The Election Committee of Local 234, composed of Andy Harris – District I, Billy Gammill – District II, and Frank Thompson – District III, met on August 24, 2019 along with the CPA, opened and emptied the Post Office Box at 9:00 a.m. for the one and only time. A total of 288 ballots were returned. After returning to the Des Moines Union office, the Committee and CPA processed each ballot. After challenged and spoiled ballots were considered, there were a total of 280 ballots counted and each vote tallied. The results were certified as follows: (Member elected to Office noted with **)

**District 1 Executive Board Representative**
- Ryan Loomis** 146 votes
- Jason Sandy 134 votes

The following Offices were unopposed:
- **Business Manager, Financial Secretary** – Jason Copple
- **President** – Tim Mumma
- **Vice President** – Chad Carter
- **Recording Corresponding Secretary** – Ryan Hollinrake
- **Treasurer** – Tracy Petersen
- **District #2 Executive Board Representative** – Nick Norton
- **District #3 Executive Board Representative** – Jason French
- **Guard & Conductor** – Craig Scholl
- **Auditors** – Jason Sandy, Ryan Hollinrake, Brian Vaske
- **Trustees** – Todd Schoening, Spencer Yockey, Kyle Jones

The ceremonial public installation of Officers will be held at the September 28, 2019 General Membership Meeting.

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**Is your address, email address and phone number current with your union?**

If not, drop us a note or call us at 515-265-1657

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**ASSESSMENTS**

The annual assessments of defense fund ($2 per year) and good standing fund ($1 per year) are due each year on July 1st, which pays your assessments through June 30th of the following year.
On Tuesday, August 20th at around 6 a.m. we had a tornado hit our Apprenticeship & Training Site. We lost all buildings and have some extensive equipment damage. The week it happened was filled with trying to salvage what we could as far as tools and supplies. We met with our insurance agents to try and figure out what we can and can’t do as far as moving stuff around and clean-up. We have gotten a temporary office trailer moved into the Site so we can get the office up and running. We are looking at temporary trailers to use as classrooms for this winter’s training season. We will be trying to get the new winter training building up before training as well, to use as a make-shift shop. The best, and by far the most important part of the whole situation, was that nobody was on site at the time the tornado hit. Another 20 minutes and there would have been four guys in the buildings. We lost a lot this year’s training season will be a struggle but we will rebuild bigger and better, because we are, Union Strong!!!

Over the last several years we have taken the approach of adding a little money to our Health & Welfare Fund whether it’s been needed or not. That approach has paid off. Our Fund is extremely healthy and the Board has been looking into adding some benefits to our Plan. We have an actuary that comes to all of our meetings and can’t believe how well our Fund is doing compared to others around the country that he is also involved with. The use of generic drugs and the Doctor On-Demand program will continue to save the plan money and keep it healthy into the future.

The Local was finally able to move into our new Des Moines Union Hall building only 6 months behind schedule. We are still waiting for the parking lot and other little things to get finished up. We have been able to hold meetings in the new building that we’ve had to rent space for in the past. We also were able to host the Retiree’s Picnic in July (only two days after we moved in) and we had the best turnout we’ve had in years. It has been a long very painful process but also worth it in the end. We now have a Local 234 Union Hall of which we can all be proud.

The workload for this season has been great with all Members who want to work, working. We have stolen new Members away from the non-union contractors and we have a record number of Apprentices. We have also had around 450 travelers working in the state. Our local contractors are doing well – between them and the out of state contractors, there will be enough work to carry to the end of the typical work season, with some projects being pushed as far into winter as possible.

With General Membership coming up on September 28th at 11 a.m., I hope that everyone that can be in attendance will choose to do so. Please make sure to call in to get back on the out-of-work list if you get laid off, we are still sending Operators out on a daily basis.
The 2019 construction season has shaped up to be another busy one in Local 234’s jurisdiction. Our Heavy Highway and Utility contractors are busy in all areas of our jurisdiction. There will also be several larger projects coming out to bid in the next couple of months. Our building and crane contractors have had a steady workload as well, with some new divisions in new areas gaining market share.

Wind work is big again this year with several projects underway in the state with a possibility of more starting this fall.

On the Stationary side we have eight contracts open and we will be getting the word out to our 234 Members who work in those Units to vote yes in the recertification elections. After the recert elections are successful, we will then be taking proposals so we can start the negotiation process.

