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Members Lars Evanger, Ashley Rode, and Steven Sparks hoisting pipe for AES Houston Contracting on the North Slope, AK

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Daren Konopaski

Business Manager

Brothers and Sisters,

Spring is underway, and then summer will be here before you know it. This is always an exciting time of year for our Union as work that's been weather dependent kicks into higher gear with temperatures rising and snow becoming less of a roadblock.

The construction landscape is looking good in Washington, and improving in Alaska with a large-scale highway bridge job and the approval of the Willows Project that brings a massive oil development project on Alaska's North Slope which is expected to create as many as 2,500 jobs during construction and 300 permanent jobs. Also, our presence is increasing in Boise, ID where we now have Field Representative Shane Linse on the ground to represent Local 302.

We are organizing throughout our jurisdiction, especially in Idaho where workers at Virginia Transformer in Pocatello voted Union Yes! The year-long campaign in the 182-person bargaining unit concluded with the employees choosing convincingly to be represented by Local 302.

We continue to grow with the mergers of stationary Locals 286 and 609. What's now known as "District 286" based out of the Auburn, WA Hall has accomplished a lot in the few years since they became part of Local 302 in 2019.

This includes representing Seattle Public Schools (SPS), the largest school district in the State of Washington. You'll read more in this edition about how our staff secured a \$544,584 market adjustment for SPS custodians and are proactively positioning themselves for strong upcoming negotiations. New opportunities in cold storage and cradle to grave combo organizing are being explored in the stationary world.

Our schools/training trusts are now merged from the Local 370 merger ensures more training opportunities and leverages our resources. We are considering expansion into Idaho with a new training facility. As you know, training is the key to our future.

On the operational side of things, we are making great strides in moving our Union forward.

As you know we updated the look of our website, www.iuoe302.org. We continue to improve the website to ensure it provides accurate, timely, and user-friendly information for members, staff, and the general public. We are also continuing to improve this publi-



Celebrating successful negotiations for the City of Unalaska

cation, the Loadline.

We're re-evaluating what kind of information to include on our website, and in the Loadline, to focus on content that's interesting and relevant to you, our members.

To that end, we want to hear from you. **By May 12, 2023 please take these 2 short surveys to let us know what you think.**

This effort goes hand-in-hand with a "branding refresh" underway that includes updating the look of our logo and the design of the Loadline. This is an exciting effort that will be rolled out soon.

I know many of you are curious about the status of online dues payments. Unfortunately, we ran into an obstacle with the previous contractor. The good news is we've hired their replacement who can finish the job of integrating our membership data system with the new online dues system. We will keep you updated on the latest of this impactful project.

On the political front, the legislative sessions have been underway in the 3 states within our jurisdiction: Washington, Alaska, and Idaho. Our staff has been hard at work to ensure pro-labor bills prevail. Read more about this in the legislative report.

On the Alaskan front, after 5 months of negotiating, the Alaska Associated General Contractors Agreement was ratified in March.

These are just a few examples of the hard work underway on behalf of our members. Read on to learn more.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out to me, or your Field Representative. We're here to support you and your family in the ways we can.

Remember to stay safe, and I hope you enjoy the nicer weather out there.

Daren Konopaski, Business Manager and International Vice President

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We want your feedback to improve!

Local 302 Website Loadline



Member Charles King and Business Manager Daren Konopaski at the Bothell Hall holiday party

Our dispatchers fulfill a very important role for members across the jurisdictions we represent: connecting them with work. Here are tips to help keep our members on the job.

Tips from the Dispatchers

- Get on the out of work list as soon as you are done working.
- It is the member's responsibility to stay in good standing with the union as well as re-registering for the out of work list.
- If you are on the out of work list and go back to work, you must call in to re-dispatch. The company often won't call you back to work because they don't know you are on the out of work list.
- Keep your voicemail empty so you know when Dispatch is contacting you.
- When you are on the out of work list you get 10 attempted calls or 3 refusals. If you reach either of these limits you will be automatically removed from the out of work list. You will be mailed a letter of why you were removed. You will need to reregister and be placed at the bottom of the respective list for hours worked.
- Ensure you keep skills, experience, licenses, and certificates current with your dispatching union hall. Without having all your qualifications on file, it is less likely to get called for open jobs.
- Utilize our training facilities while you aren't working to gain skills, better your opportunity for employment, and stay current on certifications.

A celebratory graphic for senior scholarships. It features a light blue background with a bokeh effect of white circles. Scattered throughout are gold and black stars and a gold ribbon. In the center, a black graduation cap with a gold tassel and a rolled-up diploma with a red ribbon are displayed. The text is in a bold, gold, serif font.

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Sand, gravel, and concrete workers: the vital cog in construction and infrastructure development

Sand, gravel, and concrete members play a crucial role in the construction and infrastructure development of our communities. They extract, process, and distribute sand and gravel which are essential materials in the production of concrete and asphalt, among other construction materials. Despite the crucial role they play, these members often go unrecognized.

The work can be physically demanding, with long hours and exposure to harsh weather conditions. These members perform all the maintenance and repairs to keep the plants and sites up and running. They also operate heavy machinery, such as excavators, haul trucks, bulldozers, and loaders to extract sand and gravel from pits and quarries. After the materials are extracted, they are sorted and processed, a task that requires precision and attention to detail to ensure the materials meet the specified standards for use in construction projects.

