



# 876 NEWS

December 2018

## Business Manager

Chad Clark

## Officers

**President** Dave Nelson President

**Vice President** Gerald Cornell

**Recording Secretary** Frank Miller

**Treasurer** Daniel Fredricks

## Business Managers Report

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

IBEW Local 876 is now at its new location at 5000 East Airport Rd. MT. Pleasant, MI 48858. I would like to thank everyone for the support to move to this location and make it our home. I have also had a meeting with Capo In October on what is going to happen with our old location, we have a purchase agreement on our old location for \$70,000.00 along with an investment of the bare ground with no liability to the old location. Capo will be building a 25 unit assisted living center along with a 100 unit senior living center. IBEW Local 876 will get 20% off whatever the profit is. Plans are being drawn up and will be presented to the membership by Capo when completed. We will put the notice out to all members and online so members can attend. Please attend the General Membership Meetings when possible as we will be discussing upcoming member and family events.

## LOCAL 876 TECH Minute



The Online referral system is now being used. Log on to the members section of [www.ibew876.com](http://www.ibew876.com) and follow the working system link in the members section. The first time you use it, you will need to contact Local 876 to provide us with an email address. Once you are all signed up, you will be able to view and change your personal information, view your place on the books, view and bid on available jobs, and pay dues online.

## Death Benefit Fund

The Death Benefit Fund is currently at #532. If you are not up to date on your death benefits, or if you are unaware of where you are at, please contact the hall. Don't let yourself fall behind.

## Beneficiary Changed?

Please be sure that you know who is designated as your beneficiary. If there has been any changes in your marital status or if you have any questions as to who is designated as your beneficiary, please contact the Local Union Hall.

In the event that a member passes away, please contact the Local Union Hall and we will walk you through the steps that need to be taken to insure that appropriate benefits are paid.

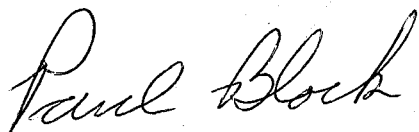
## 2018 Sponsorship

Morley Stanwood Rocket Football/Cheer Program

On behalf of the Morley Stanwood Rocket Football and Cheer program including over 100 youth participants, we would like to thank you for your support and sponsorship to our program this year. Your contributions this year helped the program to provide new helmets for all age levels, new uniforms for our 7/8 grade football and cheer participants, and we were also able to replace practice equipment for all age levels. This equipment allows our program to continue to promote safety and a fun learning experience for the children. This continues to be the primary mission of the MSRF board. Without your contributions this would not be possible. Again, we cannot thank you enough for finding our program a valuable resource for your company's resources to contribute to. We are looking forward to the 2019 season and more opportunities for the program and its participants.

Sincerely,

Morley Stanwood Rocket Football/Cheer Board



## Dispatcher Dave's 2 cents

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Work is strong, there does not seem to be a slowdown coming. We have plenty of open calls for Journeymen Linemen, and Journeyman Sub-Techs.

The web page is 100%. If you are on the out of work books remember you must check the site for jobs available, and bid on the jobs you qualify for. You as a member must ensure to get your email address to the Union Hall, and get your web credentials.

Dave Nelson

Job Hotline: 989-304-2002

## Dues Info & Note to BA's

The International Office increased the basic monthly dues by \$1 effective January 1, 2019. "A" dues are \$41/month and "BA" dues are \$22/mo.

Most "BA" members are unaware that there is another type of membership with additional benefits offered by the IBEW. Whether you are working for a Contractor, Co-op or Municipal, you may change your ticket from a "BA" to an "A" Member. The benefits of being an "A" member, include an additional Pension through the International Office, additional life insurance policy, and most locals require an "A" ticket if you are traveling for storm. The life insurance policy pays out \$6,250 for natural causes and \$12,500 for accidental death and dismemberment. If you are interested in switching your membership from a "BA" to "A" member please call the Union Hall for more information.

## Ready to Retire?

Are you getting ready to retire? If so, please contact Memory at the Union Hall to get your retirement applications at least 3 months before you plan to retire. If you need help filling out the applications, please be sure to call to make an appointment with Memory and she will gladly help you get them filled out.

## Health Reimbursement Account

Employer contributions into your Health Reimbursement Account are at the rate of \$0.35/hr under the 6-876-A agreement. Your HRA must accumulate \$100.00 to trigger your BENNY CARD to be issued.

For more information about you HRA account Visit:

[www.wexhealthcard.com](http://www.wexhealthcard.com)

Or call 1-877-282-8665

Any additional information visit LINECO at

[www.lineco.org](http://www.lineco.org)

Or call 1-800-323-7268

## Organizer's Corner

We were successful in negotiating the Second LCTT contracts with Davey and Asplundh. Davey picked up a contract with Consumers Energy on the northwest side of the state, in the process they lost the contract on the Eastside of Michigan. Nelson Tree Service now has that contract. We have already started an Organizing campaign, we have reached out to Nelson Tree by phone and had several good conversations. We have also set up an information booth just outside of their Job fair meetings to talk with the workers and help them through the transition.

## EICA Cranes & Derricks

Albat Program will be conducting Electrical Industry Certifications Association (EICA) written and practical examinations for cranes and digger derricks. Upcoming dates and times as follows:

January 28 – February 1, 2019 8:00a.m- 5:00p.m.

