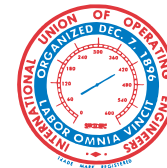


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Election Notice

The election of Officers will be held in the state of **Maine** on Sunday, **August 8, 2010**, at the **Augusta Civic Center**, Community Drive, Augusta, Maine, Exit 112 off Interstate I-95, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and in **Massachusetts** on Sunday **August 15, 2010**, at **I.B.E.W. Local 103's Freeport Hall**, 256 Freeport Street, Dorchester Massachusetts, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Directions to Freeport Hall

From the North:

From Interstate I-93 (Central Artery/Southeast Expressway) take Exit 15, JFK/Columbia Road/University of Massachusetts. Turn left at end of ramp onto Columbia Road. Go into the rotary and take the first right onto Morrissey Boulevard. Continue on Morrissey Boulevard for 2 miles, then take a right at the main intersection onto Freeport Street. Freeport Hall (IBEW Local 103) is approximately 1/4 mile ahead on the right.

From the South and West:

Take Route 3 North to Expressway (Route 93 North). Route I-93 to Exit 13, Freeport Street. At the bottom of the ramp take a left (pass under the Expressway) onto Victory Road. At the intersection, turn right onto Freeport Street, continue across lights at Morrissey Boulevard. Freeport Hall is approximately 1/2 mile ahead on right. IBEW parking lots are on either side of the street.

Due to the Election there will be no Membership Meeting in August

NOTIFIED MEETING

THE QUARTERLY NOTIFIED MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2010, AT FLORIAN HALL, 55 HALLET STREET, DORCHESTER, MA. THE OFFICERS WILL READ THEIR QUARTERLY REPORTS.

DUES REMINDER

DUES FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 2010 ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE. Failure to maintain your good standing in regard to dues may cause your suspension from the Local Union and your removal from the jobsite.

Mail Dues to: 16 Trotter Drive, Medway, MA 02053

Members are encouraged to remit dues payments on an annual basis (\$120). Quarterly dues may also be paid in three, six, or nine-month increments. Dues payments can only be credited to your account on a quarterly basis, and must coincide with the calendar quarters.

Quarterly dues are due on the *first* day of each quarter.



BUSINESS MANAGER *LOU RASETTA*

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

I hope that you, and your families are all doing well, and enjoying our beautiful New England weather.



I am happy to announce that the work outlook continues to brighten. Most of our Contractors have recalled their regular employees, and are now beginning to call the Business Agents for additional help. With a number of very large projects slated to begin, we are hopeful that this long recession in our industry may finally be coming to an end.

Recently, Local 4 has had the pleasure of welcoming two large crane companies into the fold. Maxim Crane and Bay Crane have both signed collective bargaining agreements with us. The signing of these two large crane companies promises to create a large amount of work opportunities for our members.

I would like to mention, once again, the hard work and dedication that our Business Agents and Organizers exhibit each and every day. Whether the issues are jurisdictional disputes, contract signings, grievances or normal policing of our work, these men are constantly vigilant and working as hard as they can, to insure maximum benefits for all of our members. – I am very proud of all of them.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that we are now fully engaged in our Local's political season. I urge everyone to exercise their rights and get to the polls to vote for the candidate of your choice. As I said at our June meeting, we are all brother and sister members, and I know that we will all conduct ourselves accordingly, with the dignity and respect that all candidates deserve.

On behalf of myself, and my entire team, I am truly humbled, and thankful, for the confidence you have shown in us. The fact that all of the Line Officers are unopposed speaks volumes of the loyalty of our great membership. I thank you all for that loyalty, and I vow to do everything in my power to serve this membership to the best of my ability.

In conclusion, I wish each and every one of you, and your loved ones, a safe, productive and happy Summer Season.

Louis G. Rasetta
Business Manager



WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN

With the summer now upon us and the good weather finally here, I hope you and your families are well and enjoying this great time of year. Although this past spring was not as prosperous as expected, I am optimistic work in the north of Boston area will show signs of improvement as the season progresses.