The members at these sites and plants are not asked to just do their job but every job on site. From welding and fabricating parts to trouble shooting operating systems in the computers. To monitoring the gradation of material and checking specifications to loading out and scaling loads. They also run every piece of gear on site from the fill site dozer to the crane used to repair the plants. They do not just have



Mavin Dorsey and Taylor Chatterton work on the screen platform at the High Rock plant in Monroe, WA

one assigned task in a day but may be called on to run or repair multiple pieces of equipment in a day. They need a working knowledge of every facet of the operation. They need to be able to think on their feet and make informed decisions – no two days are ever the same.

These members play a vital role in the construction industry, building the foundation of our roads, bridges, and buildings. Workers face unique challenges, including physically demanding work and exposure to hazardous conditions, but with the support of this union and their brothers and sisters in the industry they have a voice in the workplace to advocate for their rights and improve their working conditions.

Our members in this part of the industry play a critical role in the construction and infrastructure development of our communities. While the work can be physically demanding, the rewards can be substantial, including good wages, benefits, and opportunities for career growth. Companies that operate in this sector should prioritize the well-being and safety of their employees, while also recognizing the valuable contributions they make to the industry.



Blasting rock for more material at High Rock plant in Monroe, WA



Taylor Chatterton and Loren Monson working on the feed gates for the twin 6'x20' screens



Earnest (Gib) Snowden, Tom Vanhulle, and Devin Brickman have a safety meeting before starting work on the crusher in Granite Falls for Cadman



Twin cone crushers at the High Rock Plant in Monroe, WA



Zach Crawford running the yard loader feeding the plant in Kenmore, WA for Glacier Northwest

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Tony Zempel

Field Representative
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Growth in Skagit and Whatcom counties

It's not uncommon for members to ask what jobs we have up in District 2 besides refinery work. We have seen limited growth in the past, but recent public works projects are changing that. One of the largest and most significant projects driving this change is the expansion of Sound Transit's light rail system which is moving north to Everett, WA and could be extended further with a voter-approved plan in addition to receiving support from legislators and other stakeholders.

As the construction of this major infrastructure project continues, workers see the benefits of union representation and the protections it provides. The non-union workers and non-union companies see this as well. That is probably why Frank Imhof with IMCO General Construction, a big non-union company up north, is fighting Project Labor Agreements (PLA) at every turn. We have been to many PLA meetings and will continue to support extending the Sound Transit Light Rail further north.



Padden Creek fish passage project in Bellingham, WA

The expansion of Sound Transit's light rail system is just the beginning of a larger trend of increased work associated with the rail project. We've all seen the explosion of work around all the Sound Transit stations. That activity in Skagit and Whatcom counties would have positive impacts for Local 302 members felt for years to come.

Padden Creek Culvert Replacement Project

Another project that continues to bring work for our members is the culvert replacement on I-5 at Padden Creek in Bellingham. A pair of culverts under Interstate 5 and State Route 11 in south Bellingham have blocked salmon and other fish from traveling upstream for years. A Washington State Department of Transportation project is replacing those culverts run by contractor Granite Construction.

Up in District 2 we have our fair share of work, but we could always use more. As the union presence continues to grow, it is an exciting time for workers in Skagit and Whatcom counties, and the future looks bright for all those involved.



Member Dan Lind Sr. runs the bulldozer at the Padden Creek Project



A new Padden Creek structure was created so fish can navigate more easily



Member Kenny Wilder drives the dump truck at the Padden Creek Project



Member Logan Tonsgard works at the Padden Creek Project

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Eric Armtson

District Representative



Members tackle fish passage projects on the Olympic Peninsula

In District 3 we're fortunate to have a lot of work before us. Here are a few big projects.

US 101 - SR 109 Coastal 29 Fish Passage Improvements, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, and Clallam Counties: The Washington State Department of Transportation is working to correct 29 identified streams and culverts that cross under US 101 and State Route 109 from Aberdeen all the way up to Forks. Currently, the culverts under the highways do not allow fish to access vital habitat. Once complete this project will restore nearly 37 miles of habitat for salmon and other resident species. Kiewit will be starting the next design build fish bypass work in Aberdeen which is anticipated to provide 3 years' worth of work for approximately 35 Local 302 members.



Progress being made at the Chico Creek Fish Barrier Removal Project in Bremerton, WA

SR 3 Chico Creek Fish Barrier Removal Project, Bremerton, WA: The Washington State Department of Transportation hired Atkinson Construction to design and construct two single-span bridges to eliminate five fish passage barriers in the Chico Creek watershed. The project's design will restore Chico Creek to its more natural condition and promote wetlands expansion by allowing Chico Creek and its tributaries to flow unimpeded by piers in the water. This job has kept approximately 45 members employed with the subcontractors: Nordland Construction NW Inc., Michaels Foundations, Miles Resources, and others, all with great opportunity to keep the members working.

US 101 Indian Creek fish passage project, Port Angeles, WA: An outdated culvert under US 101 at Indian Creek has impeded the movement of salmon and other fish from traveling upstream for years. Under a project



Local 302 members work the Indian Creek fish bypass project for Scarsella Bros., Inc. in Port Angeles, WA

awarded from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to Scarsella Bros., Inc., 35 Local 302 members have led the work to remove the existing culvert and replace it with a 180-foot concrete girder bridge for improved fish migration.

“Indian Creek is a tributary to the Elwha River,” said WSDOT Project Engineer Dan McKernan. “Once the new bridge is built, it will restore 11 miles of potential habitat for Chinook, sockeye, coho, bull trout and steelhead salmon that travel and spawn in the area.”

