union apprenticeships like ours and the vital role we play in bolstering America's infrastructure.

This visit highlighted the importance of registered union apprenticeships, particularly in light of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal. This game-changing legislation provides federal funding to improve our country's infrastructure, promising over \$1 billion in investment for New Hampshire's roads and bridges and fueling the creation of thousands of union jobs across the state.

During the visit, the delegation met with General President Jimmy William Jr., DC 35 Business Manager/Secretary-



Treasurer Christian Brennan, and over 80 apprentices. They emphasized the importance of workforce development programs and apprenticeship initiatives in ensuring we have a skilled workforce to meet increased demands. Apprentices training in commercial painting, industrial bridge painting, wallcovering, drywall finishing, and glazing represent the next generation of skilled workers essential for executing infrastructure projects efficiently and effectively.

"New Hampshire workers are gaining the skills they need for the new jobs created by President Biden's \$1 billion investment in our state's infrastructure projects. As the union for building trades workers across New Hampshire, IUPAT



DC 35 is proud to help expand our skilled workforce and support the good-paying union jobs on critical projects like the new bridge overpass coming to Londonderry on I-93," said BM/ST Brennan. "Union apprenticeship programs are a key part of the union difference, helping workers earn while they learn on their path to a strong career in the building trades. We thank Secretary Buttigieg, Senator Shaheen, and Senator Hassan for their leadership and look forward to continuing the work of IUPAT DC 35's apprentice program, which is essential to creating the skilled workforce that will help grow our economy and build New Hampshire's future."

This visit reminds us of the importance of having political leaders who support working families and champion initiatives that promote economic opportunity and upward mobility for all. Our union plays a vital role in fighting for workers' rights in all aspects of their lives, including on the job site and in the local, state, and federal government.



DISTRICT COUNCIL 57 I WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

DC 57 HOSTS CONGRESSMAN CHRIS **DELUZIO'S RE-ELECTION KICKOFF**

On January 23, 2024, Congressman Chris Deluzio (PA-17) kicked off his reelection campaign at District Council 57's training center in Collier Township, Pennsylvania.

DC 57 Director of Government Relations Joe Hughes addressed the assembled crowd of labor and community partners, stating, "Congressman Deluzio has been one of the most reliable advocates we have in Congress. He always has the concerns of the working class at the top of his mind when he's making decisions in Washington, and we're proud to have his back."

From sponsoring legislation like the Railway Safety Act or securing hundreds of millions of dollars in infrastructure money for Western Pennsylvania, Congressman Deluzio is an asset in the House of Representatives. District Council 57 proudly supports him.



JOB CORPS

LOOKING FOR OUALIFIED PRE-APPRENTICES FOR WORK IN YOUR AREA? **CONTACT OUR JOB CORPS PLACEMENT COORDINATORS:**

CENTRAL WEST

CENTRAL EAST

JAMES STAATS | (410) 491-6505 TIM SORRELL | (202) 262-0537

National Project Coordinator Lawrence Burgess

SAFARI MUYOBE

Congratulations to District Council 21/Local Union 1955 (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) member Safari Muyobe on receiving the Job Corps Hall of Fame 2023 Successful Graduate Award. He was honored by the Department of Labor and Job Corps at the Job Corps Leadership Summit in December 2023.

Brother Muyobe, an immigrant from Tanzania, is a graduate of the Keystone Job Corps Center (JCC) in Drums, Pennsylvania. After arriving in the United States, he turned to Job Corps to learn English, earn his high school diploma, get his driver's license, and obtain career skills. In 2023, Muyobe was hired into a drywall apprenticeship with DC 21/LU 1955 where he is thriving.

Congratulations, Brother Muyobe!

Scan with your phone's camera to learn more about the IUPAT Job Corps Program.







DC 3 Director of Training Jeremy Jackson hands the Excelsior Springs Job Corps Center keys over to new Painting Instructor Mikha Green.

DISTRICT COUNCIL 3 | MISSOURI, KANSAS

CHANGES AT EXCELSIOR SPRINGS JOB CORPS CENTER AND DISTRICT COUNCIL 3

In December 2023, Excelsior Springs Job Corps Center (JCC) in Missouri, and District Council 3 made some exciting changes. Mikha Green took over as painting instructor for Excelsior Springs JCC, while Jeremy Jackson moved into the position of Director of Training for DC 3. The two will work closely together and support one another within their new roles.

MFMBFR **SPOTLIGHT**

DISTRICT COUNCIL 3 | MISSOURI, KANSAS

JEREMY JACKSON

District Council 3/Local Union 2012

In December 2023, Jeremy Jackson became the Director of Training for District Council 3. Prior to that, he served as the painting instructor for the Excelsior Springs Job Corps Center (JCC) in Missouri. He is the first Black Director of Training for the IUPAT and is one of the first master industrial painters in Kansas City, Missouri.

After graduating from Pittsburgh State University in 2011, where he excelled in athletics, Brother Jackson returned to his home state of Texas to be closer to his family. However, after a few years, he realized he was unable to find the stability he wanted to provide for his family. In 2014, he packed everything and headed to Kansas City, Missouri, where he joined District Council 3/Local Union 2012 at age 27.

In 2019, after seven years of hard work and commitment to his craft of industrial painting, Jackson was hired as the painting instructor at Excelsior JCC. He's earned several certifications over the years, including OSHA 502, CAS Level II, NACE CIP Level 1, and Scaffold Safety Awareness. In 2022, he received an outstanding performance award for his role as a pre-apprenticeship instructor while working with the IUPAT Job Corps Program.

Director of Training Jackson has many duties in his new role, including recruiting and retaining apprentices within District Council 3, maintaining and regulating standards and policies, overseeing the financial responsibilities of daily operations, evaluating the educational performance of instructional staff, and maintaining rapport with state and federal agencies.

He is an active member of Local Union 2012 and attends meetings regularly. He is also a proud member of the Coalition for Black Trade Unionists (CBTU) and the IUPAT Black CORE Committee. "I love being a part of a group of people who you are not afraid of fighting for a better living," said Jackson when asked to say a few words on union pride.

He also spoke highly of fellow LU 2012 member Glenn Gant, a commercial painter for INSCO Industries in Kansas



City, Missouri. The two worked together in Jackson's early days on the job and Jackson considers him a life mentor.

He would advise anyone considering joining the union that while it can be challenging, it is also an opportunity for growth. For those looking to elevate themselves within the union, he said, "First, make sure you are doing it for the right reasons. Second, understand that elevation requires constant growth. Growth is not an easy thing; it requires constant evaluation of self, a willingness to change, and discipline. You must understand how important it is to balance your priorities for a full and healthy life."

Congratulations, brother! Thank you for leading by example and for the motivation.

MFMRFR **SPOTLIGHT**

DISTRICT COUNCIL 3 | MISSOURI, KANSAS

MIKHA GREEN

District Council 3/Local Union 2012

In December 2023, Mikha Green became the painting instructor for the Excelsior Springs Job Corps Center (JCC) in Missouri. She is the second Black female instructor for the IUPAT Job Corps Program and the first Black female instructor at Excelsior JCC.

Sister Green, a painter and drywall finisher by trade, joined District Council 3/Local Union 2012 in 2017. Before beginning her career in the trades, she worked as a manager in the food service industry. She's always had a passion for cooking, but that path did not provide the opportunities she was hoping for. That's when she turned to the IUPAT Job Corps Program.

Green moved from her hometown of Omaha, Nebraska, by herself and joined the Job Corps pre-apprenticeship program at Excelsior Springs JCC in 2015. In 2016, Job Corps Field Placement Coordinator Jimmy Staats spoke to her class about the benefits a union life could offer. "I was a little skeptical at first because I did not think I could do it," said Green. However, Brother Staats and FTI Apprentice Program Specialist Dan Hink continued to encourage her throughout her apprenticeship. As a result of that support, in 2017, Sister Green joined District Council 3's apprenticeship program in Kansas City, Missouri. Within five years of apprenticing, she received many certifications, including those for OSHA 10 Construction, Respirator Fit Test, and Aerial Lift Awareness.

In her new position at Excelsior Springs JCC, the same place where she began her journey, Instructor Green works with students aged 15-25, teaching them union and life skills. She told us, "In this role, I wear many hats, from being an instructor to being a voice of reason to being a support system." She also works closely with union contractors, arranging introductions between them and the journey workers who may one day work for them.

Outside the training center, Sister Green is also an active member of DC 3 and LU 2012, having served as delegate, trustee, and on the local women's committee. She is also a



member of the Coalition for Black Trade Unionists (CBTU), the IUPAT Black CORE Committee, the LGBTQ CORE Committee, and the Women's CORE Committee.

When asked how the union has benefited her, Green told us, "What I love about being a union member is the unlimited growth within myself and how the individuals around me have shaped me into the woman I am today. I also love having the opportunity to give back to our youth and letting young women see that they can still rock their lipstick and rock their tools. I've always wanted to have a greater purpose. I feel like the union gave me that by helping me (and other young people) understand that although we may come from different walks of life and struggle with different challenges when given the right support system and opportunities, we can make a big difference in our own lives and the lives of others."

Sister Green also told us that before joining the union, she had no idea what a strong support system looked like. However, everything changed once she began networking and attending Tradeswomen Build Nations. It set the tone for her to get more involved in union activities and introduced her to mentors like Job Corps Field Coordinator Mike Anderson, District Council 3 Director of Training Jeremy Jackson, and DC 82 Director of Organizing Art Hill. "My biggest inspiration is Ms. Dominique Drew (DC 9/LU 1087). Hearing her story lit a fire under me like no other. Her ambition to keep pushing for greatness even if the odds are against her is incredible. She challenges my mind, and it has truly been a blessing. Sister Drew, Brothers Jackson, Anderson, and Hill, and the CORE Committees have helped me push through some challenging times," said Green.

When asked what advice she would offer those considering joining the union, Sister Green said, "Don't consider joining, just join. The goals you dream about can become a reality sooner than you know."

