

Business Managers Report for June 2019

Members Out of Work: Plumbers-10, Fitters-7, HVAC-4, Apprentices-3, Members Traveled Out-16

We are still sending a few members a week to work as contractors are manning up. Austin is looking for Fitters and Plumbers for 40 hours a week and several members have gone up there.

We have been in negotiation meetings with the MCA, starting on May 6th and have continued on the 20th, 23rd, and 28th, we met again on June 4th and couldn't come to an agreement to bring back to the membership so the 142 Negotiation Committee unanimously decided to ask for some help from the Federal Mediator. We will meet with the MCA and the Federal Mediator on June 13th, so please attend the Special Call Meeting on June 10th at the Hall to hear all the details.

Your 2019 Negotiation Committee are: Jack Tondre, Murry Hughey, Trino Baltazar, Manual Rodriguez, Allen Holtsford and Myself.

You should have received a letter from our new third-party administrators; Southwest Service Administrators last month, it will have new contact information and mailing address for them, they took over our plan on June 1, 2019.

You should have received your new insurance card in the mail by the end of the month, if you have moved please contact Southwest Service Administrators and give them your new address.

You probably heard about that the Texas Plumbing license will no longer be required after September 1, 2019, Governor Abbott Tweeted last week that he plans to extend the State Board of Plumbing Examiners for two years without needing to call for a Special Session, I applaud him if he does that, however we haven't heard his plan thus far. Brother Leonard Aguilar will be at the June Union Meeting to talk more about what's going on with that.

There will be a Rally for the Future of Texas Plumbers on June 14th at the Capitol on the South Steps at 11:00 am, 1100 Congress Ave. Austin TX. We will not provide transportation, but everyone is encouraged to come.

I hope everyone has a safe and productive month.

Fraternally,

Mark Potter
Business Manager