There is a lot of planning and design work that goes into these kinds of jobs, but there can be unforeseen challenges. Our qualified Local 302 members can adapt on the fly given the skills they’ve acquired at our training centers. The challenge of mitigating change can be exciting when you come ready with the skills. Local 302 members are ready.

As always, when you are out on the job if you see an apprentice take them under your wing and include them. Show them what you know to help make our Local 302 successful.



Snell Crane Service removing the girders from the temporary bridge at the Indian Creek Project



Local 302 member running an excavator for Scarsella Bros., Inc. at the Indian Creek Project

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Nelson Dam replacement reduces flood risk, improves fish passage, and enhances recreation access

The Nelson Dam, on the Naches tributary of the Yakima River, was built in the 1920s to divert irrigation water for Yakima and the Naches-Cowiche Irrigation Association. The original design did not allow for any fish passage. In addition, the dam has held back tons of sediment and silt over the years, raising the riverbed and causing the Naches River to overflow its banks and move into the surrounding community even during minor flooding.



Member Rodney Johnson places water transfer pumps on an All-Terrain Long Reach Forklift; transfer pumps de-water the project allowing work to continue without being under water

The City of Yakima and other partners are restoring the Nelson Reach of the Naches River by replacing the Nelson dam with a modern channel structure. The project will improve fish passage to about 300 miles of habitat and sediment continuity, increase flow conveyance to decrease flooding risks for nearby landowners, and improve water supply reliability.

Northbank Civil and Marine, Inc. is the general contractor. They're also a Local 302 signatory contractor and have employed several members on this project for the cranes and forklift. Interwest Construction Inc. is the Local 302 signatory subcontractor and is employing several members for the dirt equipment, excavators, dozers, loaders, and off-road trucks.

Work consists of objectives like decommissioning and removing the north bank former Powerhouse Road abutment and approach, Nelson Dam, and fish bypass return pipeline systems. Construct facilities include rock channel, left bank grading, concrete surface water intake, and erosion stabilization.

We're proud of our Local 302 members work on this important project in Eastern Washington.



Member Chris Clark in an excavator placing stream bed materials (photos above and below)



Member Chris Clark runs the excavator and member Josh Thompson helps with placement of materials to divert the river so they can work in the main channel without water intrusion



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Pocatello Hall, located in the AFL Labor Temple



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Boise, ID Hall

Welcome to our new District 5 team members

Shane Linse

We are proud to announce Local 302 now has a seasoned Field Representative on the ground in Boise, ID. Give a warm welcome to Shane Linse who recently transferred from the District 6, Anchorage, Alaska office.

Shane became a third-generation equipment operator when he started his IUOE career as an apprentice in 2002. He began spending most of his time working winters in the Arctic on North Slope oilfields and mosquito infested road projects in the summer across the state.

In 2006 he received his first introduction to union leadership by being appointed as a Steward for the Local. He became a Field Representative for the District 6, Anchorage office in 2008 and served in that capacity until moving to the Boise area in early 2023.

While in Alaska he served as a Training Trustee for 12 years and was appointed to the Executive Board for Local 302 in 2018. He served on the Anchorage Building Trades Council as Vice President, then in 2020 became the President until his departure.

During his time as a representative he's negotiated, led, participated in, and ratified numerous collective bargaining agreements. He's participated in countless political discussions, campaigns, and rallies and worked collectively to secure apprenticeship utilization, project labor agreements, and fair contracting legislation in local governments.

"Idaho has many challenges, but many opportunities," Shane said. "I look forward to using my prior experience to better represent and grow the membership in the Boise area. Together we can make the state of Idaho a better place to work, live, and play."

Kaylan Rogers

Let's give a warm welcome to Kaylan Rogers, the Spokane office's new Dispatcher and Field Representative. Kaylan brings over 20 years of operating heavy equipment.

As a Combat Engineer in the United States Air Force, he had the unique opportunity to run equipment around the world. Since joining IUOE in 2008, he enjoyed a career in crane rental.

Kaylan said, "I'm excited join the Local 302 team and look forward to providing the best possible support to our Local 302 members."

Widening Highway 12 eases access to and from Walla Walla, WA

Since 2003, significant progress has been made toward widening US-12 to 4-lanes from the Snake River (near Burbank) to Walla Walla, WA.

Local 302 hands have been key to completing this effort. 40 hard working Local 302 members employed by Atkinson Construction and Apollo Inc. worked on phase 7 of this project. Members operated all the dozers, scrapers, rollers, water trucks, graders, GPS grade checkers, forklifts, cranes, and crane



Members Jordan Dahlen in scraper and David Stark (Kyle) in the dozer work on the Highway 12 job

oilers not to mention all the mechanics.

When finished the upgrades to Highway 12 will:

- **improve safety** by widening the road with 4 lanes that will ease conflict with slower moving big trucks and passenger vehicles and separating opposing traffic with a median
- **reduce congestion** with the 4 lanes capacity and assist freight mobility
- **support the local economy** with the new 4-lane highway that will connect Walla Walla to the western ports

After the 11-mile Phase 7 project is complete, approximately 10 miles of two-lane, undivided existing highway will remain between Wallula and Nine Mile Hill.



New 4 lane highway waiting to be tied into the existing Highway 12



Operator Mark Thomas blading road for Apollo Inc. in a motor grader for the Highway 12 job

Local 302 continues support of Shining Star Pageant in Tri-Cities, WA

Local 302 is committed to our members and the communities they call home. In the Tri-Cities, this means supporting the Shining Star Pageant for almost a decade to help young women who are differently abled have a positive experience, gain confidence, and make memories that last a lifetime.