For those looking to elevate themselves within the union, she said, "Although you may be met with obstacles and individuals who try to discourage you, try to focus on surrounding yourself with people who give you the resources, knowledge, tools, and love needed to better yourself. Don't give up. Keep pushing past the speedbumps because there is always someone there to lift you up, even if you don't see them yet. Keep pushing. This is only the beginning."

Congratulations, Sister Green. Your story inspires us all, and we can't wait to see what you'll achieve next!



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Executive Director Anton Ruesing

THE INTERNATIONAL FINISHING TRADES INSTITUTE

APPRENTICES ON THE RISE

Increasing our apprenticeship ranks is crucial to every other initiative in our union—including organizing, training, and strengthening our pension fund to care for our members in retirement while ensuring all active members have the same benefits when they retire.

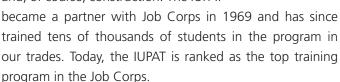
Pre-Apprenticeship Programs are Key

The earlier we introduce young men and women to our trades and the opportunities being a union member offers them, the more successful we will be in building a younger and larger IUPAT. The IUPAT works with private, community, and public pre-apprenticeship programs to achieve that goal.

Job Corns

One of the signature programs in the

United States is the Job Corps program. Created by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965. trains Job Corps students in a variety of fields such as manufacturing, automotive, hospitality, information technology, and, of course, construction. The IUPAT





Now, under the direction of the Finishing Trades Institute, IUPAT Job Corps instructors and representatives are coordinating efforts directly with District Councils throughout the United States to place Job Corps graduates in an IUPAT apprenticeship program. This provides our union with a source of additional apprentices who are already trained under the IUPAT apprenticeship curriculum while in Job Corps.

So far in 2024, placement numbers (i.e., the number of people who have been successfully placed in an IUPAT apprenticeship) already exceed the total number of students placed all of last year.

As we continue to recruit more apprentices, participation in pre-apprenticeship programs is a key to our success. Read more below about how one of our programs has put this plan into action.

FTI Midwest Awarded Apprenticeship Missouri 2023 **Provider of the Year**

In a statewide initiative to recognize excellence in apprenticeship programs, the Missouri Department of Labor named the FTI Midwest Apprenticeship program of District Council 58 as the Apprenticeship Missouri 2023 Provider of the Year. The annual award, without a formal application process, relies on nominations from representatives within the Department of Labor. This year, the Missouri DOL selected FTI Midwest as a program that has demonstrated exceptional efforts in rebuilding relationships and fostering meaningful employment opportunities throughout the state.

The Journal spoke with DC 58 Director of Training Kevin Harned on the award and how FTI Midwest made the grade.

A part of earning this award is an emphasis on community relationships. What was your approach to accomplish this?

DoT Harned: Coming out of the pandemic, a multitude of organizations that had been in a holding pattern were eager to develop relationships with us. We participated in job fairs,





but the in-house tours and workshops with partners have produced the most fruit. Community partners, Job Corps, and school counselors can be our best friends in gaining members from nontraditional sources.

We provided them with wage sheets and beneficial information, made our training centers available for tours and workshops, and created an easier online application and linked it to a QR code for 24/7 application access. We made sure that when those applications were submitted, they were immediately received by the Organizing department and at least one business agent in addition to the school.

We have had the entire fire protection district perform training for active firefighters at our facility. We are currently working with the local police department to allow them to provide some training to their department. This truly helps us become part of the community.

What kind of growth in apprentices did you experience?

Throughout the District Council, our overall apprentice numbers are at all-time highs, surpassing our previous numbers by 50 percent or more. Our minority participation overall has been as high as 38 percent while maintaining a 20 percent participation of women in our painting and drywall trades.

What kind of activities did you undertake with the program to generate higher interest in the trades? What are you most proud of?

Looking for win-wins with partners (community, Job Corps, and schools) has been the most rewarding. Having a key person take ownership and handle those communications is important and provides fewer opportunities to fall through the cracks. We try to meet needs and take honest obstacles off the table. We looked for partners to provide needed assistance in English as a Second Language (ESL), driver education, financial courses for responsible car ownership, and other needs. There are many organizations that you can partner with that work off their own grants, and then we just need to facilitate the courses. Often, this can be done with no cost to our funds. If you want assistance finding some of these sources, reach out to High Road Alliance, which assists training centers under the blanket of the iFTI and the IUPAT.

I am most proud of our staff at the training centers and our District Council, who have buy-in into the program. It's truly where the rubber meets the road. Our apprenticeship instructors and administrative staff, District Council Staff, committees, trustees, membership, and contractors all supported the program. Our Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Carl Farrell, always provides any support that is needed.

What does 2024 look like for your program? Do you have some specific plans already in the works?

We are currently working on four different pre-apprentice programs within our District Council that will be coming on board in 2024. Again, High Road Alliance can be a wonderful asset in helping you kickstart your preapprenticeship programs. No set blueprint will meet every need, but together, we are creating blueprints that will work in almost any situation.

Congratulations, FTI Midwest, on your well-earned award and recognition.

Associate Instructor Training Program Graduates

Congratulations to the recent graduates of the iFTI Associate Instructor Training Program.

Jessica Marques	DC 36
Juan Medina	DC 36
Oscar Montano	DC 36

IUPAT Gateway Program Highlighted by DOL

The Finishing Trades Institute has initiated the Gateway Program, which is designed to facilitate collaboration between the Finishing Trades Institute, District Councils, regional adult education providers, and workforce development partners. The primary objective is to offer English as a Second Language (ESL) services to potential new members, as well as current apprentices and preapprentices within the organization. This program aims to enhance the language skills of non-native English speakers, focusing specifically on workplace-related language proficiency, including industry-specific terminology and communication skills.

The U.S. Department of Labor recently highlighted a workshop in Nashville, Tennessee, that brought together various stakeholders involved in the IUPAT Gateway Program across 11 locations, spanning from Oakland, California, to Orlando, Florida. Among the participants were representatives from the Office of Labor-Management Standards, local contractor employers, IUPAT District Council representatives, staff from jointly run union and employer apprenticeship programs, as well as appointed and elected government officials. Workforce development and adult education providers were also present at the workshop.

Read more about the workshop and initiative reported by the DOL under the news section on iFTI.edu.

A. L. "MIKE" MONROE/RALPH D. WILLIAMS, III SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

At the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades Convention in 1999, the A. L. "Mike" Monroe and Ralph D. Williams, III, Sports Scholarship was introduced and ratified into the Union's Constitution. This groundbreaking program was created to offer student athletes the opportunity to pursue their athletic ambitions while earning an advanced educational degree at the academic institution of their choosing.



In 1,000 words, describe why you should receive this award!

Despite their athletic talent, neither man had the resources to attend college and instead joined the Union at a young age. This scholarship, named in their honor, gives IUPAT members' children the chance to attain a higher education.

All applicants must meet the following requirements:

- He/she must be a legal dependent of an IUPAT member in good standing.
- Supply an official high school transcript.
- A complete history of athletic participation and special recognition in high school.
- Register with the NCAA Clearing House and declare the athletic program in which he/she will be participating.
- A letter of recommendation must be submitted from the coach or athletic director of the institution the applicant has been accepted and has chosen to attend.
- record of additional complete financial The award is contingent upon the student enrolling in the school of their choice within one year of the award date or the award is forfeited.

PLEASE NOTE: PREVIOUS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS OF THIS AWARD OR THE S. FRANK "BUD" RAFTERY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, DEPENDENTS OF IUPAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF, GENERAL OFFICERS OR FUND ADMINISTRATORS AND EMPLOYEES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

APPLICATION FORM (MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE ESSAY)

Last 4 SSN/SIN	List the college, university, voc. tech./trade school, or other institution of higher learning you are attending or plan to attend.
Name	are attending of plan to attend.
Address	
City/State/Zip	Briefly describe the course of study you intend to pursue and the educational goals you have
Date of Birth	established for yourself.
Single/Married	
Date of Graduation	IUPAT Member's Name
Type of Sport	Member's Last 4 SSN/SIN Date
□ Male □ Female	Graduation Date
NCAA Clearing House #	Member's Signature

Scholarship applications must be submitted and received by May 29, 2024.

Please submit your applications to the IUPAT-A. L. "Mike" Monroe/ Ralph D. Williams, III, Sports Scholarship, 7234 Parkway Drive, Hanover, MD, 21076. Winners will be announced June 2024.

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS & ALLIED TRADES

S. Frank "Bud" raftery scholarship awards

IUPAT Member 1935—1986 | General President March 1965—June 1984

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into the strategic planning and operation of our International Union through educational programs, passed a resolution to increase the S. Frank "Bud" Raftery Scholarship Fund to \$20,000, allowing for (10) scholarships of \$2,000.00 annually.

This fine program is available to sons, daughters or legally adopted dependents of IUPAT members in good standing to apply for scholarships.

All applicants must submit an essay, not less than 1,000 or more than 2,000 words on an essay topic selected by IUPAT Scholarship Committee.

The selected **2024 topic for THE U.S.** is as follows:

2024 Presidential Election: Protecting Our Democracy & Communities.

Many Americans are fearful of a looming recession, continued inflation, federal policy response and the state of our job markets. To add to these fears is political polarization and how it will impact the future of the U.S. during the November 2024 Presidential Election. Our democracy is clearly at stake and Americans are preparing to brace themselves for what will inevitably be an



historical Presidential Election this coming November. Labor unions, civil groups and our local governments will need to unite to defend our democratic rights - not only during this pivotal election but into the future.

Understanding the charge of unions, explain how unions protect our democracy and impact our communities.

The scholarship awards are contingent upon the student attending a certified college, university, voc. tech./trade or other such institutes of higher learning. Award winners must enroll in the school of their choice within a year of the award date or forfeit the award.

Details and an application form are carried in a spring issue of the Painters and Allied Trades Journal. The deadline for essays to reach the International Union Headquarters is May 29, 2024 and winners will be announced in June 2024.

