

Business Managers Report March 3, 2017

Aloha Sisters and Brothers,

In February, I attended the second session of training for new Business Managers at Local 354 in Salt Lake City, Utah. It was nice to see my peers growing into their new roles. The week-long training was very informative and well put together. While many of the challenges that other locals face are similar to ours, we newly elected Business Managers are dedicated to all of our members and embracing their ideas in making the IBEW successful. We also believe that engaging the younger generation is important to the longevity and strength of our locals and all unions everywhere are committed to making the labor movement successful.

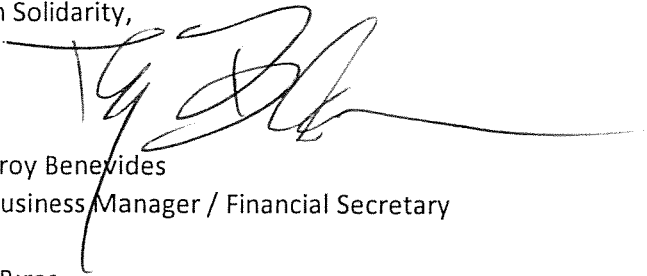
Thank you to all the Chairs and Vice Chairs who attended last month's Parliamentary training with Dr. Puette. It was a very well received informative session for those in attendance. The attending delegates were able to see the bigger picture on how a formal meeting is held, and reasons why parliamentary rules exist. I encourage those who attended to help share the message and help provide insight to what was presented.

Last month, we were fortunate to have Tracy Prezeau from the IBEW International 9th District Education Department here in Hawaii to provide training for our Bargaining Team with the upcoming negotiations. The team really enjoyed the lesson and perspective that Tracy provided. Also, 1357 participated along with Local 1260 in Tracy's Steward and Member to Member Training. Her energy, along with her dynamic way of communicating the message, was enthusiastically received by all of those in attendance throughout the islands. This cooperative engagement between our two locals was a big hit and I would like to extend a big mahalo to International Representative Harold Dias, Jr. for his help in coordinating this joint training venture!

As mentioned in last month's report, The National Association of Letter Carriers Annual Food Drive is going to be held on Saturday May 13th. This is the 25th anniversary of the event that will benefit the Hawaii Food Bank. All donations received in Hawaii, benefit the communities that we live and work in. For those who are interested in volunteering for this outstanding event, please contact the union office to get on the volunteer list.

As we continue to march towards negotiations with Hawaiian Telcom, it is important that we are all marching together in unity. Even though the end of our agreement is months away, this is the time to show the Company that our IBEW members are the most qualified employees they have. Please continue to show solidarity by wearing our union apparel or blue on Fridays, and continue working together safely with our fellow sisters and brothers.

In Solidarity,



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