“This pageant gives girls a chance to shine on stage,” said Rene Martinez, who helped start the event on behalf of her daughter Sophia. “Our goal is for each participant and her family to have a positive experience.”

Local 302 members typically pass the hat on jobsites to raise money for this incredible cause, and Local 302 contributes funds each year too.

“Local 302 has been consistently supportive of this event for a number of years,” said Rene. “This helps celebrate young women with different abilities.” Learn more about the organization at: www.shiningstarpagantwa.org.



Sophia with her mom Rene Martinez who helped start Shining Star Pageant

Washington State Department of Labor and Industries agrees with Local 302, finds prevailing wages are owed for “Big Bertha” tunnel spoils disposal work at Mats Mats Quarry

Sets new standard for how employees must be compensated for the offsite handling/removal/disposal of “construction debris” from public jobsites, i.e., prevailed construction rates.

On February 21, 2023, Joel Sacks, the Director of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (Department), granted summary judgement in favor of the Department and intervenor Local 302 in a case involving tunnel spoils from the State Route 99 Bored Tunnel Project, a public works contract in Seattle, Washington (Big Bertha).

The Director found the tunnel spoils disposal work performed by Glacier Northwest employees (IUOE members) at the Mats Mats Quarry, a 117-acre marine basalt quarry located near Port Ludlow, WA was in fact “work upon a public work” and, therefore, prevailing wages were owed to all workers who handled the approximately 2.4 million tons of tunnel spoils at the site during the tunnel project.

The statutory language at issue in the case was the definition of “public work” in RCW 39.12, which the Director determined reached the work at the offsite quarry location because it was, “executed at the cost of the state”.

The case was initiated by Local 302 in 2016 when it filed a prevailing wage complaint on behalf of the Mats Mats workers. Glacier had been paying the workers “sand and gravel” wages rather than construction wages, arguing the work was not “public” as it was being performed at a private quarry.

Local 302 disagreed, arguing the work was essential to the completion of the SR 99 tunnel and was being funded by the taxpayers. The Department ultimately agreed with Local 302. The ruling has a positive impact for Local 302 members because it sets a new standard for how employees must be compensated for the offsite handling/removal/disposal of “construction debris” from public jobsites, i.e., prevailed construction rates.

The Director has remanded the case to the judge for a hearing to determine the amount of wages owed. Glacier has filed a petition for judicial review in superior court.



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Great news on the District 6 staffing front

Jamie Mack

We've got some great news to share. Jamie Mack who served as the Anchorage Dispatcher for the last 9 years has been promoted to Field Representative for District 6.

Jamie has been a Local 302 member for over 22 years spending a majority of that time in the field as an operator in Alaska.

"The learning curve was steep and challenging when I transitioned from working in the field to being a Dispatcher, but I love challenge," said Jamie. "Being in dispatch for 9 years helped me learn all the different contracts and agreements Local 302 covers as well as the diverse membership we represent. It is a great honor to now be a Field Representative and to serve our Union and our brothers and sisters."

Some of the members Jamie represents work for a contractor called ARCTEC - Alaska. This unit takes care of long-range radar sites scattered throughout Alaska that help protect our nation's skies. He will also be covering any sand and gravel agreement or Associate General Contractors agreement in the southern area of District 6.

"I am excited to get a chance to talk to everyone in the areas I cover and provide the best representation possible," said Jamie. "Because, let's face it, Operating Engineers are the best."

Nathan Hall

Let's give a warm welcome to Nathan Hall, our new Dispatcher based out of District 6 Hall in Anchorage, AK.

Nathan grew up in Fairbanks, AK and for the last 13 years he has been working in pipelining and oilfield work during the winter season and running hot plant, crushers, topside, or assisting on the service side as a welder or mechanic in the summer seasons.

"I look forward to assisting my fellow brothers and sisters," Nathan said. "I am proud to be given the opportunity to be a Dispatcher for Local 302 and would like to thank the Anchorage staff for their support and training me on the business side of our union. With work really picking up in the Alaksa I hope everyone has a great construction season."

Big gains for City of Unalaska members

From hoisting and portable to stationary roles, our members have the skills to get the job done. We are proud of our City of Unalaska members who provide services from parks, culture, and recreation, to administration of city hall to public works and utilities for this small, but mighty community.

The City of Unalaska is situated 800 miles southwest of Anchorage, Alaska on the Aleutian Chain of Islands.

Known as the heart of the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea, its economy turns on commercial fishing, seafood processing, fleet services, and marine transportation. Unalaska is best known for the Port of Dutch Harbor which has led the nation in volume of landings for 20 consecutive years.

With 4,500 year-round residents, the population swells by an additional 4-6,000 people during peak fishing and seafood processing seasons.

An integral part to the vibrancy and success of this community are our City of Unalaska members. Thanks to the support of city officials, our members, and District 6 Field Representative Kyle Virgin, we were



Members McKenzi Berry and Kim Joel Gumera celebrate positive contract negotiations

able to negotiate a very large wage increase for city employees, in particular for several positions with the highest turnover. We were also able to secure contract gains that support recruitment and retention in ways that are unique to remote island life.

This is an important win not only for our members, but for the success of the city who has struggled with employee retention due to the sharp cost of living increase.