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Local Union Number of IUPAT member	IUPAT Member's Name	
Member's Signature	Member's Last 4 SSN/SIN	Date

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The selected **2024 topic for CANADA** is as follows:

Explain how inflation is affecting Canada's working-class families.



The scholarship awards are contingent upon the student attending a certified college, university, voc. tech./trade or other such institutes of higher learning. Award winners must enroll in the school of their choice within a year of the award date or forfeit the award.

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2024 IUPAT

FINISHING INDUSTRIES FORUM







Each year, the Painters and Allied Trades Labor Management Cooperation Initiative (LMCI) and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades host contractors, industry specialists, and local IUPAT leaders and representatives at the Finishing Industries Forum. This event provides presentations and breakout sessions that offer insight into how we, as industry partners, can expand our workforce and market share.

This year's event drew the largest number of attendees in its nearly 20-year history. It offered, among other speakers, an economic forecast for the construction industry, a look at how trends and technology like AI could shape how we do our work every day in the not-too-distant future, and an address by North America's Building Trades Union President (and fellow IUPAT member) Sean McGarvey.

The event organizers also put together craft-specific breakout sessions that focused on issues relevant to each industry. In addition to getting more information and resources on their respective crafts, attendees had the opportunity to network with others in their field.

Once again, this year, the Dennis Doran Soft as Steel podcast moderated a panel discussion, guest hosted by our own Madison Hull, Director of Service for District Council 16 (Northern California, Nevada). The subject for this episode was how to build on our progress in bringing women into the union and trades.

The Finishing Industries Forum 2025 will be February 3-5, 2025. Be sure to save the date!



Each year, the union honors a member of management for their dedication to building a better labor movement and construction industry. This year, General President Jimmy Williams Jr. presented Art Aivaliotis of Avalotis Painting with the Robert Swanson Award for Leaders Among Management. Aivalotis is a long time IUPAT employer and former trustee. L to R: General President Jimmy Williams Jr., Art Aivaliotis, Robert Swanson, LMCI Director Tim Stricker.

IUPAT PROFESSIONALS FORUM A GROWING SUCCESS

In conjunction with the Finishing Industries Forum, the IUPAT held its Professionals Forum. Aimed for those who serve our District Councils and the International as professionals

in law, accounting, and other services, attendees received information on a variety of topics ranging from cybersecurity to current developments in the NLRB.



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April 30 INTERNATIONAL PAINTERS APPRECIATION DAY





















IUPAT HELPING HAND

Helping Hand Director Chris Scheiblein

The Helping Hand Program and its District Council Champions have increased their devotion and efforts, and the results have been overwhelmingly positive. Their willingness to have difficult conversations with members about the struggles that accompany behavioral health issues, including the overdose loss of a loved one or coworker, loss by suicide, or simply talking through life stressors and concerns, has made all the difference. Their commitment has shone through, and they have been able to connect their members with the proper resources within their District Council.

In addition, we have increased our awareness and education surrounding cultural change and the need to take care of each other and positively reinforce member well-being. We are eager to keep the momentum high and continue to build connections that solidify helping one another.

If you, a coworker, or a loved one are experiencing stress or mental discomfort, or you feel your current situation is unmanageable, help is available. Please find out who your District Council's Champion is, look at the number on

the back of your health card, visit your District Council's website, or visit IUPATHelpingHand.com. You and your loved ones are worth it! To learn more about Helping Hand, you can email me directly at cscheiblein@iupat.org.



Chris Scheiblein

DISTRICT COUNCIL 5 | WASHINGTON, ALASKA, IDAHO, OREGON, UTAH

HELPING HAND CHAMPION ANTHONY THOMPSON

My name is Anthony Thompson, and I am the Business Representative for District Council 5/Local Union 300 in Seattle and Western Washington. A few years back, DC 5 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer Todd Springer asked me to take on the responsibility of being the Helping Hand Champion for DC 5. This role is very important because substance use disorder, challenges to mental health, and suicide have touched the lives of most of our union, as well as myself and my immediate family. My role as Helping Hand Champion is to be of service, not just in my Local Union but all of the Local Unions in my District Council. I get to help by being a point of contact when a member, or a member of their family, is going through a mental health challenge or dealing with issues related to substance misuse. I know how difficult it can be to reach out for help and the powerlessness that comes along with suffering and times of uncertainty, so having the ability to make a difference in someone's life is something I take great pride in. This role has given me the opportunity to be a shoulder to cry on—an active listener for someone to vent to and let off pressure. I have also helped members find housing and ensure contact with our Employee Assistance Program so levels of treatment and counseling could be introduced.

Last year, our labor and management partners on our DC 5 medical trust, Employee Painters Trust (EPT), agreed to contract with an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Their services include financial planning, first-time home buyer seminars, pet insurance, will-writing, helping in acute situations involving substance misuse, and all forms of mental health issues and challenges. Our members now

have the ability to simply pick up the phone or go online and get in contact with a clinician who is trained and certified to help. This is a huge step for our District Council. This program has the potential to help so many members and in turn, will provide cost savings to our medical plan.



Anthony Thompson

I would like to thank BM/ST Springer for his support and for entrusting me with this privilege.

DISTRICT COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

DISTRICT COUNCIL 5 | WASHINGTON, ALASKA, IDAHO, OREGON, UTAH

AN INTERVIEW WITH DC 5 BM/ST TODD SPRINGER

Introduce yourself and some of your key staff.

My name is Todd Springer, and I am the Business Manager/ Secretary-Treasurer of District Council 5. I'm an AGMTcertified glazier and a 31-year member of District Council 5/ Local Union 740 (Portland, Oregon).

My career with the IUPAT began in 1992, when I moved from my home state of Montana to Oregon, and began with Harmon as an implant worker. I completed my glazing apprenticeship in 1997 and continued working in that field for many years before joining DC 5's Organizing Department in 2014. I was an organizer for almost two years and served as LU 740 business representative for four years. In that time, my union siblings and I organized many new contractors and more than doubled the size of LU 740.

In 2019, I successfully ran for BM/ST of DC 5 and was reelected in 2023 without opposition. In fact, the entire DC 5 elected staff ran unopposed. Our leadership team consists of Assistant Business Manager Lisa DeRosia, Director of Service Chris Bryant, Director of Organizing Savannah Palmira, Director of Government Affairs Chad Smith, Director of Training Sarah Swarthout, and Regional Director David Winkler at the District Council level. Business Representatives are Scott Oldham (LU 10), Brandt Goble (LU 77), Kirk Malcolm (LU 101), Kevin Brady (LU 188), Anthony Thompson (LU 300), Evelyn Anderson (LU 364), Rick Parthree (LU 427), Mike James (LU 740), Fred Hawkins (LU 1094), David Winkler (LU 1236), Drew Payne (LU 1238), and Bronson Frye (LU 1959).



Director of Organizing Savannah Palmira is our most recent hire. In the short time they have been with us, their strategic thinking, persistence, and accountability have already started to pay off. This formula is exactly what our organizing team needed to **WIN** big for our members.



I'm incredibly proud of our entire staff, including our field representatives and organizers. We work very hard to represent the members of DC 5 and look forward to continuing to push for changes that positively impact the lives of all workers within our jurisdiction.

FUN FACT

DC 5's jurisdiction is just over 1 million square miles... 1,002,750, to be exact. That is nearly 27 percent of the United States.



















What areas are covered by your District Council, and how many members does it represent?

DC 5's new headquarters is located in Tukwila, Washington, just seven minutes to SeaTac between Seattle and Tacoma. Our jurisdiction covers the states of Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Utah.

We have a combined total of 6,000 members comprised of:

- LU 10 painters and traffic control stripers
- LU 77 painters and drywall finishers
- LU 101 drywall finishers
- LU 188 glaziers
- LU 300 painters and traffic control stripers
- LU 364 drywall finishers
- LU 427 painters and drywall finishers
- LU 740 glaziers
- LU 1094 paint makers, truck painters, and sign and display workers

- LU 1236 floor coverers
- LU 1238 floor coverers
- LU 1959 painters, drywall finishers, and glaziers (soon to include floor coverers).

What are some large projects or campaigns you are working on?

Work in our two primary metro areas of Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, has slowed recently following a boom that lasted nearly a decade. However, work should soon pick up with upcoming significant projects at Intel (Portland metro area) and Microsoft (Seattle metro area).

Another project we're looking forward to is the building of a \$15B Micron chips facility in Boise, Idaho. This is the largest investment I have seen in our area in my 31 years as a member. We believe this will provide us with a great opportunity to organize in Idaho and expand our market share in the Boise area.

What projects, campaigns, or accomplishments are you most proud of?

- DC 5 is highly focused on ending unscrupulous contracting practices in our industries. We are here to protect the rights of all working people and take it very seriously.
- In 2021 and 2023, LU 10 painters working for the Signatory Painters Contractors Organization (SPCO) demanded better wages... and won. In 2021, they went on strike until SPCO agreed to a wage increase of more than \$7 an hour over three years. In 2023, a strike was averted at the 11th hour when SPCO offered \$9.15 in pay increases over three years. We affectionately refer to these moments of advocacy as our "Summers of Chaos."
- Our team is heavily focused on the floorcovering industry. We recently achieved a political win, bringing the Underground Task Force back to Washington. This will greatly assist our organizing team in efforts to stop the underground economy from using tactics like misclassification to steal our members' work and wages.
- We're reaching end roads on a glass campaign in Utah that we hope will bring more work and improve the lives of those workers forever.

What advice would you give to future leaders?

Give it your ALL, ALL of the time! Give back to your union... the future of our union depends on it!







DESIGN THE OFFICIAL POSTER FOR THE IUPAT 33RD GENERAL CONVENTION

Do you want to be part of IUPAT history? This is your opportunity to showcase your skills by designing the official poster for the IUPAT 33rd General Convention.

Entries will be judged by overall design, theme, and union pride. We encourage all participants to think outside the box.

All color schemes and design elements are welcome.

The artist of the selected design will be invited to the Convention as General President Jimmy Williams Jr.'s quest.

