

BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT

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Aloha sisters and brothers!

In February, IBEW International President Lonnie Stephenson informed us that IBEW leadership has unanimously endorsed Vice President Joe Biden to be the Democratic nominee for President. In his letter to the Business Managers, President Stephenson goes on to say that Vice President Biden has been a longtime friend of the IBEW and stands solidly with the IBEW on workers' rights including the *Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act*, which would provide workers additional protections to collectively bargain and organize. According to President Stephenson, the IBEW does not typically endorse a candidate this early in the primary process however, this year there is an urgency unlike we haven't seen in a very long time.

It is important for all of us to get out and vote in this year's pivotal elections. For those of our members who are not registered to vote, I have sent out a letter along with the application to register in time for this year's elections. In 2019 the State of Hawaii passed a new law implementing elections by mail. Beginning this year Hawaii will be voting by mail for both the primary and general elections, so for those of you that have moved or changed your name please update your voter registration by going online or to your County Clerk's Office.

The new contract books for our members in Saipan have finally arrived. There was a delay in distributing the new CBA books because there were errors in it however, that issue has been corrected by IT&E and I have been told that they have begun distributing it to our members. I have also uploaded the PDF to our Local Hub app and it can be viewed by those who have the app. If you have not downloaded the Local Hub app, please call the office for your login info.

In light of the ongoing coronavirus outbreak in the Asian Pacific region, I have decided to postpone my upcoming travel to Saipan. Lisa and I were planning on coming in late March, however I feel that waiting for things to subside would be best before traveling internationally. I apologize to all the unit 10 members and I will let you know when we reschedule our visit.

In Solidarity,



Troy Benevides

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