Thanks to the local fire department, especially Captain Ben Knowles for helping celebrate this success with a BBQ and breakfast!



Unalaska Fire Dept. puts on a BBQ for the community

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Welcome to our new District 7 team member

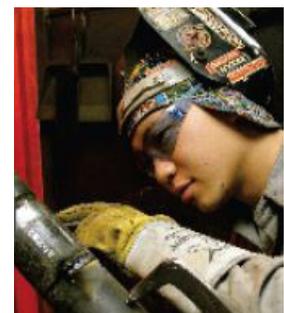
The Fairbanks, District 7 office has gained a great Field Representative with the recent addition of Jacob Carlson.

“One of the things I enjoy most is the interaction with members, and contemplating the angles of a situation to provide them the best service I can,” said Jacob. “After working under many contracts all across our great country I’m passionate about what organized labor can do.”

Jacob brings a wide range of skills that apply directly to his work here at Local 302. While he has been an IUOE member for the last 17 years, prior to that he served in the United States Marine Corps as an aviation refueler in North America and abroad in Japan, Europe, and Africa. He also served in the Oregon Army National Guard as a combat engineer. On the construction side of things Jacob has broad heavy construction experience ranging from planning and initial mobilization, through punch list, and project turn over. Welcome, Jacob!

Training Alaskans for careers in the oil and gas construction trades

Based out of Fairbanks, Alaska, the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center (FPTC) provides apprenticeship and training opportunities for Alaskans in the oil and gas construction industries. The training focuses on pipeline construction in an arctic environment which has some of the most demanding conditions in the world,



from weather to the environmental requirements and safety standards.

Local 302 is a vital part of the training center, participating in pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship training. Primary training occurs at the pipeline construction academy every year in November. Local 302 provides all the equipment at the training site. We also provide all mechanic services related to FPTC equipment during training and throughout the year. This training closely simulates the environment 302 members will find on the north slope and provides them with the right experience to ensure they are ready for the rigors of oilfield work.



Training in the multi-craft environment ensures we increase communication between crafts, cooperation, and understanding of workers' roles on the job site and how that works into the bigger picture. The other major focus here is promoting a rigorous safety culture. Local 302 members are critical in promoting that culture, as we all benefit from a safe job site. Interested in apprenticeship or training opportunities? Visit www.fairbankspipelinetraining.com

Biden administration approves development of Alaska's Willow oil project

This moves forward a massive oil development project on Alaska's North Slope which is expected to create as many as 2,500 jobs during construction and 300 permanent jobs. The project is expected to produce about 180,000 barrels of oil a day at its peak and generate at least \$8 billion in revenue for federal, state, and local governments.

According to the Anchorage Daily News, many Alaska Native leaders, Alaska politicians and business groups had lobbied intensely for approval of the field, saying it would provide badly needed revenues to support North Slope villages and help Alaska's struggling economy. The decision approves a scaled-back version of the project from previous plans proposed by the federal government as recently as last month. It will allow ConocoPhillips to construct three drill sites with 199 total wells, plus an airstrip, roads, pipelines, a crude-oil processing facility and other infrastructure.

This is great news that locks in work for our members moving forward.



Local 302 members doing pipeline work on Alaska's North Slope for AES Houston Contracting

DISTRICT 8

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Corey Baxter
Executive Board,
District Representative



Did you know? Alaska wage and benefits packages vary depending on the project

Did you know prevailed wage rates on state, city, or borough public construction projects in the State of Alaska remain in effect for 24-months? Currently, new wage rates are issued twice a year on April 1 and September 1 by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

As the law now provides, these rates will remain stable during the life of a contract or for 24 calendar months, whichever is shorter. The 24-month period begins on the date the prime contract is awarded. Upon expiration of the initial 24-month period, the latest wage rates issued by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development become effective for a subsequent 24-month period or until the original contract is completed, whichever occurs first.

The term “original contract” means the signed contract that resulted from the original bid and any amendments, including changes of work scope, additions, extensions, change orders, and other instruments agreed to by the parties that have not been subject to subsequent open bid procedures. If a higher federal rate is required due to partial federal funding or other federal participation, the higher rate must be paid.

If you are working on a 100% federally funded project, as a rule the wage determination incorporated into a bid solicitation and related contract award establishes the minimum wage rates and fringe benefits which must be paid for the entire term of the contract. Meaning the wage and fringe benefits won't change for the duration of the federal project whether the project lasts 24 months or longer.

This means even though the Local 302 Alaska Master Labor Agreement says wages and benefits increase January 1 of each year this would not be the case if you are working on a prevailed public project being awarded by either the federal government, state, borough, city, or other public entity. These projects are performed at a predetermined and/or prevailing wage rate established pursuant to the provisions of the Davis Bacon Act or to the provisions of Title 36 Alaska Statutes.

Before getting dispatched for a project it is always a good idea to check what your wage and benefit package will be. It may not be the most current rates you see in our Alaska Master Labor Agreement.

Shout out to District 8 members getting the work done



Chuck Henderson mechanic for Secon Construction welding on the Ketchikan Asphalt plant



Shawn Lovell, Nick Taylor, Elias Burkhouse, and Josh Papenbrock working on tearing down the Ketchikan Asphalt Plant for Secon Construction

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Join us at your monthly meeting
to get the latest updates.

Contact Field Representative
Shelly Filippi for more
information.

Representing Seattle Public Schools, the largest school district in the State of Washington

Back in 2021, Local 302 took over the long-established Local 609 which means our Union has represented Seattle Public Schools (SPS), the largest school district in the State of Washington, ever since.