At Logan Airport, Turner Construction, J. Derenzo and James Flett are currently underway constructing a \$20 million parking garage. McCourt Construction is air-side in the process of a \$5 million utility project. Prime Steel is at Terminal B on the re-construction of the existing parking facility. Suffolk Construction has won the \$200 million contract for the pre-cast rental car parking garage. This is a major undertaking which will provide opportunities for our members. At Assembly Square in Somerville, Newport Construction and LM Holdings are in the early stages of site development and road re-construction. This much-anticipated \$1 billion project is finally here. Also in Somerville, Manafort is at Clarendon Hill at a public housing development with a Project Labor Agreement in place. In Everett, Smedley Crane is present constructing a restaurant depot. In Saugus, Nationwide and Boston Power Crushing are at Aggregate Industries on an excavation and material processing project. These are just a few sites in the area that currently employ a number of Operating Engineers.

As we all know, unemployment benefits play a large role in our business. U.S. Senator Scott Brown has repeatedly voted against unemployment extensions so I believe it is in our best interest to contact his office at 202-224-4543 to voice our concerns on this extremely important issue. He has obviously lost touch with the unemployed American working class citizens.

With nominations behind us, I would like to congratulate Business Manager Lou Rasetta and the Officers of Local 4 on the success of their 2010 campaign for re-election. I would also like to extend my best wishes to all of the candidates running for the office of Executive Board...best of luck.

My congratulations also go out to the Class of 2010 Apprenticeship and Training Program. Your hard work and dedication over the last four years in this nationally recognized program will surely set the stage for a prosperous career with the Operating Engineers of Local 4. If there is ever anything I can do to assist you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A friendly reminder...please keep current with your monthly dues.

In solidarity, as always, thank you for your continued support.



KEVIN BENNETT

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are enjoying this summer season. Work in the Boston area has picked up a little and the future is looking brighter. First let me congratulate Business Manager Lou

Rasetta on his election as Business Manager of Local 4. Under Lou's leadership the eligibility hours for Health & Welfare and Pension have come down from 1200 to 1000 per year, the pension has increased, Health & Welfare benefits have improved with lower co-pays and better dental, and a 13th check has been given to all our retirees for several of the past years. All this has been accomplished in a terrible economic climate. I look forward to what can be accomplished in the next three years.

I would also like to congratulate President William D. McLaughlin, Recording Secretary Thomas J. McCormack, Financial Secretary Robert W. Leatherbee, Treasurer David F. Fantini, Conductor Richard H. Allard, and Guard Eric Tran on their election. It is obvious that the members of Local 4 appreciate and respect the dedication and work ethic of all these officers.

On June 21st the Boston Building Trades were invited to a breakfast with Boston Mayor Thomas Menino to discuss the future of new development in the city of Boston. The Mayor outlines a very promising future with several big projects on the horizon. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is building their World Headquarters on Stuart Street. This project will include the demolition of a large building, slurry foundation, and 29 floors of steel erection all scheduled for this fall. UMass Boston has a \$150,000,000 Project Labor Agreement with the trades for several new buildings and infrastructure improvements. Boston College, Boston University, and Northeastern are all looking to start construction on new buildings shortly. Fan Pier, Hayward Place, Government Center Garage, Filene's, and South Station are all large projects he feels will be built. The developers are ready, the city is ready, Local 4 is ready – all we need is the banking industry to get on board.

Ongoing jobs in the city are Mass General Hospital, Russia Wharf, South Boston Pump House, Dana Farber Hospital, Boston Medical Center, Harvard Science Center, Kennedy Museum, Salvation Army Kroc Center, Harpoon Brewery, and water and sewer work on Dorchester Ave.

Operating Engineers Local 4 helped kids of the city at a job fair in Roxbury. Massachusetts House Representative Martin J. Walsh, Co-Safety Officer and Instructor William O'Neil and I participated in the event.



I thank each and every one of you for my election as your Vice President. It was a great night for me and one I will always remember.