Entry Rules

- 1. *Artist must be an IUPAT member in good standing or a relative of an IUPAT member in good standing.
- 2. Poster must include the following details:
 - 33rd General Convention
 - IUPAT, or International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
 - Convention Theme: One Union. One Family. One Fight.
 - Convention Dates: August 26 30, 2024
 - Convention Location: Orlando, Florida
- 3. All entries must include:
 - A clear image of the artwork in .pdf, .jpg, or .png format. Chosen artist will be asked to submit original artwork.
 - Sizing Specifications: **Poster must be designed using** either 18"x24" or 24"x36" (see scaled examples).
 - A completed entry form.
- 4. Entries must meet the above criteria to be eligible.

Entries may be included in future IUPAT publications and promotional materials.

18"x24"

24"x36"

*IUPAT INTERNATIONAL AND AFFILIATED FUNDS STAFF ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

Artist Information

City/State/Zip Phone #

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33rd General Convention Poster Entries are due by pm Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on Sunday, June 16, 2024

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FEATURE: ONE UNION. ONE FAMILY. ONE FIGHT.

The theme of our upcoming 33rd General Convention could not be more fitting: One Union. One Family. One Fight.

We are **One Union**, whether we're industrial painters working at shipyards in rural Louisiana ports or at petrochemical plants in Edmonton. We are One Union, whether we're drywall finishers building hospitals in Missouri, glaziers building skyscrapers in the blistering cold of Halifax, or industrial painters refreshing the Hollywood Sign in the heat of Los Angeles. We are **One Union**, whether we're commercial painters decorating with the finest of detail in New York City's historic Broadway theaters or beautifying the glorious hotels of the Las Vegas strip. We are **One Union**, whether we're floor installers laying floors for companies that define the global tech industry in Silicon Valley or Seattle. We are **One Union**, whether we're glaziers installing glass at stadiums like UBS Arena, where the New York Islanders play, or in Atlantic City, where we helped build the largest indoor waterpark in the world. We are **One Union**, whether we're public sector workers who work as caregivers for the aging in Florida or school support staff all across lowa. We are **One Union**, whether we're trade show workers building the famous South by Southwest festival in Austin or Comic-Con in San Diego.













This historic moment demands that we are **One Union** now more than ever in our lifetimes. There are promising signs that we can and will conquer the tremendous opportunities in front of us. In 2023, we gained more members in a single year than in over a decade.

We are experiencing a second Industrial Revolution, particularly in the United States, with hundreds of multibillion dollar megaprojects, the likes of which we have never seen at this scale. In Canada, the Greater Ontario Area has the largest crane count in all of North America and is arguably the place where our union can grow the most in the coming years. We must be **One Union** working in coordination with our signatory contractors bidding this work from coast to coast to ensure our members are on these megaprojects, no matter which jurisdiction it is, for one of our District Councils. We have the potential in front of us to write a defining chapter for our union. If we rise to the occasion with training, servicing, and organizing, it is possible that in the next decade, we could double our membership to nearly a quarter million members.

As **One Union**, we must make our North Star dominating market share to provide a secure middle-class life to hundreds of thousands of workers in our trades who proudly carry IUPAT cards. As **One Union**, we must stand together across District Councils, Local Unions, and trades because what impacts one of us impacts all of us. Whether we're an industrial painter in Oregon or a drywall finisher in Quebec, we draw our strength and power from each other. As **One Union**, our collective well-being rests within each of us. Our future lies within our ability to stand up for each other, to mentor our apprentices, to actively attend meetings and to organize the unorganized. What we do together as **One Union** between this upcoming General Convention and the next one in five years' time will shape the future of our union. We have as good of an opportunity as we'll ever have to exponentially grow and improve the lives of all of our members.

The essence of unionism is that nobody is alone. As **One** Family, we're all in this together. What affects one of us affects all of us. No District Council, Local Union, or individual member exists on an island; we are bound to each other. Just as we are in part defined by the actions of those who came before us in our union, by each thing we do or don't do, we write our future and define what it will be. As **One Family**, we must acutely understand that







attacks on the rights of women, immigrants, different races, and members of the LGBTQ+ community are attacks on tens of thousands of our IUPAT brothers, sisters, and siblings. We must be united as **One Family** to protect and defend every member of our union family. The detail and care we put into our crafts must equally be put into our union. The dedication we have towards completing our projects on a day-to-day basis is the type of dedication that's necessary to mentor and guide our apprentices. As One Family, we must be compassionate with one another and care for each other. The health of our District Councils, Local Unions, and the entire membership is reliant on the commitment of our members. For many members of our union, IUPAT runs in our blood and our bones, often being brought into our union One Family by our personal family members who have lived the great life we all know our trades can provide. We must extend those opportunities to others who are unorganized or untrained and whose families can reap the rewards and benefits of living union. We must be graceful and thoughtful as we expand our **One Family** by the tens of thousands.

As an international Union that has proudly represented numerous trades instead of just a single trade, our existence has always been predicated on knowing that we are far stronger together, waging One Fight. We are glaziers, commercial and industrial painters, drywall finishers, floor installers, tradeshow workers, public sector workers, and more united as the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades. We stick together and fight for each other,











no matter what our craft is or where we live. In waging One Fight, we have so much to be proud of that we've accomplished in recent years.

Our union is currently investing the most we have in our history into new organizing efforts across North America. District Councils and organizers are showing up in force, providing ground support for one another in their ongoing organizing campaigns and blitzes. Perhaps nothing embodies this more than IUPAT members from California, Minnesota,



















and Texas offering organizing assistance during a snowstorm in Ottawa to grow market share where we had none. Through the efforts and persistence of those organizers, over 40 contractors have been certified, and we've established an 85 percent market share in low-rise and high-rise residential paint in Ottawa, benefitting hundreds of workers in our trades in a place where our union had little presence.

District Councils 77 (Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia) and 58 (Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee) are waging **One Fight** together, working hand-in-hand to successfully pressure a low-road, exploitative contractor in Tennessee and Georgia to end their shameful anti-worker practices in their jurisdictions.

District Councils 51 (Maryland, District Of Columbia, Virginia) and 36 (Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico) are waging One Fight together, and have played leading roles in successful campaigns to expand project labor agreements in Prince George's County (Maryland) and San Diego, which will ensure many more work opportunities for our members.

District Councils 16 (Northern California, Nevada) and 58 (Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee) are waging One Fight together. Both have won millions of dollars in back pay for workers in our trades who were taken advantage of by unscrupulous, non-union contractors.



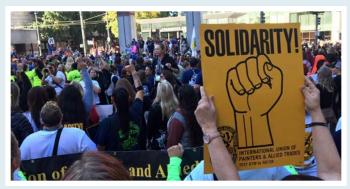
Perhaps nothing embodies **One Fight** more than our united efforts to defeat anti-worker attacks on our public sector members in Florida who are bus drivers, caregivers for the aging, and school support staff. Instead of backing down, District Council 78 (Florida, Georgia) has added over 1,000 new public sector members in Florida and is organizing our bargaining units like never before to stand together as one.

When we stand together as the IUPAT, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

As we wage **One Fight**, we must also assist our brothers, sisters, and siblings across other industries who are standing up and fighting back for dignity and security in their workplaces. In the last year, our union has embodied solidarity and firmly understood that the heroic struggles other unions are waging are also fights we must support.











Whether it be the UAW's victorious strike against the Big Three automakers or the SAG-AFTRA and WGA strikes in Hollywood, we have stood side by side with them on their picket lines. The fights of the working class, no matter the industry, are always the fights of the IUPAT. IUPAT members helped build and do maintenance work on the auto plants and the Hollywood studios, and it's in our interest to have the backs of the workers who work inside them as it inevitably impacts us as trades workers as well.

The attacks our public sector workers are facing in Florida are the same attacks teachers and nurses, who are also proud union members, face. As we wage **One Fight**, we must remain steadfast in trying to organize the hundreds of thousands of unorganized workers in our trades and grow our strength and market share in wide swaths of North America that show but faint traces of historical unionization. As we wage **One Fight**, we must preserve and cherish our

weapons like the picket line, the strike, and the boycott, and never let anyone take them away.

As we go forward into a bright future as 'One Union. One Family. One Fight.' know that if we put everything into our IUPAT, our greatest days are ahead. For nearly 140 years, our union has been a mainstay of stability and security for millions of trades workers and their families, and you better damn well believe we intend to do the same for millions more in the next 140 years. Our union is precious and to be cared for just as we care for our loved ones, for it's through the IUPAT that anything is possible.

Let's make the next chapter of the IUPAT—the five years following the General Convention—one that we are so proud of that we will one day tell our children and grandchildren about everything we accomplished in this moment.





COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

DISTRICT COUNCIL 82 | MINNESOTA, MONTANA, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, WISCONSIN

FTIUM IS BUILDING STRONGER **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

The Finishing Trades Institute-Upper Midwest's (FTIUM) community partnerships are crucial in delivering top-quality education. By collaborating with local organizations, FTIUM is tailoring its programs to teach the whole student, focusing on education as well as physical and mental well-being. Students learn to be good coworkers, gain soft skills, create networking opportunities, and forge paths to internships, apprenticeships, leadership roles, and careers.

Additionally, FTIUM's community partners provide a connection to underserved communities and pathways to great family-sustaining jobs in the union-building trades.

FTIUM's Preparing for Real Economic Prosperity (PREP) Program helps interested parties hone their skills, provides connections with industry experts, and prepares them for an FTIUM apprenticeship. In just five weeks, PREP students can understand which finishing trades they want to focus on in an apprenticeship program. Just as the acronym describes, PREP doesn't just teach future painters how to cut in but how they can use their newfound skills to achieve a longterm career and a union that has their back for good.

"I believe it's important to work with these community groups to get the word out that there are opportunities for everyone," said FTIUM Instructor Keith Bailey. He went on to stress the importance of diversity and helping people understand the difference between a career that offers health care and retirement benefits and a job.