With 50,000 students in the school district, the work of the approximately 675 SPS employees we represent, including security and alarm personnel, custodial engineers, gardeners, and culinary staff, is critical to supporting the best educational experience for students.

We know the value of the work these positions bring which is why we advocate on their behalf to ensure the best wages and working conditions.

\$544,584 market adjustment for custodians

As soon Local 302 started representing SPS, our District 286 team, led by Field Representative Shelly Filippi, got right to work advocating for a market adjustment for custodians.

First, the Union convinced SPS to open the contract mid-term to bargain pay increases for a large group of custodians working for less than market wages. After months of discussions with the school district, and our members showing solidarity by wearing buttons and stickers, coming to unit meetings, rallies, school board meetings, etc. Local 302 secured \$544,000 of increased wages with the school district to address below market wages for custodians!

This means approximately 300 custodial employees received a 2-8% wage increase effective February 1, 2022. This was big win for Local 302 to help these employees obtain livable wages in the Seattle area.



Seattle Public Schools custodians stand in front of Roosevelt High School

Preparing for spring 2023 contract negotiations

With the next round of SPS contact negotiations coming up in spring of 2023, the District 286 team organized a blitz to increase employee engagement, sign up new members, and get noticed by district administrators.

Over 2.5 weeks, the District 286 Team along with In-House Counsel Jacob Black and Jeff Frazier visited 105 out of the 110 SPS sites we serve. They connected with hundreds of employees and signed up 29 additional members.

This blitz was a real win to make sure SPS employees know Local 302 ensures they receive the best wages and working conditions.

The plan is to repeat blitz periodically throughout the year at SPS and at other school districts we represent as needed.

Seattle Public Schools employees: Support your Union, become a dues paying member today

Unions like Local 302 are some of the few remaining organizations that advocate for working people. In these changing times when employers are expecting more out of their employees for less, Unions are there to ensure pay is fair, benefits are stable, and everyone is treated equally, and with respect, in the workplace.

Due to what's known as "The Janus Decision", public employees are no longer required to pay the Union dues as a condition of employment. The decision to financially support the Union is voluntary. This means bargaining unit members can choose not to pay their fair share of the costs associated with the services the Union provides, such as bargaining the contract and representing members in disciplinary actions. However, the Union must still represent all employees, and all employees enjoy the benefits of the contract(s) bargained by the Union, whether they pay dues or not.

Local 302 continues to advocate for SPS and asks that all employees become dues-paying members and contribute their fair share. Through dues, you are supporting activities that build a strong contract and workplace, which helps sustain working families and the economy.



Local 302 represents security and alarm personnel, custodial engineers, gardeners, and culinary Seattle Public School employees

Mental health resources

Here at Local 302 we care deeply about the physical and mental health of our members. Throughout the year some people may struggle with mental health, substance abuse, or need family support.

We want to make it as easy as possible to access support information on our website. Responding to feedback we've received the resource page is now public facing. This means website login is no longer required.

Remember, just saying hello to someone can change their whole outlook, but sometimes they need more. Should you or someone you know need help, refer to the resources found on our website here: www.iuoe302.org. You can always reach out to your Field Representative for support too.

Take care of your physical health

Physical health is just as important as your mental health. Unfortunately, we've received the news a few of our members recently had cardiac events that cut their lives short — they were in their 40s. Routine annual physical examinations can catch health issues and help address them before it's too late. If you don't have an established doctor, get one, and schedule a check-up once a year. Please help share this message with other members.

Take advantage of health and welfare benefits offered by Local 302 today

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Josh Swanson

Political and Communications Representative

It has been a busy legislative session and political season for Local 302. While we are still in the throws of session as this article hits your mailbox all signs are pointing towards positive job creation and other policy measures that are important to our membership.

First off, a bill relating to work zone safety has been signed into law. This legislation was part of a year long effort to ensure that work zones on our roads were equipped with cameras in the event law enforcement was unavailable to monitor the job site. We have seen a dramatic uptick in work zone accidents because of

distracted and/or impaired drivers. This legislation will ensure for appropriate camera enforcement of our laws in the event a driver enters a work zone in an unsafe manner. A special thanks to our legislative partners, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), our contractor partners, the Washington State Patrol, and the Laborer's union for getting this worker safety bill across the finish line. It is only step one in this process as we have several other proposals to further enhance safety on our roads.

Second, we are pushing hard for the transportation budget. The governor's transportation budget severely cut the amount of spending and extended timelines on several critical projects. For the most part, we have reinstated these projects and timelines with the support of our transportation legislative leaders to ensure these projects continue to move forward. We secured a significant increase in the transportation investment to the tune of just under \$7 billion from the \$4.5 billion proposed by the governor. The North-South freeway in Spokane, the bridge across the Columbia, the Belfair Bypass, and the I-167/509 (Gateway project) are a few of the large investments in the current package. In addition, over \$1 billion in culverts and fish passage as well as another \$1 billion in maintenance and preservation are also included. It's a sound investment in our transportation infrastructure that will continue to increase and manifest new construction jobs for our members.

We also were able to secure a few incremental improvements to workers' compensation, unemployment, and forward movement on the state employee and public employee benefit amounts for our stationary and public sector members.