As most of you know, our Training Site had all the buildings destroyed as well as extensive equipment damage in a recent tornado. We have had an influx of Members calling to offer assistance to help with cleanup or whatever else is needed. It is great to see our Membership get behind the Local in these trying times. At this point, patience is what is needed as we rebuild to suit our growing Membership.

Brother Members Jason Smith, Josh Scheffler and Apprentice Brady Edwards working at the PraxAir Facility for Barnhart Crane & Rigging in Charles City

Brothers Doug Mull and Adam Gates working for Dave Schmitt at the Old Mill housing development in Solon

Brother Members Roger Jones, Richard Jones, Mike Godden and Dan Kain working for Mortenson at Arbor Hill 2 Wind Farm near Dexter
Meeting Schedule

General Membership Meeting:
September 28, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.
4880 Hubbell Avenue, Des Moines

District Meetings:
(All Meetings Begin at 7:30 p.m.)

District I: Des Moines
4th Thursday of Each Month

District II: Cedar Rapids
3rd Thursday of Each Month

District III: Sioux City
2nd Thursday of Each Month

Area Meetings:
(All Meetings Begin at 7:30 p.m.)

Council Bluffs Area: 1st Wednesday
March, June, September, December

Dubuque Area: 3rd Wednesday
March, June, September, December

Waterloo Area: 2nd Thursday
March, June, September, December

Stationary Meetings:
Sioux City Schools: 3rd Tuesday of
Each Month September through May

All Others: As Scheduled

Brother Brett Libbert operates a DeMag AC350 and Brother Nate Lucas operates a Linkbelt HTC8675 setting generators into the new power station at St. Lukes Hospital in Cedar Rapids for Tri-State Crane
It seems as if this work season so far has gone by very fast. Work has been very plentiful although Mother Nature has, at times, slowed down some of the working hours for our Members. It seems to me that our contractors, for the most part, have done more work this season than in the past even with all the rain. They have put on more crews to accomplish all that needed to be done.

Dirt hands have been busy on the next phase of Microsoft, as well as building a new cell at the landfill east of Des Moines. Facebook has also started a new phase in Altoona and work is continuing at the new Apple project west of Waukee that started late last fall. We have seen a lot of new housing developments, as well as new commercial warehouse construction, which has been good for both the dirt side and building side.

The building contractors started the season with a good amount of work created by the work of dirt crews last fall. With all the rain early this season they started out really slow but things have definitely shifted in a good direction since spring. We have started dispatching Operators almost daily to our building contractors.

That gets us to the pipeline side of things. We have done more maintenance work this season than in the past. There have been a few new lines that have been done as well. Overall hours for mainline are down for the season but distribution work has been very busy.

We ratified all contracts this past winter from groups that won their recertification vote in October of 2018. This year’s recertification vote will take place October 15-29, 2019. I only have one group up for recertification this go around, which is the City of Madrid. With that all being said, have a great rest of your year. It will be nice to see and visit with everyone that can make it to the September General Membership Meeting, until then be safe Sisters and Brothers.
Brother Daniel Snyder operates a dozer for McAninch on a commercial development for Hubbell Properties in Ankeny

Brother Bill Behle, Sr. operates a skidloader for Terry’s Quality Concrete at Local 234’s Des Moines office

SINCEREST SYMPATHIES GO TO THE FAMILIES OF THE BROTHER MEMBERS OF LOCAL 234 FOR THE LOSS OF THEIR LOVED ONES.

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Work in District II is busy and will stay that way until winter arrives. The 2019 construction season has had contractors busy working on site prep, street reconstruction, utilities, building projects and windfarm work.

The Windfarm work continues to be busy with White Construction working in Latimer and Lakota, with approximately 85 turbines on each project. Both projects have had multiple issues due to weather, soil conditions and parts deliveries. White is hoping to have both projects topped out by December. Mortenson is working on a windfarm near Emmeteburg, they are hoping to have 125 turbines topped out by December.

Dave Schmitt is working on multiple projects in eastern Iowa, as well as dirt work on a railroad car repair facility near Shellrock. Michels Foundation and Tschiggfrie are working on the Bee Branch project in Dubuque. Crane barns in the area are busy with normal crane barn type of work.

