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# BC Insulators

## Negotiations wrapping up

It looks as if 2014 – 2016 negotiations are coming to an end. Local 170 and 516 of the Plumbers, Pipefitters & Refrigeration Workers are the only trades left to finish their trades sections, mostly to do with the commercial/institutional sectors.

So that means Local 118 membership will be voting on whether to accept the wage increases you are currently receiving. Balloting is expected to take place at the membership meeting in September.

The membership has been hearing complaints about our broken negotiations structure over the last number of years. Local 118 has been demanding to be excused from the bargaining sham but the Labour Relations Board (LRB) has again denied our request.

The LRB did tell the Bargaining Council to fix the issues that we are complaining about or they will. We consider this a victory and with luck we will see bargaining return to a dialogue that makes sense for Local 118 members and our employers. ●

## NOMINATIONS CALL

**DATE:** September 9, 2014**TIME:** 7:00 pm**PLACE:** Operating Engineers, 4333 Ledger Avenue, Burnaby, BC

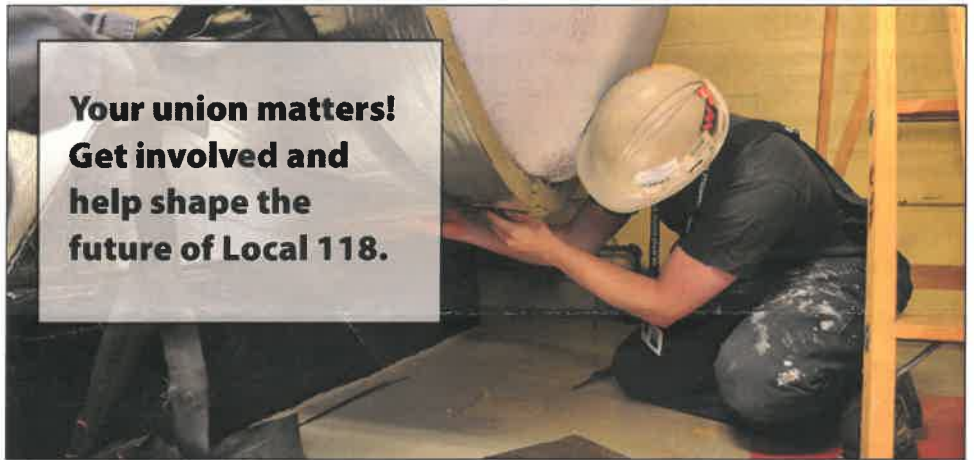
### POSITIONS

**President** 1 to be elected Term - 3 years ending in 2017**Vice President** 1 to be elected Term - 3 years ending in 2017**By Law Committee** 5 to be elected Term - 1 year ending in 2015

Balloting will then be conducted by mail ballot only. The ballots will be sent to the membership at large and returned no later than 4:30 pm, November 18, 2014.

Election results of balloting will be announced at the Regular General Membership meeting held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

**Your union matters!  
Get involved and  
help shape the  
future of Local 118.**



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## APPRENTICESHIP REMINDER

Upcoming technical training school will be from January to June 2015. Notices will be sent out at the end of September. If you can't attend school, you won't be able to work for that same period.

## BY-LAW CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED

This year's election saw some controversy. There was concern about the way ballots were to be distributed and the requirements that a member attend a majority of meetings before becoming eligible to run for positions. The President agreed to strike a sub-committee to review these issues and come back with recommendations and potential by-law changes.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Regular General Membership Meeting for November 11, 2014 will be changed to **Tuesday November 18, 2014** as November 11, 2014 is Remembrance Day.

The meeting will take place at the **Operating Engineers Hall**, 4333 Ledger Avenue, Burnaby, BC.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE COVERAGE

Please check out the information on Out of Province coverage on the Local Union website, [www.insulators118.org](http://www.insulators118.org). You may be purchasing extra coverage that is not necessary.

## WORK OUTLOOK

### Work will remain steady right up to December

Although work in the North and Northeast hasn't generated much employment for those outside the area, there are a number of projects for that region being considered as well as an increase to maintenance schedules in the near future,

Kitimat Modernization Project for Rio Tinto at the old Alcan site is still moving along with close to 20 crews on site. There's a promise of more work to come as soon as the camp/cruise ship logistics are settled.

The Okanagan is busy with wineries, Labatt's brewery, Kelowna Hospital, schools and commercial projects. The Kootenays are busy too, Cranbrook

Hospital, Waneta Dam, and maintenance/removals at Teck providing the work.

Commercial and light industrial work in the lower Mainland is very busy and looking to pick up even further. The same can be said about Victoria even though there has been a small lull between ships at the Esquimalt and Point Hope Shipyards.