In Idaho, the news is not as rosy. Many of the improvements we supported for unemployment and other building trades related improvements were not successful. While they chose to avoid most worker priorities such as minimum wage, childcare, healthcare, and unemployment improvements they did pass some workforce development improvements. For example, The Governor's Launch program, which is designed to expand and fund training programs for in-demand jobs. Starting in 2024, the program gives \$8,000 to qualifying Idaho high school seniors to help them pay for enrollment in an Idaho-based education or training program. The original Bill (HB24) passed and a trailer bill (S1167) is sitting on the governor's desk. The trailer bill included "sideboards" which limits funding and (surprise, surprise!) gives greater oversight to the Legislature.

We will keep you informed as legislative developments occur and feel free to give me a call should you have any questions.



Washington State Governor Jay Inslee signs the work zone safety bill into law (above); hard hats and cones demonstrate lives lost in work zone incidents (below)





Corey Baxter

Executive Board,
District Representative

As of March 21, 2023 at the time of writing this report, the Alaska Legislature found themselves in a familiar situation. Lower oil prices have torn big holes in the state budget, with the Department of Revenue releasing new estimates showing a deficit of about \$220 million this fiscal year that ends June 30 and another deficit of about \$240 million in the year that starts July 1.

State legislators have already agreed to spend from savings to fill the current deficit by spending from the state’s constitutional budget reserve that contains about \$2 billion, but it’s not yet clear how they’ll address the deficit in the upcoming fiscal year. Members of the Republican House majority coalition have taken a major step to address this situation by proposing to cut this

year’s permanent fund dividend as done in previous years. The proposed new budget draft that cuts Governor Dunleavy’s proposed \$3,860 per-person dividend to about \$2,700 per person would help close the budget deficit gab.

Senate majority members introduced Senate Bill 88 to establish a new defined benefit retirement system for public employees and teachers.

“If you’re going to recruit and retain good workers, we need to bring back defined benefits,” said long time Local 302 Member Senator Click Bishop (R-Fairbanks). “Better pay and benefits will help attract good working people to Alaska and keep them here, especially at a time when labor shortages are hammering every sector and job class in the state. We need more nurses, police, firefighters, teachers, snow-plow drivers, heavy-equipment operators, ferry workers, and more. Offering them defined benefits will give them the incentive to come and stay here.”



From left to right: Alaska Senator Click Bishop, District Representative Corey Baxter, Field Representatives Crystal Tidwell and Jacob Carlson, and Local 302 retiree Dale Reid on a recent legislative trip to the state capitol in Juneau, AK



Alaska State Capitol

The debate over K-12 student spending, known as the Base Student Allocation (BSA), has taken up most of the legislative session this year. Lawmakers have approved several one-time increases over the years. But this year, Senate Bill 52, sponsored by the Senate Education Committee, is proposing to permanently increase the BSA by \$1,000, or 17%. The fiscal note attached to the bill estimates this will cost \$257 million a year. This will be a huge factor on the outcome of the Operating Budget and what will be left over for the Capital Budget.



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Ellensburg

We're proud to have graduated 71 apprentices out of the program since January 2022. Remember, if you know an applicant who wasn't selected to move forward encourage them to get some experience in the field and apply again.

Applicants who scored well at their interview were invited to Safety and Orientation in March where our talented instructors evaluated their potential for apprenticeship.

Entry level training started in Ellensburg on April 17 and will conclude on June 22.

The current application window is open through mid-November for the 2024 Apprenticeship Program. If selected, training will begin Spring 2024.

Training Coordinators Karl Magnusson and Shannon Watson are hard at work attending career fairs around the state to encourage high school students to become an operating engineer. They'll be at the following events. Encourage high school students in your life to attend and try out the crane simulator!

- **May 20-21 - Dozer Days at the Washington State Fair Events Center**, 110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup, WA 98371, <https://seattle.dozerday.org/>
- **June 10-11 - Deming Logging Show**, 3295 Cedarville Rd. Bellingham, WA 98226, <http://demingloggingshow.com/>

Spangle

We're proud of the 19 apprentices that graduated from the Spangle Training Center in 2022. We welcomed around 40 applicants to the Safety and Orientation class in March where instructors Dax Percival and Cameron Bendewald evaluated their potential. Here are some other general updates:

- Training courses will now operate on a 4-day, 10-hour training schedule consistent with the Ellensburg Training Center (Monday through Thursday).
- The Spangle office will remain open Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Students who live over 80 miles from Spangle will now be able to stay at a hotel paid for by the training center.
- Spangle has acquired 9 new pieces of equipment (3 loaders, 3 dozers, and 3 excavators).
- Spangle only provides training in loader, dozer and excavator. All other practical and written training is held at the Ellensburg training center such as forklift, blade, NCCCO, CDL, grade checking, etc. All safety courses are now at the local union halls via in-class instruction or Zoom.



Kasey Bailey checking grade

Alaska Training Center

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Mike Holcomb
Administrator



Justin Quakenbush
Apprentice Coordinator

This has been a great year for training. We have had a higher-than-normal number of people participating in skills upgrades including loader, dozer, motor grader, and grade checking. There has also been an attendance increase for specialty classes such as: drone licensing, crane certification, and side boom to name a few.

Newly accepted apprentices started training in January. We will again exceed normal intake numbers to attempt to keep up with industry demand. We are already experiencing early dispatching from several contractors in lieu of the increased workload.

With the shop expansion completed, you can expect to see new and additional mechanic classes offered. We will be adding stand alone Caterpillar ET and Tier 4 upgrades soon and will include other manufacturers as we progress. The upcoming 2023 summer construction forecast appears to be very busy with numerous projects on military installations as well as several heavy highway projects coming out all over the state. Last count, union contractors were awarded over \$1.2 Billion in 2022.