"In my short time at FTIUM, I've had the privilege to work with our community partners who advocate, support, and stand up for the same causes we do. Our community partners have been a great stepping stone when it comes to exposure to the trades and making such ventures available to diverse communities where such opportunities wouldn't be available. I am grateful for our community partners and the diversity they help bring to our Union," said FTIUM Instructor Grecia Palomar.









INDUSTRIAL PAINTING CRAFT COMMITTEE

EMERGING INDUSTRIAL PAINTING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM UNDER DEVELOPMENT

In the dynamic realm of industrial painting, precision and quality assurance reign supreme. The IUPAT Industrial Painting Craft Committee recognizes this, acknowledges the need for a paradigm shift within the industry, and is spearheading a groundbreaking initiative to introduce a transformative apprenticeship program.

This innovative program aims to enhance skills and raise industry standards. It provides a platform for seasoned professionals and newcomers to refine their craft, ensuring adherence to specifications and contractual agreements between facility owners and contractors.

Embracing this quality assurance apprenticeship heralds a shift towards a more intellectually driven industry landscape. By nurturing highly skilled members, the IUPAT not only fortifies its own ranks but elevates its entire industrial painting sector. Opportunities abound for current and

prospective members, promising a future of growth and prosperity within the trade.

The benefits of such a program extend far and wide to the IUPAT and signatory contractors alike. For the union, it means increased market share, improved member retention, and a secure career trajectory from apprenticeship to retirement. Concurrently, signatory contractors gain access to wellrounded industrial painters equipped to meet the industry's ever-evolving demands. This synergy ensures consistent wages and empowers contractors to bid competitively for projects, bolstering profitability across the board.

An extensive curriculum is taking shape under the diligent guidance of the IUPAT Industrial Painting Craft Committee. Stay tuned for further updates, including details on the application announcement for this groundbreaking apprenticeship program. Together, we're painting a brighter future for industrial painting.









EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

DISTRICT COUNCIL 30 | ILLINOIS, WISCONSIN

NCIFTI HOSTS FOX VALLEY BUILDING TRADES APPRENTICESHIP EXPO

National Apprenticeship Week is an exciting time at District Council 30's North Central Illinois Finishing Trades Institute (NCIFTI), as it kicks off a focus on recruitment across DC 30's jurisdiction.

In November 2023, NCIFTI hosted the 2023 Fox Valley Building Trades Apprenticeship Expo, where 585 students toured DC 30's training facility and visited booths and exhibits from 12 construction trade unions.

Instructors and current apprentices from each trade facilitated NCIFTI's booths. Attendees had a chance to operate a simulated spray system and learn more about apprenticeship in painting, industrial painting, drywall finishing, and glazing trades. Booths included information on a new Industrial Painting Pre-Apprenticeship (IPP) launching across Illinois in Spring 2024, with planning in the works for cohorts at District Councils 30, 14, and 58. The IPP is a workforce development program sponsored by the Tri-Council Development Fund, funded in part through a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

In addition to the hands-on exhibit booths, each student attended an "apprenticeship talk," which provided more details on how to select a suitable trade and enroll in the NCIFTI's apprenticeship program. The event was coordinated in partnership with the Fox Valley Building Trades and Valley Education for Employment System. In total, 20 high schools, two career centers, and two middle schools participated.

"This event enables us to speak directly to hundreds of local students in one day, and the traction just continues to grow," said NCIFTI Apprenticeship Director Steve Lefaver. "Not only are we educating the next generation on construction trade careers, but we are also showcasing our facility and curriculum to the educators and counselors from each school. These are the individuals who make it a point to return with even more kids the following year."

IPP Program Manager Amita Chakravarty, who has been working on the design of the pre-apprenticeship program and its recruitment strategy, was also onsite. Chakravarty has extensive experience within community college-level vocational training programs.

"I was so impressed during the Expo by the devotion of the NCIFTI staff and some of its apprentices focused on recruiting the next generation of tradespersons to the finishing trades," said Chakravarty. "The industrial painting trade plays an important role in sustaining critical infrastructure and offers individuals a terrific career, so I am excited to be a part of recruitment efforts for the Illinois District Councils."

"We are proud to be a part of a region where schools take seriously career opportunities the trades have to offer," said DC 30 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer Ryan Anderson. "Our task is to focus on recruitment, leverage our relationships to secure funding for pre-apprenticeships, cooperate regionally to develop impactful programming, and engage our community in search of motivated individuals seeking a worthwhile career."





DISTRICT COUNCIL 51 | MARYLAND, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, VIRGINIA

BUILDING TRADES CAREER CENTER OPENS

On December 8, 2023, District Council 51 joined Employ Prince George's and the Prince George's County Workforce Development Board for the grand opening of the new Building Trades Career Center in Lanham, Maryland. The center will offer career coaching and job readiness training

and be home to training programs and apprenticeships for all unions within the building trades. It is the first affiliated American Job Center to open inside a building trades union in the United States.



2023 TRADESWOMEN BUILD NATIONS

The 2023 Tradeswomen Build Nations (TWBN) Conference was held December 1-3, 2023, at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. With nearly 4,000 tradeswomen and allies in attendance, it was the largest TWBN to date.

Sisters representing 15 unions in the building trades from the United States and Canada gathered to network, share experiences, learn about new programs and opportunities, and engage with leaders from the government and their industries.

The event featured plenary sessions, workshops, caucuses, vendor booths, giveaways, and a banner parade in the heart of the District. Additionally, many unions headquartered in the area provided tours to the visiting tradeswomen.

Speakers included NABTU President and IUPAT member Sean McGarvey, US House of Representatives Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler, IUPAT General President Jimmy Williams, Jr., tradeswomen, and other union leaders.

In his plenary speech, General President Williams spoke of diversity, equity, and inclusion. He stressed, "Inclusion is a feeling. Inclusion cannot be measured. Inclusion is a culture. Inclusion is the challenge." He went on to challenge the men in the room to support our women members not just by showing up at a conference and clapping but also on the job sites. He said that exclusion, discrimination, and harassment of women can no longer be accepted.

The workshops featured topics critical to tradeswomen, including leadership, recruitment, retention, conflict resolution, childcare, occupational safety, and LGBTQ+ experiences in the workforce.

One highlight for the close to 300 IUPAT members and allies in town was a visit to the International Headquarters in Hanover, Maryland, where they enjoyed food and drink, music and dancing, a photo booth, and toured the International Training Center.

General Vice President for Government Affairs Liz McElroy, the first female GVP for the IUPAT, also attended the event. She told us, "The energy at TWBN is contagious. Spending three days with 4,000 women leaders is inspiring on its own, but seeing true solidarity in action as women in the IUPAT and across unions share their stories and support each other to reach their goals takes it to the next level. It's one of my favorite weekends of the year!"

We would like to extend a special thank you to General President Jimmy Williams Jr., General Secretary-Treasurer Gregg Smith, General Vice President for Government Affairs Liz McElroy, the IUPAT General Executive Board, and the IUPAT Women's Committee and its co-chairs Madison Hull and Mandy Jo Ganieany. It was an incredible and inspiring weekend. We'll see you in New Orleans for TWBN 2024!









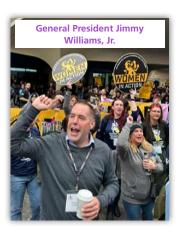












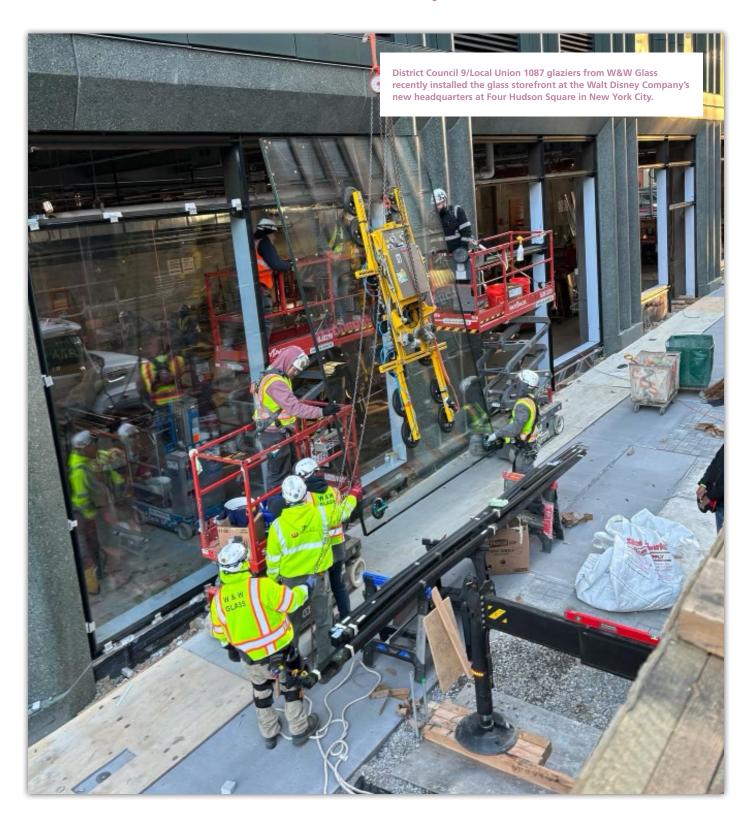




MEMBERS IN ACTION

DISTRICT COUNCIL 9 | NEW YORK, PUERTO RICO

DC 9 MEMBERS INSTALL GLASS AT DISNEY HEADQUARTERS



DISTRICT COUNCIL 50 | HAWAII

DC 50 MEMBERS ATTEND TRADESWOMEN BUILD NATIONS CONFERENCE

In December 2023, District Council 50 tradeswomen had the pleasure of attending the Tradeswomen Build Nations (TWBN) Conference in Washington, D.C. Representatives from DC 50 included LU 1791 painters Shannon Perreira, Kellie Nishikida, and Erika Luna; DC 50 Women's Committee Co-chairs Breanne Geronimo and Lorna Woo, and DC 50 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer Ryden Valmoja.