It appears that the work will remain steady right up until December. We are all waiting on the word about future projects for the Liquid Natural Gas (LNG). The first project decision will not be made until November of this year. Pertonus (Prince Rupert proposal) will decide to proceed or not and then the next to decide will be Shell and then Chevron, but these won't be made until mid 2015 at the earliest.

All potential work is just that potential. Please be careful making plans around work that has not yet received final approval. ●

## Canadian Insulators work together for asbestos awareness

Local 118 recently hosted the Canadian Conference of Insulators in Victoria. All the Canadian Locals come together annually to discuss their collective bargaining settlements, work across the country, Project Labour Agreements, manpower shortages, health & safety and political action.

This year was quite meaningful as our Brothers and Sisters from across Canada agreed to better coordinate our activities concerning the funding and research for Mesothelioma. Another exciting outcome is that the Conference gave the go



ahead to create a Public Service Announcement plan about asbestos awareness. This campaign would be aimed at our friends and neighbours focused on building demolitions in our neighbourhoods. ●

We participated in the **Canada Green Building Council** conference in Toronto and at **SustainaBuild** conference in Vancouver

## BEST PRACTICES

### Green campaign continues to roll

The BC Insulators Green Campaign continues to roll out. Two notable successes were generated from our Trade Show booth at the Canada Green Building Council conference in Toronto and at SustainaBuild conference right here in Vancouver.

At the Toronto conference we met Cara Sloat of WSP Canada Inc. Cara is a Mechanical and Sustainable Design Engineer in Toronto. WSP is a worldwide engineering firm that is responsible for some of the world's notable buildings including Petronos Towers in Singapore and the new World Trade Centre in New York.

Cara was very interested in mechanical insulation and Steve Clayman from TIAC made a presentation in Toronto that was very well received. Steve was asked



**BC Insulators are spreading the MI word across Canada.**

to present again at WSP's Montreal office, and arrangements are underway for a presentation in French. We will be leveraging that interest across the country at their other offices.

At the SustainaBuild conference we met Joe Weiss, who is the Director of Engineering at the Hyatt Hotel in Vancouver. He allowed us to walk through the hotel taking thermography

and standard pictures of the mechanical insulation problem areas. The steam entry room was missing significant mechanical insulation and roof top AC units were virtually uninsulated as the mechanical insulation had deteriorated. We hope to use this as a "before and after" case study. We are working with the Hyatt to correct these and other problem areas. ☺

#### AREA MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER MEETINGS

##### Prince George

Monday, October 20, 2014

##### Victoria

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

##### Castlegar

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

#### STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

**August 29, 2014** – Friday before Labour Day (Commercial/institutional projects may be floated for another day)

**September 1, 2014** – Labour Day

**October 13, 2014** – Thanksgiving

## BC HEALTH COALITION



**We are at risk of losing Canada's public health care system.** Most bankruptcies in the US are a result of medical bills. A further 20% of the population between 19 and 64 struggle with health-care-related bills. Prevent US style health care from coming here. Take action by signing up!

[www.savemedicare.ca](http://www.savemedicare.ca)

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR INSULATORS LOCAL 118

This is a summary of Local 118's Financial Statements for the Local Union, Welfare Plan and Pension Plan. This summary was prepared and supplied by the Plan's and Local 118's Auditor, Meyers Norris Penny LLP. Complete Financial Statements of these funds are available to any member upon request and are on file at the Local Union Office for perusal.

	Local 118		Welfare Plan		Pension Plan	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Total assets	1,472,287	1,536,272	4,148,060	4,037,020	99,310,616	90,014,778
Total liabilities	222,121	273,880	27,153	30,596	69,545	53,291
Fund balances						
Invested in capital assets	158,147	166,342				
Public Relations	59,345	57,396				
Education	187,537	136,300				
Health Hazard	30,050	47,953				
Scholarship	8,903	9,098				
Employment Generation	673,485	608,728				
Unappropriated	132,698	236,575	693,807	1,205,324		
Appropriated	-		- 3,427,100	2,801,100	99,241,071	89,961,487
Total Fund balances	1,250,165	1,262,392	4,120,907	4,006,424	99,241,071	89,961,487
Total revenues	1,043,544	1,085,604	1,776,845	1,573,843	13,604,114	10,097,887
Total expenses	-1,055,771	-1,203,264	-1,662,363	-1,178,563	-4,324,530	-4,670,889
Excess of revenue over expenses	-12,227	-117,660	114,482	395,280	9,279,584	5,426,998

Actuarial value of assets  
31-Dec-10 81,826,000

Actuarial value of liabilities  
31-Dec-10 69,065,000

Actuarial accrued surplus  
31-Dec-10 12,761,000