As always, thank you for your help and support.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**2010 GRADUATES OF THE
HOISTING AND PORTABLE ENGINEERS,
LOCAL 4 APPRENTICE AND TRAINING PROGRAM**

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JASON OLIVEIRA

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DANIEL P. OUELLETTE

HEATHER L. SENNEVILLE



DAVID FANTINI

Summer has arrived and along with it the hope that this will be the season that things get better.

I would like to congratulate Business Manager Lou Rasetta, the Line Officers, Guard, and Conductor on their unopposed re-election. To see the level of support shown at the May Body Meeting for Lou and the whole team in the midst of some of the worst economic times anyone in Local 4 can recall, is awesome and certainly not taken for granted. I would also like to wish all of the Executive Board candidates the best of luck on their campaigns. Elections are in August and it would be great to see a large voter turnout.

On the work front, things continue to be a bit on the slow side, but a few of the long-awaited large projects have either started or should be starting soon. Tree clearing has begun on Rte. 24 for the new interchange on the Freetown/Fall River line. D.W. White has the earth moving and this should be a good job for the Operating Engineers. By the time you read this newsletter the Governor will have had his ceremonial ribbon cutting at the South Weymouth Airbase. Barletta, who was the low bidder on a piece of roadwork over a year ago, should finally get started some time late July early August. Also, a contractor has been selected for the Cape Wind project. Iberdrola, a Spanish company, is the apparent low bidder and will be meeting with the trades shortly to put together a P.L.A. As Lou said at the June meeting, we will be doing everything possible to make sure any agreement includes the use of our 4E members. Cape Wind is looking to take advantage of some renewable energy grants that were part of the stimulus package. To do so they need to start in 2010 and be complete by 2012, so we should see land work start this fall in Hyannis. Bond Bros. has been selected for this work. Unfortunately the next piece of work at the Brayton Point Power Plant, which was also supposed to get started this fall, is looking more like next spring.

In the crane rental business there have been two new players in town. Bay Crane and Maxim Crane are both large companies and are in the process of setting up shop in the area. They have both signed contracts with the Local and will be using our people.

On a personal note, the support I have experienced has been tremendous, whether as the Business Agent in the Merrimack Valley/Southern New Hampshire area, or in the South Shore area. I consider it a huge honor to work for the men and women of Local 4. March of this year marked 10 years for me and it seems like it was just yesterday that I started. Thank you to everyone for your support and I hope to see you at a meeting.



THOMAS MCCORMACK

With our beautiful New England summer finally here, I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Business Manager Lou Rasetta, all the Line Officers, the Guard and the Conductor on their current re-election to office. I would also like to wish all of the candidates running for a seat on the Executive Board this August, the best of luck. I would also like to thank Business Manager Lou Rasetta for appointing me as Trustee for the Apprenticeship and Training Center. I look forward to serving the union in this capacity.

Unfortunately, due to the current economy, work still remains a little slow in my area. Hopefully it will start to pick up soon. Here's a look at some of the continuing projects in my area. Ernest Guigli and Sons remain onsite at both Norwood High School and Newton North High School. J. Stearns Co. is still erecting steel at the new Wellesley High School project.

In Dedham on Washington Street, Newport Construction is still involved with the utility repair work and they are also over in Salem doing reconstruction work on Bridge Street. In Nahant, Pihl/RDA Co. is poised to start a \$15 million reservation rehabilitation project on the Nahant Causeway and should be getting underway within the next few weeks. McCourt Construction has recently been awarded an \$80 million contract for various bridges and the widening of Route 128, encompassing Dedham, Wellesley and Needham. They hope to be underway this summer.

P. Gioioso and Sons continue water and sewer work along various side streets in Gloucester.

In Lexington, at the new Shire Drug Project for Bovis Co., Construction Management & Consulting, Inc. is performing the site work. C.&R.S. just brought in 2 cranes to start steel erection for the new building.

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank you for your support during these difficult economic times.



MICHAEL BOWES

As we start into the summer season, work has been slow moving. With that said, most of the contractors in the area have finally got back most of their regular employees and we have been seeing opportunities out of the Hall.

