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# BC Insulators

## CLRA negotiations remain broken

THEY WON'T NEGOTIATE BUT THEY KEEP GIVING MONEY

The negotiation committee met with the CLRA on Tuesday, March 25, 2014. CLRA only wanted to talk about a wage increase and agreement roll over for another two years. This meeting resulted in a Trade Level Memorandum of Agreement as follows:

**Effective May 1, 2014**, the wage package **increase** for the industrial sector is **\$1.50 each year** with \$.25 cents each year going to Pension Benefits.

The wage package increase for the Commercial Addendum on **May 1, 2014** is **\$.50 cents to wages**. On **May 1, 2015** **\$.75 cents** of which \$.50 cents to wages and \$.25 cents to Health & Wellness Benefits. This is a result of a two (2) year roll over. ●



This new study uses a low dose CT Scan to look for early markers of tissue change in workers who have been exposed to asbestos at work.

## Early detection of Mesothelioma

In coordination with the BC Insulation Contractors Association (BCICA) we undertook a Health Study for early detection of Mesothelioma, the asbestos workers' cancer. This study, different from those in the past, is using a low dose CT Scan to look for early markers of tissue change.

The study also included blood samples in an attempt to find other ways to determine who may be at risk so they could seek out early medical intervention. The study also established, as other studies have, a base line of lung function. The lung function information is very useful for any future WCB claims.

The study was open to members 50 and older, who had been exposed to asbestos or had an existing WCB claim. The first phase was to do a work history, blood test and lung functions. If a member showed signs of asbestos exposure they were invited back for the CT scan.

Close to 100 members participated. Those who had to travel were provided airfare and accommodations. All participants received an out of pocket expense to assist in transportation and meals for the day. Local 118 provided 90% of all the administrative support to have this done. ●



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## Pre-employment drug and alcohol testing requires caution

More members than expected have failed to pass swab Drug and Alcohol (D/A) testing for the KMP project. This provides ammunition for the industry players who are demanding screening for access to their projects.

The Executive Board of Local 118 would like to impress upon the membership, that it is unacceptable to accept work that requires pre employment testing that results in a failed D/A test.

It is imperative that members who accept work that requires a D/A test are able to meet this requirement and not provide the ammunition to impose testing on all jobs. 🌐



## 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.

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### ENCLOSURES

Ed Russell, Alyce Hodgkins,  
Steve Duzek, Scholarship Draws –  
May 13, 2014  
Florence Bernard/Alta Miller  
Scholarship

### STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

Monday, **May 19, 2014 – Victoria Day**

## Newly signed companies

Recently affiliated Acorp Industries is **employing sixteen** of our members in addition to the **seven new members** that were working for them when they came on board.

Acorp is on a number of high profile projects including; Telus Gardens, and the Student Union building at UBC.

### WORK OUTLOOK

## Quality work, good future

We are very busy with commercial and institutional work in both Vancouver and Victoria. Work is being completed at the Helicopter Maintenance Facility in Sydney, and the work at the shipyard is still humming along. There is a submarine in for repairs and a cruise ship is in port soon.

Commercially we are very busy with a large project at YVR among others. We are wrapping up at the Vancouver Aquarium expansion and work continues on towers in Burnaby and New Westminster. We are expecting the commercial work to get busier in the next month.

The industrial side has been steady, with maintenance contracts and the final stages of the Acid Plant Project at Teck.

Work in the north has been steady with local crews fully employed. Work will be picking

up as soon as the weather allows. We have secured the maintenance work at all of the Spectra Energy plants. We are the only Building Trade that is currently working in these plants. This can be attributed to the quality of the work that we are producing there. KMP has 3 contractors and 10 men working in Kitimat. 🌐





Apprenticeship classes full with two levels remaining for 2014.

**MAY 10 & 11 AT BCIT**

## Apprenticeship Western MAC Competition

BC Insulators Local 118 is pleased to be hosting the Western Canada Master Apprentice Competition May 10 and 11 at BCIT.

Apprentices from Local 118, Local 110 and Local 119 will be competing to represent western Canada at this year's International MAC competition hosted by Local 24 in Baltimore, Maryland on July 1-4.

The Western Canada MAC competition is held over two days at the BC Institute of Technology [BCIT] in Burnaby, where the apprentices work to insulate and clad a mock up piping station in a variety of materials and finishes.

Industry professionals will be on hand to judge the competition. All members are welcome to attend the event on the weekend. Best of luck to all competitors!



The 2011 Western Mac Competition held at BCIT.

**APPRENTICESHIP SCHOOL** The remaining two levels of apprenticeship school for this year are as follows:

### CLASSES OF 2014

Level 2

**April 28 - May 23, 2014**

Steven Callewaert  
Lief Erickson  
Bryan Keldsen  
Tyler Keldsen  
George LaPlante  
Taylor MacLaren  
Owen Mar  
Brad Painter  
Lisa Richter  
Shelby Taylor  
Dan Thoms  
Matthew Warwick  
Tracey Lynk

Level 1

**May 26 - June 20, 2014**

James Brooks  
Paul Cole Calvo  
Cesar Casso  
Avery Fayant  
Alex Grieve  
Mike Hixson  
Ashley Horwood  
Dillon Leinster  
Matthew Love  
Miguel Montalvo  
Steve Morrison  
Jose Popoca  
Tyler Thorne



We will be speaking to **Energy Audit** and **Retrofit Firms** to pursue a meta-analysis of data involving MI insulation projects.

## BEST PRACTICES

### Green campaign moving fast

The Green Campaign continues to move forward and gather momentum. BC has adopted the NEBC and ASHRAE 2010 as part of the BC Building Code. This includes increased thicknesses and references to best practices. BCICA says the inspection process has been included in bid documents on Vancouver Island.

We have attended Buildex Vancouver, FCM Sustainability Conference in PEI, Globe Conference in Vancouver, and will be in Toronto at the Canada Green Council “Building Lasting Change 2014”. Our presentation to the City Staff is complete and ready to roll out, and we are waiting confirmations of presentation dates.

At the National level we have a presentation secured with Federal Representatives. We will be contacting Jessica Webster at NRCAN to promote an MI retrofit study. On the Provincial scene we are in contact with the Climate Action Secretariat, Executive Director of



**LOCAL 118 will be in Toronto at the Canada Green Council’s “Building Lasting Change” Conference and Expo this summer.**

the Alternate Energy Efficiency Branch, and the Ministry of Energy Mines and Natural Gas.

We will be speaking to Energy Audit and Retrofit Firms ( Pulse, Prism) to pursue a meta-analysis of data involving

MI insulation projects. We are speaking to Jordan Fischer to ask if he is willing to be the prime contractor for a MI retrofit pilot study according to Fortis BC’s terms/conditions. ☉

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