The conference was amazing, energized by almost 4,000 women who work as painters, glaziers, operators, electricians, plumbers, masons, and many other trades. These wahine (women) are apprentices, journeypersons, forepersons, supervisors, mothers, sisters, daughters, and

aunties, but most importantly, they're professionals in their own right. DC 50 feels privileged and fortunate to be a part of this movement and encourages more wahine to consider a career in the trades.

A special shout out and "Mahalo" to General President Jimmy Williams Jr.; IUPAT Women's Committee members and co-chairs Madison Hull and Mandy Jo Ganieany; DC 51 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer Brian Courtien; DC 51 Political Director Roxy Mejia; and DC 51 Business Representative Rochelle Ramsey-Walker for their incredible job making the conference such a success.



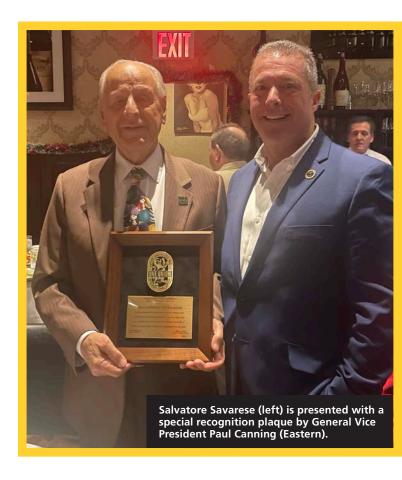


RETIREMENT

DISTRICT COUNCIL 9 | NEW YORK, **PUERTO RICO**

SALVATORE SAVARESE

Congratulations to District Council 9/Local Union 20 retiree and life member Salvatore D. Savarese on 70 years of service. Brother Savarese, who once served as DC 9/LU 20 (Queens) business representative, was recently presented with a plaque and given special recognition by General Vice President Paul Canning (Eastern).



DISTRICT COUNCIL 51 | MARYLAND, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, VIRGINIA

EARL GIBSON

Congratulations to District Council 51/ Local Union 1 member Earl Gibson, who received his pin for 55 years of service in December 2023.



DISTRICT COUNCIL 46 | ONTARIO

DC 46 CELEBRATES ITS RETIREES

In November 2023, District Council 46 held its Retiree Appreciation Night at the Venetian Banquet & Hospitality Centre in Vaughan, Ontario. The evening was filled with laughter, music, and dancing. Each retiree was given a cardigan with the IUPAT lion on it.



L to R: Former General Vice President (Canada) Robert Kucheran, Minister of Labour David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament of Ontario Laura Smith, and DC 46 BM/ST Bruno Mandic.



On February 22, 2024, District Council 46/Local Union 1671 retirees came together for a nice dinner at the Italian Cultural Centre in Thunder Bay, Ontario.





RECOGNITION

DISTRICT COUNCIL 10 | TEXAS, ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, OKLAHOMA

A SALUTE TO PROFESSIONAL & CLERICAL **WORKERS LOCAL UNION 2348**

While the majority of IUPAT members work in the construction trades, our union also represents members who are office workers. Professional & Clerical Workers Local Union 2348 out of DC 10 was chartered over 30 years ago in 1991. LU 2348 has over 130 members who serve many roles for thousands of other union members in the Southwest region of the United States. Some of our IUPAT siblings work at District Council 36 and FTI of DC 36, and many others work at the local Trust Fund office in Southern California.

Please join us in recognizing those workers who handle logistics for many IUPAT members. We are grateful for their hard work and dedication in keeping the functions of our District Councils, FTIs and Trust Funds running smoothly.



















DISTRICT COUNCIL 21 | EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE, NEW JERSEY

SYNERGY GLASS PRESIDENT PAT MCINTYRE

District Council 21 contractor Synergy Glass has long been a strong partner and champion for members, helping to support good-paying union jobs and investments in the Philadelphia region.

Synergy Glass is led by DC 21/LU 252 member Pat McIntyre, who comes from a proud union family. His father was a Local 825 Operating Engineer whose union benefits kept his family fed, clothed, and insured. He always knew he wanted to carry on the union legacy; develop a lifelong career that included good wages, medical benefits, and a dignified retirement; and be a part of an organization and a movement bigger than himself.

McIntyre began his glazing career in 1997. After working at National Glass, he started an apprenticeship with DC 21, where he expanded his glass cutting, welding, and blueprint reading skills. Through the union's glazing program, he was able to continue his education and get an Associate degree. He was an active member, winning a leadership award and getting involved with his Local Union and boards.

He worked for Rabinowitz Glass for 15 years before trading his belongings and putting his savings on the line to start his own company. That risk paid off—Synergy Glass has been in business for over a decade and now employs a talented team of 41 people. Channeling the union spirit of high-quality work, the Synergy team goes above and beyond with all aspects of the business. Employees are treated well, projects are executed with precision while maintaining the highest levels of safety, and customers receive top-notch service every step of the way. Everyone takes the time to do things right, striving for perfection every day. Their work can be seen at Neumann University's Thomas A. Bruder Jr. Life Center, Mindspace Philadelphia, the Electrical & Systems Engineering Department at the University of Pennsylvania, and The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia.

President McIntyre is an active contractor in his industry, serving as a board member for the North American Contractor Certification Program for Architectural Glass and Metal Contractors (NACC), Treasurer of the Architectural Glass and Metal Association (AGMA), and a trustee on DC 21's Annuity Fund.

Brother McIntyre's union membership has given him the chance to climb the career ladder from apprentice to successful business owner, allowed him to get an education, taught him leadership skills, and surrounded him with talented people and ample opportunities. He has quality medical insurance that extends to his wife and two daughters. He's able to plan for his daughters' futures by starting college funds, as well as plan for his own retirement thanks to DC 21's pension and annuity. He told us that he values the lifelong bonds unions provide, and is grateful to be surrounded by talented and intelligent people in his field.

Thank you for all you do for our industry, brother!



Ave in Philadelphia.



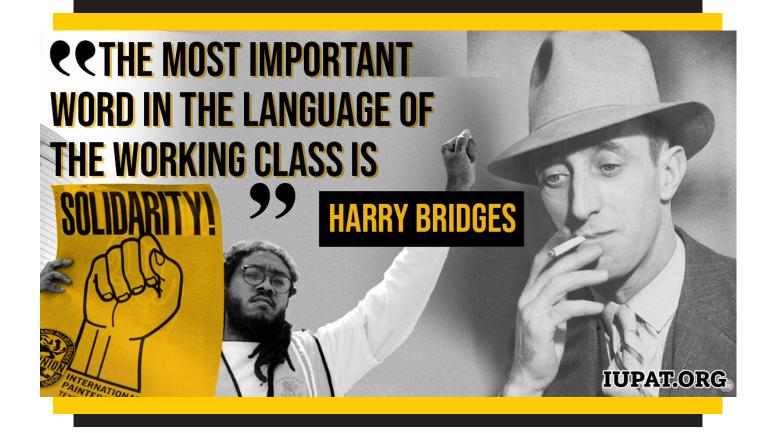
RECOGNITION

DISTRICT COUNCIL 91 | INDIANA, ILLINOIS, KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, TENNESSEE

JOHN'S PAINTING AND DECORATING **CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF BUSINESS**

District Council 91/Local Union 469 recently gathered to honor John's Painting and Decorating, which recently celebrated its 100-year anniversary. Congratulations on this tremendous milestone! John Soffil (center) accepted the award.





PENSION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Administrator Dan Williams

YEAR IN REVIEW

In this year's review of the IUPAT Industry Pension Plan and the National Annuity Plan, we have some exciting developments and positive news to share.

The IUPAT Industry Pension Plan is on a calendar year-end, meaning that its investment performance and reporting cycles are from January 1 through December 31 every year. The Fund returned 9.8% for the year ending December 31, 2023. Through October 2023, the Fund's return was tracking closer to lower single digits, but the rise in the public markets in November and December drove our return past our target return of 6.5% and ended at 9.8%.

Contribution hours to the Industry Plan came in at approximately 58 million hours. This number also exceeded the hours benchmark established during our rehabilitation plan. That benchmark was a baseline of 53 million hours for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Finally, the average hourly contribution rate across the entire United States increased from \$5.88 to \$6.25 by December 31, 2023.

These 3 factors are what determines any plan's success:

- 1. Investment Return
- 2. Hours worked
- 3. Contribution dollars

They are also what ultimately drives a plan's ability to provide benefits for active service (annual accrual) as well as maintain the promises to previous pensioners and their benefit levels.

During the rehabilitation plan's development, it was important for the trustees to set realistic goals of achievement in meeting benchmarks established by all plan professionals and having an attainable goal. All of the above information is positive news in comparison to the year ending December 31, 2022, when the Fund exceeded its hour and contribution goals but fell way short of its investment goals with a negative 8.8% return.

Over the course of the last two years collectively, we have exceeded our hours expectation by close to 11 million



hours. The only part that has been lagging in the first two years of the rehabilitation plan was 2022's investment return. The plan has exceeded every other benchmark factor included in determining a plan's progress in meeting its obligations under the rehabilitation plan.

What Does This All Mean?

The trustees were thoughtful in the development of the rehabilitation plan, and that illustrates how the changes put into place will be beneficial in weathering some rocky times. In 2022, the stock and bond markets were both negative for the first time in history, and the Industry Pension Plan's investment return was -8.8%. The rehabilitation plan benchmark for investment return is 6.5% every year through 2030 and then assumes a 7% return thereafter and in perpetuity. Prior to our rehabilitation plan, that assumption was figured at 7.5%. With a difficult investment environment on the horizon, more and more plans are lowering their actuarial assumed rate of return to 7.25, or 7%. This has been an ongoing trend in the industry, and our plan has followed suit, enabling a more seamless effort during the establishment of the rehab plan.

Similarly to the investment return assumptions, the contribution hours assumption started at 52 million hours for 2022 and increased by 1 million hours every year until 2030 where they are assumed at 60 million hours starting that year and in perpetuity. By returning 58 million hours in 2022 and 2023, the excess hours softened the investment return underperformance in 2022.