The Local has made donations for the Cedar Rapids Building and Trades Solidarity Motorcycle ride. This is the 3rd year the money has went toward an honor flight, and this year approximately $19,000.00 was raised. The Cedar Rapids Building Trade will get to pick ten veterans from WWII to Vietnam Vets to go on the Honor Flight in May of 2020. If any vets are interested, please contact me for an application. Applications will need to be returned by October 2019, so please don’t delay.

We will be starting recertification and proposal meetings for the Stationary Agreements in the near future. It is important for Members who work in the Stationary Units to stay involved in order to show solidarity to the lawmakers.

Brother Craig Soppe operates a Cat D6 dozer for White Construction at the Latimer windfarm project

Apprentice Antonio Caraccio and Brother Dale Camp working for Specialty Inc. at the Lakota windfarm project

Brother KC Kramme and Brother Steve Abarr working for Barnhart Crane at the Latimer windfarm project
Brother Lee Werner operates a Liebherr LR 1300 crane for White Construction at the Latimer windfarm project.

Brother Randy Koetz and Brother Joey Nachtman working for Portzen Construction at a new medical clinic in Coralville.

NCCCO TESTING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 26TH & 27TH

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE TORNADO DAMAGE AT THE APPRENTICE-SHIP AND TRAINING SITE ...CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE DES MOINES UNION HALL. PLEASE CONTACT LORI AT 641-942-7112 WITH ANY QUESTIONS!
It’s been a very busy season even with all the rain we had this spring. The building contractors remain steadily busy. Klinger has multiple projects and continues work on the Hardrock Hotel and Casino expansion and DM Steel is also busy with the Warrior Hotel remodel and several other projects in the area. Davis Erection, Sachs Civil, Rodrigues Mechanical, MMC and Barnhart all continue work on the Google project.

The crane barns remain busy as well. Barnhart Crane is working wind turbine maintenance and curb side service and McGough Crane is working shutdowns and curb service in the Fort Dodge area. Patriot Crane, Lift All and American Crane are all busy in the District #3 area as well.

The gas distribution contractors are working on new services and upgrades to older gas feeds and the wind turbine work is extremely busy with Mortenson working on multiple new erection projects around the State, as well as two repower projects. White Construction also has several new erection projects in the area. With all the wind turbine work, the ground stabilization contractors are busy along with the road stabilization contractors.

Ames Construction has picked up some work on Highway 2 in southwest Iowa, as well as two bridges and a levee relocation. Ryan Central has a landfill project and two subdivisions in the Council Bluffs area.

There were stationary agreements opened in August so the local will be preparing for recertification elections and upcoming contract negotiations. Wellman Dynamics in Creston went bankrupt in May of 2018, as you may know. Since then the Local has been in negotiations with the new owners, WDC Acquisitions LLC. As of August 1st, we now have a three-year agreement in place with wage and insurance openers for the second and third years of the agreement. Shelly Danielson and

Bill Bowen deserve thanks for being on the bargaining committee for these negotiations, and I give that to them now. They did a great job.

It looks to be another busy season next year so make sure you get to the training site for upgrade training and any certifications you may need. Hope to see you at the General Membership Meeting on September 28th at the new Hall in Des Moines.

Brother Mike Petry operates a forklift for Mortenson Repower in Walnut

Brother Members working for Subsurface Constructors at the windfarm near Emmetsburg: From Left to Right: Seth Rosen, Richard Greenough and Jeremy Snoozy
Brother Ben Mueller operates a Manitowoc 650 for Mortenson in Ida Grove

Brother Tim Jensen operates a 1600 Leibherr for White Construction in Marcus

Brother Members working for Crane Sales and Service: From Left to Right: Dennis Brockhaus, Austin Bolender, Braden Knudsen, Brody Hansen, Bill Palmer and Tyler Palmer
General Membership Meeting Notice
Saturday, September 28, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m.
4880 Hubbell Avenue
Des Moines, IA
The 2019 season has been very busy with work all around the state. As it was last year, it has been a challenge to try and keep up with all the work going on all around. There have been several new Local 234 Members signed up to fill the heavy work load again this season.

We started the season off concentrating and continuing to strip as many talented Operators from the non-union side. Basically, anyone that we observed with talent that would listen and understand the benefits of what being a IUOE Member could offer, became new Members. Unfortunately, a lot of the time people look at the dollars on the check and not the big picture of all that we offer such as better insurance, pension, training, retiree insurance, as well as a career that just has more to offer. We are still reaching out using social media, phone calls and dropping in on job sites as we come across them.

