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BC Insulators



ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS,
MEMBERS AND STAFF

*We wish you all a
very Merry Christmas and
a Happy and Safe New Year
to you and your family.*

*Enjoy the holidays with
your family and friends.*

Christmas office hours

Friday Dec. 13	9 – 4 pm	Friday, Dec. 27	Closed
Monday, Dec. 23	Closed	Monday, Dec. 30	9 – 4:30 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 24	Closed	Tuesday, Dec. 31	9 – 12 noon
Wednesday, Dec. 25	Closed	Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014	Closed
Thursday, Dec. 26	Closed	Thursday, Jan. 3, 2014	9 – 4:30 pm
		Friday, Jan. 4, 2014	9 – 4:30 pm



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ELECTION RESULTS

Meet the officers and trustees

The mail ballot count took place at the November 12 Regular General Membership meeting and the following were elected:

Executive Board

Sean Bain

Bob Barter

Garrett Gronick

Darryl Huber

Lyndon Johnson

Recording Secretary

Bob Barter

Pension Trustees

Bob Barter

Earl Bleiker

Darryl Huber

Neil Munro

NEXT REGULAR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday January 14, 2014, 7 pm
Operating Engineers Hall
4333 Ledger Avenue, Burnaby, BC

ADDRESS REMINDER

Please make sure that you have the correct mailing address on file with the Union Office. This will help with the mailing of the tax receipts for year end 2013.

ENCLOSURES

2014 Officers list and holiday schedule

Negotiations Update

The collective agreement negotiations and ratification are now complete. The new agreement is being printed and will be forwarded to our members this month.

This collective agreement will expire on April 30, 2014. We will be initiating notice to commence bargaining. In January notice will go out requesting member proposals.

WORK OUTLOOK

Busy all over the province

We continue to be busy all over the Province. Work at Kitimat Modernization Project (KMP) is starting to pick up. A number of different contractors have secured that work. We expect to have several more members on site in the New Year to complete work on process ductwork and commercial insulation in some admin buildings.

Commercial work in Victoria and the Okanagan is steady, while the shipyard work is very busy with large crews at Point Hope and Esquimalt shipyards.

The rest of the island is slow, but we are hoping that our contractors secure work at the new hospital in Courtenay, the John Hart Dam in Campbell River and a proposed LNG at Elk Falls facility similar to the one at Ladysmith.

In the lower mainland work at Chevron Refinery is steady while the Kootenays is being kept busy with the Teck and the Acid Plant Project.

We are concerned with the rumours that BC Hydro may decommission the Burrard Thermal Plant, but this information has not been confirmed.

We continue to be busy in the North and Prince George at Northwood Pulp and Paper, Husky Oil and various Spectra Energy sites. ●

Apprenticeship classes full going into next year.

APPRENTICESHIP SCHOOL

Below is the schedule of classes commencing January 6, 2014. Please make sure you mark your calendars with these dates.

CLASSES OF 2014		
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Jan 6 - 31, 2014	Feb 3 - 28, 2014	March 3 - 28, 2014
Shayne Andersen	Shayne Andersen	Tyler Aikenhead
James Brooks	Brady Blain	Benny Burden
Aaron Butler	Roger Brown	Louie Capangpangan
Mike Hixson	Aaron Butler	Ken Chen
Ryan Lewis	Scott Davis	Scott Davis
Dallas Mathews	Richard Egan	Conrad Edward
Michael pengelly	Isaac Haack	Jake MacDonald
Lisa Richter	John Ho	Brian Middleton
Kelin Ryan	Mathew Ormiston	Ricky Miller
Frank Sheeler	Ken Shaw	Jason Nicol
	Robert Thom	Robert Pachon

Level 4	Level 2	Level 1
March 31- April 25, 2014	April 28 - May 23, 2014	May 26 - June 20, 2014
Christopher Bayne	James Brooks	Paul Calvo
Chris Brodman	Steven Callewaert	Avery Fayant
Harley DeWolfe	Lief Erickson	Miguel Montalvo
Scott Heffernan	Bryan Keldsen	Jose Popoca
Jake MacDonald	Tyler Keldsen	Alex Sparks
Tim McCullagh	George LaPlante	Steve Morrison
Terry Newton	Taylor MacLaren	
Lucas Page	Owen Mar	
Raul Porras	Brad Painter	
Michael Radcliffe	Lisa Richter	
Richard Srhoj	Shelby Taylor	
	Dan Thoms	
	Matthew Warwick	

Leaving work should not have to mean leaving the labour movement.

