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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

Wednesday, Dec. 24	9 am - Noon	•	Tuesday, Dec. 30	9 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday, Dec. 25	Closed	•	Wednesday, Dec. 31	9 am - Noon
Friday, Dec. 26	Closed	•	Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015	Closed
Monday, Dec. 29	9 am - 4:30 pm	•	Friday, Jan. 2, 2015	9 am - 4:30 pm



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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 2014.

ENCLOSURES

2015 Officers list and Holiday Schedule

DISPATCH HALL

Reminder to all members that you need to call the Union office when you are laid off and register your name on the out of work dispatch list. It is important that the local knows and understands the flow of work, so that we can continue to prepare for workforce requirements.

WORK OUTLOOK

Unemployment low and outlook continues strong

The outlook for work continues to be strong with little unemployment. Although the work seems to be taking longer to materialize we are still very busy.

KMP has increased the number of members on site to nearly 30. There is a good chance that we will see additional manpower on site before the new year.

Other northern industrial work is also busy. Members are in Taylor, Ft St John, Chetwynd, Prince George, and Ft Nelson. We continue to see strong employment from maintenance work at Spectra Gas facilities in the North East of BC.

In the Okanagan there are members working at Domtar in Kamloops, Vernon Hospital, and a number of schools, wineries, and commercial projects. Work is about to begin at Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops soon.

In the Kootenays, we are busy at Teck with 2 contractors on site, and we have members at Waneta and Mica Dams.

Commercial and industrial work in the lower mainland is very busy. All of our contractors are running with large crews and work keeps coming our way. There is a PLA in place for work at the Fortis Tilbury Island LNG project and we should be on site late next year.

Victoria and the Island are also very busy. There is work at the shipyards, CFB Esquimalt and commercial work up and down the Island. We are expecting work at the hospitals in Courtenay and Campbell River. ●

APPRENTICESHIP SCHOOL

Below is the schedule of classes commencing January 5, 2014. Please make sure you mark your calendars with these dates.

Classes of 2015		
LEVEL 1 Jan 5-30-2015	LEVEL 2 Feb 2-27-2015	LEVEL 3 Mar 2-27,2015
Albert, Roland	Andersen, Shayne	Blain, Brady
Bellantoni, Augusto	Beuk, Chase	Ho, John
Bussman, Kurtis	Brooks, James	Davis, Scott
DeBusscher, Ryan	Casso, Cesar	Egan, Richard
Duncan, Jordon	Grieve, Alex	Erickson, Lief
Kobe, James	Kobe, James	Guindon, Murray
Koechl, Justin	Leblanc, Adam	Mar, Owen
Kolenich, Dave	Mathews, Dallas	Oman, Jason
Laramée, Curtis	Oman, Jason	Ormiston, Mathew
Leinster, Dillon	Pengelly, Michael	Painter, Brad
Monahan, Shane	Richter, Lisa	Shaw, Ken
Nicol, Ross	Sheeler, Frank	Thom, Robert
Panuncialman, Joy	Thorne, Tyler	Warwick, Mathew

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GREEN REPORT

Interest from engineers in our Green Campaign



BC Insulators Green Campaign is seeing significant progress. Recent work with engineering groups is achieving support from that sector.

Our last presentation to Integral Group in conjunction with BCICA went very well. Integral has included the BCICA Quality Assurance program in their master specification and we are working closely with them to assist in the implementation.

We will be doing a follow up presentation in the new year to give the junior engineers the basics of what to look for when making site visits. Jeff MacDonald at Integral is very supportive and we look forward to working with him.

This presentation follows others at WSP Engineering and Rocky Point Engineering where we have received similar support.

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ELECTION RESULTS

Nominations took place at the Regular General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 and the following were elected by acclamation.

President	Garrett Gronick	
Vice President	Neil Munro	
By-Law Committee	Sean Bain Daryl Huber Dave Seiler August Weissig	Stu Carpenter Dave Moncur Tom Tookey

The President Brother Ken Jakobsson appointed **Brother Mark Guay** to fulfill the remaining term of the Executive Board vacancy due to the election of Brother Garrett Gronick to President.

Regular General Membership Meetings

Next meeting

Tuesday December 9, 2014
Operating Engineers Hall
4333 Ledger Avenue, Burnaby, BC
7:00 PM

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

SOLIDARITY FOREVER

Supporting labour after retirement

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



BC FORUM represents thousands of active and retired union members. Visit their website at bcforum.ca to find out more.

"We organize community forums and rallies. We offer group benefit coverage at great rates, and provide \$2,500 Accidental Death & Dismemberment 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](https://www.facebook.com/BCRetiredUnionMembersFORUM).

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