If you haven't already, take a moment to contact the Training Center office about getting the app. It is the easiest way to register for classes and keep track of your existing certifications and training. With all of that in mind, everyone needs to make sure they are current on their safety certifications. We offer safety classes every month in Palmer, Fairbanks, and Anchorage. Twice in Juneau and once in Kodiak.

Please make sure you have read the updated policies and prerequisites before registering for classes. This information can be found on our website at www.aoeett.org.



Basic mobile crane class in Palmer, AK

Stationary Engineers Training Program

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Let's give a warm welcome to the new Stationary Trust Training Coordinator, Andrea Major, who leads training programs along with Heather Forseth, the Trust's Administrative Staff.

Andrea Major, Training Coordinator

Coming from a long line of Operating Engineers, Andrea is breathing new life into the well-established training program. Andrea has a background in multi-site management, and contract negotiations with Sunrise Dental and a strong passion for customized training and support. Andrea joined as the Training Coordinator in fall 2022 and hit the ground running visiting sites and new units, building relationships with members, working on outreach, and identifying ways to expand the program.



Andrea Major, Training Coordinator

Heather Forseth, Administrative Staff

Heather Forseth has been with the Training Trust for over 3 years as the Administrative Staff. She works with the Training Coordinator to promote and monitor the apprenticeship program and journeyman level training. Heather brings years of prior experience in industries such as aerospace estimating and inventory, and restaurant and retail management.



Heather Forseth, Administrative Staff

Stationary members, did you know as part of your contract you may be eligible for journeyman-level training classes or apprenticeship programs?

These opportunities are funded by employers who contribute to the Western Washington Stationary Engineers Training Trust. Apprentices are only required to purchase books and materials which are reimbursed at 75% upon completion of the course.

Journeyman Training Classes - We provide journeyman-level training classes to fulfill ongoing accreditation requirements and broaden skills that are valuable to you and your employer.

Apprenticeship Programs - A great way to advance skills is to "earn while you learn" through one of our Washington State approved training programs!

Stationary Engineers Training Program: During this 4-year program, apprentices work with journey-level engineers for on-the-job training while also completing classroom instruction at Renton Technical College.

Facilities Custodial Services Technician Training Program: In this 2-year program, an apprentice learns limited building maintenance, facilities operation, care, and cleaning. Apprentices work with journey-level technicians for their on-the-job training component and must complete classroom training.

Congratulations to the following members on a well-earned retirement
(reflected as of September 2022 - February 2023)

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| AARON FAIRALL | JOHN COZART | RUSSELL WOODRUFF |
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Rest in peace Brother Charles “Chuck” Strange

Brother Charles “Chuck” Strange 1964-2022

Brother Charles Strange was one of the most dedicated members from District 6 based out of Anchorage, Alaska, in the last 20 years.

He took his first dispatch with Local 302 at M-B Construction in Anchorage as a yard helper in 1991 and never let his dues go suspended.

He eventually went to work for the Municipality of Anchorage in 1997 and spent the rest of his career as a heavy equipment operator working in the Street Maintenance Department.

Chuck was everywhere the Union needed him to be and would always show up without having to be asked.

When the brand-new Local 302 Anchorage building was built in 2009, he was there for the groundbreaking ceremony.

He rarely missed a union meeting and if he was working the night shift, he would take time off from work to attend them. He would even buy every apprentice in attendance a raffle ticket to split the pot.

He helped in countless union activities, even if it didn't directly benefit his bargaining unit and spent many hours campaigning to help get union friendly assembly members and legislative candidates elected to office.

He sat on Local 302's negotiating team during the last 2 contract negotiations with the Municipality of Anchorage. His knowledge and ability to remember each successive contract was of tremendous help to the negotiating team. He was also an Auditor for Local 302.

When there was a need to help stand up for workers or Local 302, you could count on Brother Chuck.

Chuck was a true family man who was very proud of his children. He is survived by his wife, Roxane, and his children Joseph, Mary, and Kaitlynn.

Rest in peace, Brother Strange.



Chuck Strange

IUOE Local 302 mourns the passing of the following members

(reflected as of September 2022 - February 2023)

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| ALBERT LINDEMANN | JOHN SCHURR | STUART STOLTENBERG |
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Third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m.
1700 North State St

DISTRICT 3 - HOQUIAM

Second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m.
Elks Club, 624 K St

DISTRICT 3 - SILVERDALE

Third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m.
Union Hall, 3525 NW Anderson Hill Rd

DISTRICT 3 - PORT ANGELES

Third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m.
Eagles Hall Aerie No. 483, 2843 E Myrte St

DISTRICT 4 - WENATCHEE

Second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m.
Veterans Hall, 1206 N Wenatchee Ave

DISTRICT 4 - ELLENSBURG

Second Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m.
Union Hall, 403 S Water St

DISTRICT 286 - AUBURN

Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.
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DISTRICT 5 - BOISE

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Union Hall, 225 N 16th St

DISTRICT 5 - LEWISTON

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Central Labor Council, 1618 Idaho St, Suite 102

DISTRICT 5 - POCATELLO

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Union Hall, 456 N Arthur St

DISTRICT 5 - SPOKANE

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Union Hall, 510 S Elm St

DISTRICT 5 - TRI-CITIES

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Union Hall, 4001 Denali St

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