Here is a look at some of the jobs that are going on in the area. Borggaard Construction Company has two good size jobs in Shrewsbury and Northborough. Albert Welch has started the site work on the Albert Sherman Center at UMass Worcester. Also in Worcester, J. Derenzo has started the site work at the UMass Power Plant. Marois has started the site work at W.P.I.'s new recreation center, and Albanese Bros., Borges Construction and P. Gioioso have ongoing utility projects in the city. In Framingham, P. Gioioso is still working on the sewer project along with S.B. General Contracting. Revoli and Albanese D&S also have work. Northern General has also been awarded a bridge job in Framingham. P.J. Keating has paving work on routes 495,146 and 140. J.H. Lynch has been awarded jobs in both Worcester and Auburn. D&R also has a good size job on Route 9 in Framingham. Aggregate Industries is still working on the Route 290 paving project. The Flett Company has been awarded the site work at the Primate Center in Southborough, and E.T.& L. has been awarded a new cell job at the Fitchburg Landfill. There are many other jobs that are going on in the area, and I am there looking for future jobs for the members that are still looking for work.

I would like to congratulate Lou Rasetta on his nomination for another term as Business Manager, and all the Line Officers, Guard and Conductor on their uncontested run. Good luck to all the nominees on their run for the Executive Board.

I would like to take the time to thank the members that gave their time to make the Career Day at the Laborers Training Center in Hopkinton. As usual Local 4 and our Training Center had a great showing for this event. It was a good time for everyone involved.

In closing, I look forward to working with all of you now and in the future. I wish you and your families, a safe and happy summer season.



PAUL DIMINICO

As the summer season has finally arrived, I am happy to report work in the area is beginning to pick up.

I would like to begin by congratulating Business Manager Lou Rasetta, all the Line Officers, Guard and Conductor for there unopposed nominations.

Turner Construction has just begun moving into their office trailer at UMass Lowell. This is a \$100 million nanotechnology building that will be starting shortly. Also in Lowell, J. Derenzo Co. is starting to add operators on their Appleton Mill project and their Holy Family Hospital job in Methuen.

The Town of Tewksbury has just started to pre-qualify contractors for a late June bid date. They are planning on breaking ground on the new \$85 million high school no later than the end of September. The Town of Billerica is on a similar schedule for their \$40 million Parker School.

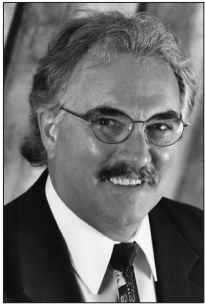
Bond Bros. has a job going at the MIT Conservatory in Westford. Hallamore has just set up a Manitowoc 18000 that has over 400 ft. of boom. They are updating a satellite dish with new electronics.



There are a few bridge jobs in the area that are moving forward. Barletta still has plans to start the \$30 million bridge in Amesbury this fall. LM Holdings, Pihl, MIG and S&R Corp. are all currently working on bridges in the area.

As always, if there is anything I can do for you please don't hesitate to call.

I hope all of you and your families have a great summer!



ROD GILLESPIE

Work around the state of Maine is still very slow. The one bright spot is the operators with Lane Construction. All the plants are busy, with more work bidding weekly as they look to secure more work for all. Many of the crews are working long days and in some cases nights. The crews on Route 1A between Ellsworth and Bangor are working 12 hour shifts at night, due to the heavy daytime traffic, in hope of finishing this fall before cold weather shuts them down.

A large project coming in the near future is the Caribou bypass. This will include four bridges and several miles of new highway and a lot of work for the operators in northern Maine.

We have had some crane operators working on repairing windmill towers in Mars Hill to the north and Kibby Mountain in western Maine. This work will likely continue given the growing number of windmill farms being built and those under review.

The crane and equipment rental yards are still slow but work has been improving. Work is on-going with steel erection on the Bangor Veterans Home expansion, Jackson Lab in Bar Harbor and a new Lowes coming to Bangor.

