

# CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Eastern Illinois Chapter

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## Chapter Officers

Governor: Greg Outsen  
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## Board of Directors

Larry Clennon  
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## **January Meeting Dates**

### **January 6th**

JATC Meeting  
JATC Office 3:00pm

### **January 14<sup>th</sup>**

LMCC/Bond/Audit  
Union Hall 8:30am

### **January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Board of Directors Meeting  
Al's Steakhouse – 5:00pm

### **Quarterly Meeting**

Al's Steakhouse – 6:00pm

## **Future Meeting Dates**



*50 years and counting!*

## **Agreement on a New Apprentice Rotation Policy Reached**

Following nearly two years of negotiating, we have finally reached an Agreement with Local 176 concerning a new Apprentice Rotation policy. The previous policy was only a paragraph long and left many questions unanswered. This new Policy is not perfect, but it is better than before. It is important to highlight that contractors now can retain a promising young apprentice, even before their rotations have been completed, as long as they continue to receive well-rounded training. Feel free to call our Chapter Manager, Scott Dworschak, at 815-729-2288 if you have any questions. We will be hosting an Industry dinner meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> at Al's Steakhouse, to walk through the new Policy, and answer questions from contractors. All area contractors are invited, invitations will be sent out via email after New Year's.

## **EIL NECA/ IBEW 176 Rotation Policy**

1. There will be a rotation for the first 3 years of the apprenticeship program to expose and train apprentices in various aspects of our trade. Rotations will last up to 9 months. The maximum rotations will be 4.
2. A layoff will be considered a rotation if it is after 6 months of employment.
3. Contractors can request a 1-month extension from the Training Director to finish a job.
4. Contractors must take an apprentice in return when the rotation occurs unless notice is given to the JATC office that they will not need an apprentice when the rotation occurs. A 30-day notice is to be given to the contractors prior to the rotation.
5. When a rotation occurs, the apprentice shall receive 2 hours paid time to be used as travel time to the JATC for processing for subsequent job assignment.
6. Apprentices being rotated shall not have their unemployment benefits denied.
7. Apprentices that have been organized can be excluded from rotation.
8. Contractors may retain one apprentice, once per year, mutually agreed by the apprentice. That selected apprentice will be excluded from the next rotation. The contractor can continue to choose to exempt that apprentice from rotation until they have completed their third year of school. That apprentice is to continue to receive a well-rounded hands-on education and will continue to submit work reports.

### Three Elected to Chapter Board of Directors

Elections were held via email for Board of Directors positions. Re-elected to serve a two-year term are Dave Ruder (Ruder Electric), Larry Clennon (Clennon Electric), and Keith Conrad (Halm Electric). Congratulations to them, and thanks to everyone who took the time to vote!

#### **M A N P O W E R   R E P O R T**

***Based on Monthly Benefit Reports for the work month of November 2024***

	<u>Inside</u>	<u>Res</u>	<u>VDV</u>	<u>Sign</u>
Local Contractors	32	2	7	3
Traveling Contractors	<u>128</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>0</u>
	160	6	41	3
Workers-Local	505	3	43	6
Workers-Travelers	<u>683</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>0</u>
	1,188	13	161	6
Hours-Local	71,906	370	5,000	992
Hours-Travelers	<u>73,057</u>	<u>1,031</u>	<u>5,765</u>	<u>0</u>
	144,953	1,401	10,765	992

Number of Workers registered for Work as of: 12.27.24

Book I..... 128	Book II..... 174	Apprentices.....0
Residential Wiremen.... 7	Residential Trainees....0	
VDV Tech.... 5	VDV Trainees....0	