And while in 2023, we outperformed our assumption by 3.3% (9.8% compared to 6.5%), the -8.8% return in 2022 definitely has been a retractor to excess progress in our rehab plan.

IPF Plan Performance

YEAR	HOURS	CONTRIBUTIONS	INVESTMENT RETURN
2022	58 Million	\$5.88	-8.8%
2023	58 Million	\$6.25	9.8%

These are the factors that the board of trustees looks at every year prior to its annual certification. The trustees and plan professionals have to use reasonability that these benchmarks are possible to attain. The board has been able to estimate hours and contribution dollars consistently over the years because of the nature of the workflow and employment levels within our District Councils. The only area the trustees need more confidence in is the investment climate. We remain at the whim of public and private market successes and the plan's overall investment strategy.

Our plan actuaries use all of these factors to determine the long-term viability of our plan. It is the duty of the trustees and plan professionals to monitor this prudently and take corrective action when needed. This new board of trustees took aggressive, proactive action in 2021 and developed a rehabilitation plan that they believe is achievable, and the data supports that at this time.

What Can You Do?

Every hour, dollar, return percentage, and delinguent contribution matters to this Fund. Every hour we pass, 60 million will contribute to the plan's success. Every contribution increase you make to the industry plan will affect the long-term success of this plan.

Treat Our Plan Like Your Local Plan

A theme being pushed out of the Fund Office has been to treat our national plan like it is your local plan—because it is. This is your plan; this is your dignified retirement. This isn't the International's plan. This is our union and employer plan, and we need to have that approach at the bargaining table and take it into consideration when growing in membership and market share. Our employers need to look for new opportunities to grow their businesses. Our union organizers need to bring new members and employers into the plan. We all need to be aware that every new dollar and hour will have an impact on the success of the plan.

We will continue to provide annual status updates on our progress. Feel free to reach out to your local representatives if you have any questions. The Pension Fund Office is here to assist you through webinars or on-site presentations. We look forward to sharing our success with you.

Annuity

In 2023, the IUPAT national annuity completed a successful transfer from a "trustee-directed" annuity plan to a "participant-directed" annuity plan. The objective behind this transition was to provide members who participate in our national annuity fund the opportunity to direct their own investments if they wanted to. Currently, only 8% of our members have logged into their accounts, and less than 1% of members have actively selected their own investment lineups. If you participate in the national annuity plan and want to look into this as an option, please visit MillimanBenefits.com for more information. We will continue to provide updates and educational forums for all members to participate in to learn more about their retirement options. If you haven't done this, don't worry—your account will roll over into a target date fund based on the average number of years to retirement. This will enable your strategy to alter over time and allow you to take advantage of different investment strategies over the course of your career. This will be done automatically, and you should be able to track progress through our recordkeeper, Milliman, at 844-GO-IUPAT (844-464-8728).

In May 2023, the trustees adopted the rules outlined in the SECURE 2.0 Act around hardship applications, which allows the plan administrator to rely on a plan participant to provide self-certification that they have had a safe harbor event that constitutes a deemed hardship and that the distribution is not in excess of the amount required to satisfy the financial need. This change permits the participant with an account balance

of at least \$5,000 to self-certify via hardship application that they have a hardship and can request an amount not to exceed 50% of their account balance.

This change has increased hardship applications to the Fund Office by 180% within the past year and an average increase of 150% per month of hardship applications. In order to meet the demands of these hardships, additional staff have been brought on to process these applications. Plan participants need to be aware that the processing time for a hardship disbursement is 15 business days from the date a completed application with self-certification is received by the Fund Office. However, due to the high volume of applications, processing may be delayed in order to accommodate all applicants and due to the urgency and sensitivity of all the hardships.

View IRS guidelines for hardship distribution by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.





IUPAT Canada

IUPAT Canada has also had a relatively positive year. From an investment standpoint, 2023 was a strong year, with the preliminary return at +10.3%. This was a nice bounce-back year after a very challenging market environment in 2022, where the Pension Plan was down -8.2%. Most notably, in 2023, the global equity composite was up 18.9%. Fixed Income was also very strong from a relative standpoint, up 7.8% compared to 2.9% for the benchmark.

Hours in 2022 increased by a half-million to 11M and exceeded that in 2023. The hourly contribution rate for Canada in 2023 was approximately \$2.00. This will need to increase in the future to guarantee a robust retirement for our Canadian members. The total number of participants in the plan increased by about 1,000 members and is now at 24,281 total participants. With the positive investment return and increase in membership, the Canadian plan is on the right track. However, the historically low contribution rate will be addressed in the coming year as the plan actuary digests new legislation and regulations that our plan must adhere to.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO RETIRE SOON,
OR HAVE RECENTLY RETIRED, YOU HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP!

As a LIFE MEMBER, you retain your rights as a member and retain your member death benefit.

LIFE MEMBERS also pay a lower dues amount.

You can apply for LIFE MEMBERSHIP once you are fully retired from our trades.

Please contact your District Council or Local Union office to learn more about applying for LIFE MEMBERSHIP.



RECENT RETIREES

DECEMBER 2, 2023 - MARCH 1, 2024

Name LU	J #
Abdullah Abdul-LatifLU 12	81
Ramon Luis AlcaideLU 6	94
David Lee AllenspachLU 3	86
Jose Raul AlvarengaLU 16	21
Randall Lane AndersonLU 13	99
Dominic Randy AulffoLU 13	31
Joseph Silva Barros, JrLU 1	69
Claribel BatistaLU 12	03
Chiron Maurice BauxLU	27
Jose Luis BecerraLU 11	36
Isa BecovicLU	20
Mark Anthony BellandLU 1	06
Vladimir Antonovich BereziychukLU 3	00
David Onofre BerlangaLU 10	52
Joe Bliss, JrLU 5	67
Jorge Alberto BonillaLU	20
Thomas Allen BosseLU	J 7
John Kevin BowenLU 20	11
Gregory Allen BraunerLU 11	85
Gordon Weaver BrooksLU 8	90
Douglas Clayne BrownLU	
Gregory Francis BrownLU 1	
Michael Timothy BrownLU 9	13
Michael Jospeh BublikLU 1	81
Billy Joseph BuhmanLU 5	58
Wallace Defoix BuiceLU 6	
Ralph Edwin BurkettLU	77
Lance Allan BurksLU 7	18
Phillip George Buttermore, JrLU 8	47
Alvin Junior CaesarLU 10	
Kurt Francis CampbellLU 1	
Sherwin Nigel CapeLU 10	
Thomas Joseph CardozoLU 2	52
Bradley Paul CarlsonLU	
Jennifer Westover CartyLU 1	64
Michael Alan CastanedaLU 1	
Diego Cerna CuadraLU 10	
Alan Dean ChadwickLU 3	
Forrest Alan ChapmanLU 3	
Frank ChessaLU 19	
Martin Dean ClarkLU 11	
Carl Edward ColemanLU 12	
Thomas Paul CollinsLU 1	
Miguel Angel ColonLU 13	33

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Kevin Shawn Conover	LU 1165
Dana Mark Coon	LU 1036
Chris Larry Cork	. LU 707
Bryan Allen Coskery	.LU 277
Antonio Cossyleon	.LU 460
Mark Steven Cote	LU 481
Robert Ray Couch	LU 1010
Michael Terrance Cox	.LU 930
Clinton Wayne Crites	LU 53
Jeffrey James Czachorowski	. LU 112
Dale R Davis	LU 1165
Terry Phillip De Rose	LU 27
Joseph Dale Decker	.LU 934
Nancy Ann Delany	LU 1244
William Arthur Dellapenta	. LU 112
Angelo Anthony Demarco	LU 2011
Mark Charles Denda, Sr	.LU 845
Donald Edward Dennis	LU 1144
Alvin Diaz-Hernandez	LU 1010
David Francis Dimond	LU 61
Ellen Margaret Doak	.LU 829
Robert Lynn Dougherty	.LU 120
William Robert Dragoon	
William Robert Dragoon	LU 61
Henry John Dudek	.LU 357
Terry Lee Dunham	LU 1144
Timothy Jay Dupps	.LU 123
David Anthony Durham	
Gregory Jay Edick	LU 61
Brett Allen Ehlenfeldt	.LU 681
Bruce Jay Ekema	. LU 312
Mauricio Alberto Ellis	LU 20
Peter Frederick Fasano	.LU 639
Joseph James Fazio	LU 6
Steven Richard Fender	
Zbigniew Jozef Fijolek	. LU 159
Timothy Lester Fike	
Pedro Rosendo Flores	
Toribio Reynaldo Flores	LU 1052
Charles Ernest Fogell	
Robert Alan Ford	
Larry David Foreman	
Richard Allan Frejofsky	
Michael Anthony Gallegos	

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David Galvan	LU 27
John Carlos Garcia	LU 77
Paul Martin Garcia	
Wilfredo Rolando Garcia	.LU 1244
Joseph Philip Garzero	LU 829
John Edward Gerraghty	. LU 1162
Boris Geystrin	LU 24
Aniello Giampietro	LU 1456
Stephen John Gilchrist, Jr	LU 252
Salvador Perez Gomez	LU 636
Michael Gonoude	LU 252
Michael Alan Graham	LU 7
James Melton Grayson	LU 118
Ante Grbic	LU 20
Frank Greenhalgh, Jr	LU 591
Zoran Grgurovic	LU 18
Michael Terence Hagan	LU 252
Kimberly Sue Hansen	LU 312
Timothy Gerard Harrod	.LU 1036
David Bernard Hedger	LU 460
Harvey Heffield	. LU 117
Eddie Dean Henningsen	LU 300
Marco Antonio Hernandez Gonzalez.	LU1036
James Hernandez	LU 550
Manuel Hernandez	.LU 1036
Neal Patrick Hohman	LU (
Miguel Medina Holguin	. LU 1176
Richard August Holthenrichs	LU 364
Thomas Scott Horn	LU 252
Jeffery Lynn Howard	LU 10
Gary Alan Huber	LU 300
John Stephen Hurley	LU 2011
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Mark Conrad Jacobsen	LU 1010
Jose Antonio Jimenez	LU 36
Miguel Jimenez, Jr	.LU 1036
Eric Edward Johnson	LU 90
Kenneth James Johnson	LU 386
Terry Lynn Johnson, Sr	LU 970
Gary David Jones	LU 300
George Junior Jones	LU 57
Lance Juett	LU 300
Don Alan Kaylor	LU 1010
David Duana King	111 154