We have been very active in visiting with the owners of companies all around to discuss the benefits and process to becoming an IUOE signatory contractor. There have been a handful of contractors that have expressed interest in sitting across the table for informational discussions when work slows down at the end of the season.

Organizing is something that we can all be part of. If you see, or know of someone, that you feel would be good for us to speak with, feel free to give them my phone number or the Local’s number. In our daily travels, we try to find all the job-sites, but it’s impossible to be everywhere. If you know of a project, or see something in your travels, please feel free to let us know.

CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES

James Saelens           September 1, 2018
Chris Roush             December 1, 2018
Gordon Adkisson         March 1, 2019
Henry Schnieder         May 1, 2019
Richard N. Phillips     July 1, 2019

ENJOY
We’ve moved into the new Des Moines Union hall. It’s exciting for so many reasons. The obvious one is that we have a new face forward to the public, and we don’t look like we are trying hard to be inconspicuous. The less obvious reasons are that our meeting room is now big enough to host even our largest General Membership meetings and the Retiree’s Picnic; our Board Room is big enough for negotiations and Trustee meetings; and the building itself is just plain functional. Kudos to our staff for staying organized during the move. It’s hard to sort through 39 years of stuff, get rid of junk and move the rest, all while keeping business moving. For the most part, I believe it was all done with grace.

The Local’s finances are the back-up story to all of the Agent’s reports that work is busy. When work is plentiful the income is an enjoyable topic. By the end of June, the Local had gone into the positive side on the Profit & Loss Statement. About 2/3 of the time this doesn’t happen until July – but the interesting thing about it this year happening in June is that this spring was wet, which will no matter what keep the income of the Local down. This gives me hope that the rest of the year is going to finish very strong financially.

We will be ordering new Local 234 shirt designs. The first one will be a design inspiring breast cancer awareness. You can see the new designs on the website under the ‘Members Only’ Section. User names are your Register Number (found on your Union card), and passwords are always the first initial of your first name and your entire last name – all lower case and no spaces. If you have issues logging on, please let the office know and we will do research to correct any issues.

New Local 234 Breast Cancer shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies will be available soon. $5 donation to breast cancer research requested with purchase.
The Apprenticeship and Training site was hit by a tornado on Tuesday, August 20th, leveling the buildings and damaging numerous pieces of equipment. Needless to say, the last few weeks have been crazy. Basic services have been restored and we are trying to repair and clean up the site before training season starts. All classes will still be held at the training site except the October CCO written test, which will be held in the District 1 office in Des Moines. We can currently provide CCO practical testing, along with some machine training for Members. If you are in need of any training, please contact the training site to make sure the equipment is available.

With the strong workload for our signatory contractors this season, we have been able to add several new Apprentices again this season. There are currently 148 apprentices working. It’s wonderful to see the program maintain the large number of apprentices we have for many seasons now. Any support and assistance you, as Members, can give in helping Apprentices get established in the Industry is greatly appreciated by myself and the Trustees.

The training staff has been busy working with journeymen and apprentices wanting to upgrade their skills, administering CCO practical exams, attending Instructor course, maintaining the training site and equipment. We also had the opportunity to partner with a signatory contractor to produce and film a safety video for Trench and Excavation safety at no cost to the program.

There will be a CCO written exam at the Des Moines Union Hall October 27th. Anyone interested should contact the training site to get signed up for the exam. I know it may not seem like it but training season will be here before you know it. We are already working on the training class schedule. The training schedule will be mailed to Members shortly before Thanksgiving. It will also be posted on www.local234.com with online registration available under the Members only section. Take some time to look it over and get signed up early for classes or equipment time that will help you be more employable. Please double check the expiration dates on your current certifications. This summer we had what seemed like a lot of Members with either expired or no forklift certification, which per OSHA it is good for only 3 years. Members then needed to schedule time at the training site to get certified. While we are always there to help the Members, it was disappointing that some were not ready for work when the opportunities arose. Last training season, the forklift certification course was offered several times along with a course in each District. We are planning on offering a forklift certification course in each District again this winter and encourage Members to take advantage of these course so you will be ready.
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