The \$100 million boiler rebuild in Berlin, New Hampshire, with Babcock & Wilcox has been secured, and is expected to start in late October or November. This is a much needed project that will employ several operating engineers for well over a year. As of this writing, I have not heard of any awards on the CMP Transmission Line.

In closing, I want to remind everyone we have a Local 4 Election on the second Sunday in August in Augusta at the Civic Center. This takes place once every three years, so please come out and support the process and your Local Union. It is a good opportunity to meet the candidates running for Executive Board, and see a lot of people you would not normally see unless you worked on a job with them in the past.

The Local 4 office in Medway, MA puts in a lot of work and money into this election just to make this happen in Maine as it has for many years, so let's show them we appreciate their efforts and come out and vote.

Enjoy the summer months ahead, work safe, drive carefully and I look forward to seeing you in August at the Augusta Civic Center.



CHRIS FOGARTY

I would like to open by congratulating Business Manager Lou Rasetta, all of the Line Officers, Guard and Conductor on successful bid for reelection to their respective posts. One comment I would like to make that has made me proud, is to see that the membership has faith in this hard working team, and most of all the leadership shown by Business Manager Lou Rasetta. We are in the most uncertain times this local has ever experienced in its history, and we have been able to stick together as a membership and make improvements. You should all give yourselves a pat on the back.

The equipment industry is on its way to a slow recovery. The insane race to the bottom of the rates is close to ending with companies finally drawing a line in the sand. The amount of volume being rented is up, but the rates are making it tough on everyone. You may be reading this and wondering "why should I care about the rates?" It has an effect on the people in these rental shops in this way. Most of these companies live on a month-to-month budget and if they don't meet those numbers the first thing they do is to cut costs, and the only way to do that is reduction in force. But, like I said, volume is up so that means that more equipment is being put out on the streets, yet they are doing more with fewer bodies. A catch twenty two of sorts that won't change until the demand outstrips the supply. The number of inventory some these companies have is staggering. One branch of one of these companies has eleven hundred pieces alone, and that just shows you the sheer volume they have to push.

The demand for new equipment on the dirt side of things is also improving, with incentives to buy, and banks more willing to loan money, so we are seeing some movement. The crane dealership side of things is struggling right now. This sector of the market saw the economic downturn last, and will be slower to recover than everything else. I report on these things because it is a true gauge to the pulse of the construction industry. Equipment on the move means there are more seats available for operators and we have the best ones in the industry to fill them.

The concrete industry is picking up on the flat work side of things, but the rental of pumps continues to be spotty. When some of these foundations start to come out of the ground the concrete work will follow.

I would like to remind some of you to check your dues card. I see it happen often enough that people forget or don't have a correct address in the Local's database and that gets them into trouble. So just a friendly reminder to

save you some aggravation in the future – check it out.

We are starting to move along, so hang tight for those of you not working right now. Do not give up on preparing yourself for any new opportunities that may come along. Get down to the training center when you can. We need to be properly licensed and sharpened up on any skills you may or may not have. That is what separates Local 4 from the rest, we have the talent and the ability to use it, so be prepared for anything that comes along.

SAFETY CORNER

‘NEW CRANE STANDARD ARRIVING SHORTLY’

After many years of anticipation and countless meetings the new “Crane and Derrick Standard” has reached its final stage. The new crane and derrick rule now sits in the Office of Management and Budget, which would indicate the possibility that OSHA could publish the new rule by the end of July 2010.

This new rule will impact all personnel who are involved with craning operations. The new proposed crane standard will contain almost 50 sections that detail new requirements or upgrade older existing sections. Some new and altered sections will include: power line clearances, crane assembly, requirements for trained signal persons, crane inspection requirements, maintenance, proper use of operational aids, crane limitations, ground conditions, weather, etc.

Without question, the part of the new proposal which will have the most impact on us as Operating Engineers, is the section which deals with “Operator Qualification and Certification.” Under the new standard all crane operators will have to be certified by a “nationally accredited crane operator testing organization.” This process of crane operator certification, which includes both a written and a practical exam in several crane categories, will not be grandfathered by states that currently require licensing of crane operators. To clarify further, if you hold a Massachusetts Hoisting License you will also need to hold a Crane Operator Certification Card in order to operate a crane in Massachusetts. If you operate a crane in a state that does not require a state license, such as New Hampshire and Maine, you will still be required to hold a Crane Operator Certification Card. As it currently stands now there will be a reasonable time period given by OSHA to implement this requirement.