SOLIDARITY FOREVER

Older unionists stay active in the labour movement with BC FORUM

If you're 50 or older, you should be a member of BC FORUM, the recognized voice for senior unionists in B.C. since 1995.

As you know well, we are strongest when we stand together in solidarity.

BC FORUM represents thousands of active and retired union members. As an active worker, BC FORUM helps you plan for retirement – because leaving work should not mean leaving the movement.

Together with the union movement and our allies, BC FORUM is taking on the issues that affect our families:

- Helping workers plan for a secure retirement.
- Promoting retirement security for our children and grandchildren by doubling the CPP, and lifting seniors out of poverty by increasing Old Age Security (OAS) and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).
- Vehemently opposing the federal government's decision to raise the eligibility age for OAS and GIS to 67.
- Defending public health care services from privatization.
- Working with the CLC to fight the Harper government's attacks on unions and workers' rights.
- Fighting for proper home care and home support services so retired workers can live with dignity in their own homes.

"Together with our allies, we hold politicians to account, and work to

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defeat them when they fail to deliver," says Diane Wood, President of BC FORUM.

"We organize community forums and rallies. We offer group benefit coverage at great rates, and provide \$2,500 AD&D coverage as part of each membership.

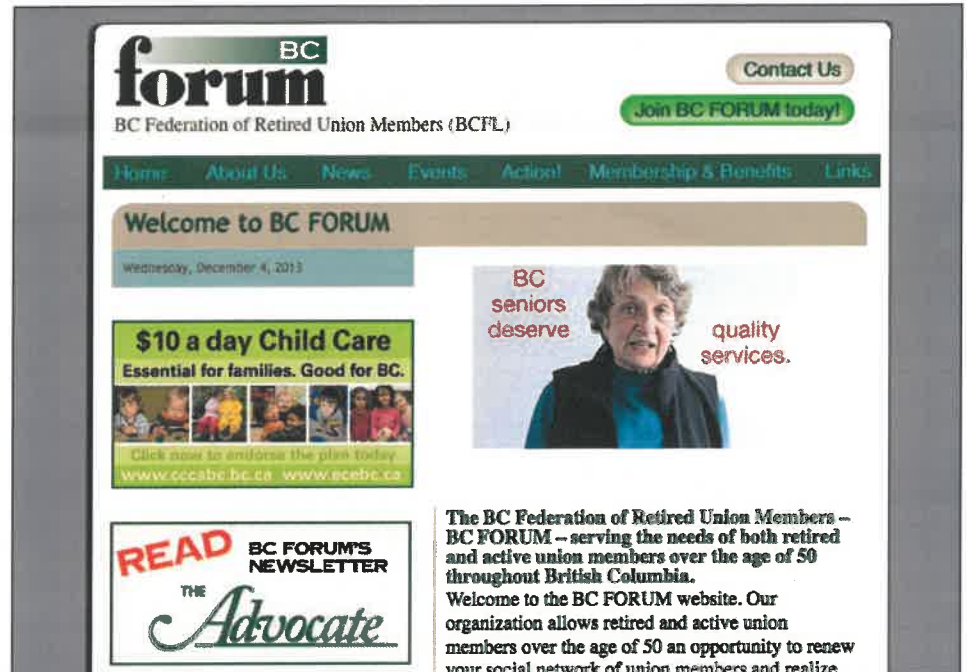
"We publish a high quality news magazine and website to keep members informed and involved with current

issues and initiatives. We are dedicated to serving the needs of all senior unionists. I invite you to join us today!"

You can join BC FORUM on-line at www.bcforum.ca. Dues are just \$20 a year, or \$49 for a three year membership.

Check with your union/local to see if they pay for your first year membership.

You can also find out more about BC FORUM on our Facebook site, facebook.com/BCRetiredUnionMembersFORUM.



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