



From Dave's Desk

COVID-19 and social distancing requirements created some real challenges for classroom training. I'm proud that we

were able to resume apprenticeship instruction after only one week of the Governors order to cease in-person instruction. This quick turnaround allowed the apprentices to continue with little to no interruption to their graduation timeline.

Completely changing how a class is constructed and delivered is by no means a small task. I would like to thank the instructors and administration staff for all the hard work making this happen. Their commitment to the students and the program really showed.

The apprentices also contributed to the success of the move to Zoom online classes. Their flexibility and positive attitudes really made the process as painless as possible. So, thank you as well.

Continuing education classes for June and July will be held online as well. We will monitor CDC and State of Minnesota requirements for in person classes and adjust as circumstances change. Please check the website for any changes to the continuing education class schedule.

Thank you for your understanding and patients during these difficult times.

Outstanding Apprentice



Please join us in congratulating **Hudson Kragness** on his achievement as our Outstanding Apprentice for the 2020 graduating class!

Hudson achieved this award as a result of his classroom performance, participation during class, willingness to mentor other apprentices, and consistently exceptional employer evaluations.

Congratulations Hudson! You are truly an asset to our industry.

Congratulations Graduates

We would like you to join us in congratulating this years' graduating apprenticeship class.

Neal Albrecht
 Steven Bahl
 Dustin Beyenhof
 Justin Brier
 Jennings Brommerich
 Micah Brueske
 Brad Butor
 Vincent Criswick
 Shea Ford-Jacoby
 Kyle Frauly
 Thomas Garner
 Brandon Gutzmer
 Brandon Hackley
 Blaine Harmon
 James Haverty
 Steven Herman
 Brandt Hintsala
 Dustin Hudak
 Justin Jones
 Jacob Kaiser
 Ryan Kasprzak
 Hudson Kragness
 Tyler Lafferty-Hill
 Cody Larson
 Trenton LeMieur
 Eric Lind
 Kyle Lis
 Michael Mandt
 Joseph Melichar
 Daniel Mendoza
 Anthony Moreno
 Matthew Neurer
 Cody Niemczyk

Colton Nolan
 Zachary Nordan
 Christopher Olson
 Ryan Paumen
 James Reid
 Kenneth Roberts
 Anthony Ruchie
 Thomas Schink
 Elliot Schmalz
 Zachary Schmitz
 Jacob Schommer
 Jeff Soma
 Micah Stainbrook
 Preston Steinke
 Derek Strandmark
 Jordan Strauss
 Andrew Strom
 Andrea Tarpenning
 Tyler Teegarden
 Dustin Thompson
 Steven Thompson
 Andrew Tyminski
 Paul Varney
 Carlos Villafan-Priego
 Dustin Walter
 Matthew Weber
 Taylor Wiborg
 Joseph Wilmar
 John Wold
 Chi Yang
 Alex Zonn
 David Zuercher

Congratulations on completing your apprenticeship classroom training. Job well done in these trying times!



Message from Debbie

Many of you already know that I will be retiring at the end of June.

I started my career in the electrical industry on September 23, 1972 with Sterling Electric Construction. I've seen this industry stretch and grow tremendously throughout the years and am very proud to have been part of this. I've made some very good friends and met a lot of wonderful people that I'll never forget.

I've been with the JATC since May 3, 2003. It has been a privilege for me to be part of this and to have the ability to watch all of the men and women complete apprenticeship and move on to productive careers.

Being part of this industry for almost 48 years, with the last 17 at the JATC, you have become a significant part of my life and I will miss it.

Thanks for all the warm memories. I wish you the best that the future has to offer.

Debbie Nelson-Moos

Continuing Education Classes

To maintain safety and social distancing health practices, we are not currently holding in classroom training. We will be conducting training via Zoom. **Watch our website for upcoming class dates and times.** Our website will also show when we will resume in person classroom training. Course fees will be listed. You will be able to call us and make payment over the phone.

The following is the State of Minnesota approved requirements for our online continuing education classes:

1. Register for class through our website.
2. You will receive an email one day prior to class with a link to the Zoom class.
3. A high-speed internet connection is necessary for proper communication with the instructor.
4. Students will be required to have a device with a camera and microphone. A tablet, notebook, or P.C. You must be visible to the instructor for the duration of the class. No phones, as the screen is too small for proper participation.
5. A single loss of connection for more than 5 minutes or multiple short loss of connection equaling to more than 5 minutes will result in the student being removed from the class roster.

When the class is completed, you will receive your certificate of completion via email. We will register your completion with the State. Please note, if this is a class that affords you BICSI credits, you must submit that certificate to BICSI yourself.



Question and Answer Box

Question: My Power Limited Technician license expired in May and I don't have my classroom training done yet. Can I still renew?

Answer: Yes. If your license or unlicensed registration expires in March, April or May, you are able to renew before having your classroom training completed. You will receive a letter from the State that shows you have 90 days to complete your continuing education classes. But we recommend that you complete your renewal online. The reason we recommend this is because if you are renewing past your expiration date, there will be a late fee. When renewing online, the correct fee will be automatically calculated. If you renew and pay by check and don't include the correct late fee, your license or unlicensed registration will not be renewed and my result in loss of your Power Limited Technician license.

Question: What happens if I don't renew my Power Limited Technician license or unlicensed registration on time?

Answer: If you are licensed or registered unlicensed and you are carded by the State on the jobsite, you and your employing contractor can be fined. This is also true if you are working for a contractor but haven't bothered to register as unlicensed.

Power Limited Technician license holders will lose their license if they are expired for 2 years. In order to be licensed again, you will need to take and pass the license exam again. Individuals registered as unlicensed will not get credit for their working hours for any period of time where their unlicensed registration was expired. That will affect their ability to get approved to take the license exam.

In either case, you can easily see that remaining current with your Power Limited Technician license or unlicensed registration is in your best interest.

PLT Test Prep

We are scheduling a PLT exam prep course for late July to early August. This class will be conducted via Zoom, so please see the requirements for attending class in the Continuing Education section of this newsletter. This class is open to IBEW members working under the Limited Energy collective bargaining agreement. Class is not open to the general public. You are also required have a 2020 NEC.

Watch our website at www.statewidelea.org for class availability and dates. The fee for this course will be listed on our website. You will be able to call us and make payment over the phone.