Please take advantage of the “Crane Certification Course” we offer at the Engineers Training Center to help prepare you for your certification exams.

BE SAFE

Bill LaFlamme
Co-Safety Officer



DAVID SHEA

Finally, summer is here and I hope you and your families are enjoying this great time of the year.

I would like to congratulate Business Manager Lou Rasetta, President William McLaughlin, Vice-President Kevin Bennett, Recording Secretary Thomas McCormack, Treasurer David Fantini, Financial Secretary Robert Leatherbee, Guard Eric Tran, and Conductor Richard Allard on their recent re-election at the May Body Meeting. It was an inspiring show of support.

I would also like to wish all the candidates for Executive Board best of luck in the upcoming election in August. The election will be held on Sunday August 8th in Augusta, ME and on Sunday August 15th at the Electrician’s Hall in Dorchester, MA. I urge every member to come out and vote.

On the organizing front, I continue to aggressively seek new signatory contractors to put our members to work. The slow economy has made it more difficult to find viable contractors, and all are more cautious in this difficult economic environment. However, there have been several new signings over the last few months which should create some work opportunities. Some of them are Maxim Crane, A#1 Crane Co., FALAH Corporation and JPW Riggers, Inc.

Many of the contractors that have signed in the last couple of years continue to do well. Proia Construction Inc. is doing water & sewer work in Salem. Entech Corp is doing a pipe relining in Belmont. Atlantic Dismantling & Site Contractors is working in New Bedford and Roxbury and aggressively bidding several new projects. Construction Management & Consultants, Inc. has approximately 12 projects ongoing with around 40 operators currently working. These contractors and other newly-organized companies have created many jobs for members. As always, the goal of organizing is to make our Local stronger and to put our members to work.

In closing, I wish everyone a great summer and I thank you for your support.

IN MEMORIAM

The Officers and Members of the Local offer their sincere condolences to the families and friends of the following:

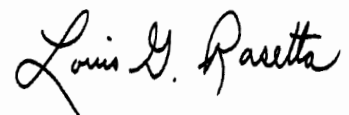
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George Capone, Jr.	William W. Poland
Frank R. Conners, III	Paul L. Proulx
Daniel J. Duggan	William F. Rizzi, Sr.
Cosimo P. Insalaco	Edward A. Searles
Scott Kennedy	Joseph L. Sullivan, Jr.
Gary J. Lopes	Edwin F. Thompson, Jr.
Thomas S. McLean, Jr.	James E. Walsh
Joseph S. Merusi	Stewart H. Weymouth
Albert J. Nardone	John J. White

IN RETIREMENT

We wish a long, healthy and well-deserved retirement to the following:

Douglas Barber	Yvan C. Michaud
Leslie P. Beam	Patricia A. Montanino-Regan
Lou W. Bernier	Robert F. Moore, Jr.
John T. Carroll	Scott B. Murray
Thomas R. Courtney	David W. Nickerson
Carmine L. Cresta	Richard Paulding
Christopher R. DiMaggio	Jean Pelletier
Richard J. DiMaggio	Charles F. Pero
George P. Domigan, Jr.	John J. Perry
Paul M. Flynn	Richard S. Pettigrew, Jr.
James A. Gaito	Arthur T. Preston
Steven G. Hanrahan	Peter F. Rose
Frank B. Ireland, Sr.	Andre J. Roy
Edward C. Jacobson	Anthony P. Sass
Joseph R. Lachiana	Robert R. Speakman
David E. Laffin	John J. Stephens, Jr.
Arthur E. LeClerc	Louis Taglieri, Jr.
Lawrence E. MacDougall	Richard S. Troup
	C. Ronald Vitale

Fraternally yours,



Louis G. Rasetta
Business Manager