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Joseph Kiss, Jr	LU 79
Kim Anthony Klein	LU 1036
Chris James Kolstad	LU 61
Alexander Kotlyar	LU 1087
Michael Leonard Krawiec	LU 147
Richard Edward Krug	LU 660
David Rae Kulas	LU 681
Todd Allan Lafrance	LU 150
Dale James Lakomy	LU 6
Sarah Adelia Lavelle	LU 1087
Dean Allen Lee	LU 300
Lori Lynne Lee	LU 452
Eric Carl Leimbach	LU 2011
Timothy Lewis	LU 460
Gary Charles Liddick	LU 1955
Alan Peter Long	LU 27
Roberto Atahualpa Lopez	LU 1010
James Michael Lorenzi	LU 660
Mark Alan Lowe, Sr	
Cayetano Luppino	LU 636
Daniel James Machado	LU 1175
Isidoro Maldonado	
Douglas John Malone	LU 1399
Ronald Gene Mann	
Monty Craig Mansfield	
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Glenford Paul Marshall	
John Wesley Marshall	
Adolfo Martinez, Jr	
Ricky David Matthews	
David Bryan Mayse	
Robert Anthony Mccarthy	
John Christopher Mccormack, Jr	
James A Mcdonald	
Lawrence Richard Mcdonald	
Jeffery Laurence Mcginley	
Paul Kevin Mcnally	
Richard Wayne Meador	
David Medina	
Darius Joseph Menard	
Edgardo Mendez	
John Scott Meyers	
Steve Walker Mock	
Robert James Monahan, Jr	LU 1237

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Richard Edward Morgan	LU 2018
Mark Edward Moullet	LU 567
Robert Moylan	LU 169
Richard Lee Mulkins	LU 90
Brian Edmond Murphy	LU 567
Steven Donald Neal	LU 2001
Terry Leroy Nelson	LU 386
Henry Charles Neurouter	LU 1009
Joel Jay Nissen	LU 2001
Janet Laverne Norris	LU 1937
Adan Olivo	LU 294
Garby Dele Onatoye	LU 460
Donald Edward Ondecker, Jr	LU 639
Sammie Allen O'neal	LU 1169
Harvey Ray Otto	LU 1962
Linda Marie Overbey	LU 159
George Panousis	LU 460
Seth Paul Pechman	LU 1087
Marvin Antonio Perez	LU 806
Daniel Pinon	LU 1621
Jose Daniel Polanco-Lopez	
Lazaro Jesus Pompa	LU 18
Karen Marguerite Poseley	LU 880
Richard Powers, Sr	LU 1244
Richard Wilson Prouse	LU 829
Jones Quan	LU 169
Ronald Mark Raber	LU 47
Samuel Matthew Rainey, Jr	LU 1399
Steve Ricardo Ramoutar	
Russell Renfer	
Jose Jesus Reynoso	
Connie Arlene Rivera	
Paul Edwin Robbins, Jr	
James Dean Rollins	
Kenneth Daniel Romano	
Gilberto Ruiz	
Danny Lee Rustad	
James Joseph Ryan, Jr	
Jay Ronald Rzeplinski	
Enver Sabic	
Alfred Sacchetti, Jr	
William Randall Saksa	
Angelo Joseph Sangiorgi	
Benedict J Sangiorgi, Jr	LU 201

Dean Joseph SchmidLU 770 Lila Corinne SealsLU 226
Nicolee Gaye ShandyLU 118
Robert James Shefferly, JrLU 357
Lloyd Connell ShumwayLU 1964
Samuel Jonatan Sical FloresLU 19
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Albert Ray Vasquez

Name

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Local	First	Last	Amount	Local	First	Last	Amount
3	Ronald	Kirby	\$3,000.00	368	Jerome	Kohr	\$3,000.00
10	Cody	Harris	\$3,000.00	386	Rudy	Lascon	\$3,000.00
12	James	Belong	\$3,000.00	476	Anthony	Ambrose Jr.	\$3,000.00
20	Jose	Lago	\$3,000.00	476	Carl	McConnell	\$3,000.00
24	Salvatore	Agnello	\$3,000.00	507	Henrique	Rosa	\$3,000.00
24	Salvatore	Vindigni	\$3,000.00	510	Kathryn	Cole	\$3,000.00
47	Dennis	Lyons	\$3,000.00	510	William	Jarboe	\$3,000.00
52	Michael	Fossaceca	\$3,000.00	510	David	Krasnor	\$3,000.00
58	Guy	Parrish	\$3,000.00	513	William	Dardeen	\$3,000.00
61	John	Murray	\$3,000.00	513	Robert	Wade	\$3,000.00
86	George	La Voie	\$3,000.00	549	Jerome	Smith	\$3,000.00
106	Michael	Sheridan	\$3,000.00	557	Antonio	Trentadue	\$3,000.00
108	Armin	Supernaw	\$3,000.00	607	Mark	Hall	\$3,000.00
115	Jeffery	Jones	\$13,000.00	607	Kenneth	Olson	\$3,000.00
115	Edward	Siekman	\$3,000.00	636	Gilberto	Pasmant	\$3,000.00
115	Peter	Viola	\$3,000.00	636	Ignaci <mark>o</mark>	Tirado	\$3,000.00
118	William	Uselton Sr.	\$3,000.00	660	Ronald	Gorski	\$3,000.00
130	Wilbert	Alexander	\$3,000.00	707	Ronald	Delv <mark>enthal</mark>	\$3,000.00
130	Francisco	Rodriguez	\$3,000.00	707	Randy	Dieckman	\$3,000.00
138	Greg	Greenslade	\$3,000.00	707	Dennis	Holmes	\$3,000.00
138	George	Kirkpatrick	\$3,000.00	707	Arthur	Kopasek	\$3,000.00
138	Wilfried	Koeberle	\$3,000.00	781	Alex	Horvat Sr.	\$3,000.00
138	Karl	Schon	\$3,000.00	804	Robert	Parrish	\$3,000.00
147	John	McPartland	\$3,000.00	820	Jerry	Werner	\$2,500.00
147	Peter	Rosso	\$3,000.00	823	Bobby	McDonald	\$3,000.00
159	Joe	Di Buduo	\$3,000.00	826	Ramon	Andrade	\$3,000.00
169	Charles	Deal	\$3,000.00	830	Joselito	Montanez	\$3,000.00
169	Raul	Garcia	\$3,000.00	831	Ronald	Mills	\$3,000.00
169	Giovanni	Gomez	\$3,000.00	831	Robert	Watson	\$3,000.00
177	Rudy	Boodhu	\$3,000.00	845	Bruce	Kenney	\$3,000.00
178	Daniel	Resavage Jr.	\$3,000.00	863	Thaddeus	Gancarz	\$3,000.00
184	Friedrich	Riemann	\$3,000.00	930	Brian	Sellers	\$3,000.00
194	Martin	Nolan	\$3,000.00	939	Frank	Rattigan	\$3,000.00
197	Michael	Wilson	\$3,000.00	941	Malcolm	Vavricka	\$3,000.00
201	Christopher	Steadman	\$3,000.00	1009	Tyler	Schaber	\$3,000.00
249	Sherrill	Coyle Jr.	\$3,000.00	1009	Stephen	Trudel	\$3,000.00
252	Edward	Hansen	\$3,000.00	1036	George	Saunders	\$3,000.00
252	Marc	Snyder	\$3,000.00	1052	Robert	Webber	\$3,000.00
257	Adam	Nouwen	\$10,000.00	1136	Jorge	Martinez	\$3,000.00
277	Daniel	Gaskill Jr.	\$3,000.00	1136	Victor	Montes	\$13,000.00
300	John	Ford	\$3,000.00	1144	Casey	Nowling	\$3,000.00
300	Tairn	Goodwin	\$3,000.00	1156	Kevin	Ford	\$3,000.00
300	Todd	Lenihan	\$3,000.00	1165	James	Crist	\$3,000.00
300	Fred	Smedley	\$3,000.00	1178	Sharon	Ryerson	\$3,000.00
300	Carl	Williams Jr.	\$3,000.00	1204	Gary	Giles	\$3,000.00

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1237	Gary	Mitchell	\$3,000.00
237	Johnny	Ratkovich	\$3,000.00
1238	Vincent	McGuire	\$3,000.00
1244	Donald	Bersuder	\$3,000.00
244	Charles	Farrell	\$3,000.00
244	Hollas	Young Jr.	\$3,000.00
275	Guy	Likens	\$3,000.00
324	Robert	Clemens	\$3,000.00
399	Ricardo	Acosta	\$3,000.00
39	Benjamin	Clattenburg	\$3,000.00
9	Evan	Michaud	\$3,000.00
õ	Joseph	Costa	\$3,000.00
	Angelo	Scebba	\$3,000.00
21	James	Hoogesteger	\$3,000.00
9	Gregory	Mlakar	\$3,000.00
9	Jonathan	Polce	\$3,000.00
24	Ernst	Mohring	\$3,000.00
91	Ohel	Fernandez Castillo	
91	Domingos	Loureiro	\$3,000.00
391	Nathaniel	Lowery	\$3,000.00
91	Ryan	Parent	\$3,000.00
62	Jeremy	Jose	\$3,000.00
969	James	O'Malley	\$3,000.00
01	Jered	Sterns	\$3,000.00
)11	James	Bowen	\$3,000.00
011	Michael	Molino	\$3,000.00
11	Joshua	Stallard	\$3,000.00
014	Michael	Lawless	\$3,000.00
15	Bradley	Buckner	\$3,000.00

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