March 25 – 29, 2019 8:00a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

April 29 – May 3, 2019 8:00a.m.- 5:00p.m.

*Only offered to those working for a contributing contractor to the ALBAT Program. Must have experience on digger derricks and cranes.*

Contact: Kiley Maxwell 937-849-4177ext. 145

[kmaxwell@albat.org](mailto:kmaxwell@albat.org)

## Obituary Column

*It is with our deepest sympathy we Report the passing of the following Members.*

Harry Prieskorn	- July 2018
Lonny Stephan	- July 2018
Robert Carter	- July 2018
Benton Norton	- July 2018
David Brown	- July 2018
Vernon Hunt	- August 2018
Victor Souser	- August 2018
Glenn Thurman	- October 2018
Thomas Dawson	- October 2018
Ronald Schuberg	- October 2018
Norman Blomquist	- November 2018



*Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of each of these members. They will be sincerely missed.*

## Code of Excellence

If you're in need of C.O.E. training, or maybe you missed the training on your jobsite, the IBEW LOCAL 876 is offering a class January 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. and February 8<sup>th</sup> 10a.m. Be sure to leave a message with your name and phone number stated clearly so we can confirm with you if your call was missed. We will get you scheduled in.

Contact: Mike Cornell

Email: [mcornell@ibewlocal876.org](mailto:mcornell@ibewlocal876.org)

## Substation Mike

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years. Thank you to all that took the time to call your representatives to help fight the bills being introduced in the lame duck session. It is no secret that Unions are under constant attack, and we need to start holding our representatives in Lansing accountable. No matter which side of the isle you are on, we need to support labor friendly candidates. With the recent bills trying to place unnecessary burdens for union elections, and putting our NEBF pension at risk, it's time to vote those who support this out. Going forward we'll try to inform the membership more on these issues, so we can fight them together. We have a large membership, it's time to use our voice and make Lansing listen.

## Rich's 906 News



A UP native, my dad's Michigan State Police career took us from Newberry to Munising to finally Sault Ste. Marie where I graduated from high school. After graduation I joined the U.S. Army before starting my apprenticeship with Cloverland Electric Cooperative in the early 90's and stayed with them for 24 years as Journeyman Lineman, retiring in 2017. I spent most of my vacation time working storms with 876 contractors which led to some great experiences and friendships. While not on the job I was raising my three boys, playing hockey and spending every minute that was left hunting and fishing....if I wasn't on a trouble call.

In my 15 year tenure as IBEW 876 Union steward I gained knowledge, experience and respect for the benefits of Brotherhood. Looking forward to meeting all of you in the near future!

## ALBAT Graduates

Douglas Bleeker  
Bill Cavness  
Thomas Cvengros  
Justin Flowers  
Brandin Friske  
Dustin Gillette  
Kaleb Iltis  
Dustin Kovac

Benjamin McFadden  
Adam Palmer  
Brian Polash  
Jurgan Roth  
Travis Rudisel  
Zachary Thiel  
Ian Thomas  
Dennis Webster

Congratulations to our Brothers and Sisters for completing their apprenticeship programs.

## From the Front Office

The office girls would like to thank you for your patience during the move to the new building. There are always kinks associated with a move but I am happy to say we are up and running!

Thank you for those of you that are using the online web payment system. If you have not yet checked out the online web system we encourage you do so. You can update your basic information, pay your dues, re-sign the out of work list and bid on jobs. Check it out at <https://members.ibew876.workingsystems.com> We will be ordering some new t-shirts/sweatshirts soon so keep checking out the IBEW Facebook page so you know when they are in.

Memory, Stacey, and Shelley.



## Shoen's Spot

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Brothers and Sisters,

There is something I would like to talk about that is tools and inspection and or test dates. Hopefully all of you know that there are tools we use all most every day that need to be inspected and tested on a regular basis.

Mechanical jumpers, Grounds, Hot Sticks, (shot guns, switch sticks etc.) All have a one-year test date.

Boom test, DOT inspection, one year

Rubber gloves and sleeves, 120 days they need to be inspected before every use!

Rubber Blankets 9 months, remember not to use Black Tape instead of (close pins) There is a chemical in the adhesive that cannot be cleaned off so that blanket will not pass an electrical test. Rubber hoses no date on testing but if they look warn or are discolored or cracking remove from service.

Your Fire Extinguisher has a one-year test date on Also it needs to be inspected every month with the initials of the inspector on the card next to the month.

Hard Hat Liners should be replaced every year, the Hard Hat every 5 years.

Bucket trucks need to have a tested liner in the bucket.

First Aid kits need to be looked at and refilled if need be.

Another reminder it takes two qualified workers to work anything over 500 volts.

All apprentices shall be in direct supervision by a Journeyman. That means direct contact not Journeyman on the ground and the apprentice in the air or watching through the windshield of the truck. That is Albat standers!

I do realize that our Co-ops and Municipal the rules are different. So, with that being said learn your rules and live and work by them. Rules were put into place because there was an accident and someone was injured.

Let's stay safe and be our Brothers Keepers and all go home safe.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Holliday season and a great New Year.

## Marijuana Legalization?

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Recently Michigan legalized the recreational use of Marijuana, however you need to be aware that it still against federal law. This include Federal D.O.T. laws, so for the apprentices out there if you test positive, you will likely lose your CDL, and could lose your apprenticeship.

This will be the same for any of the positions through Local 876, if you can't pass a drug screening you can't get a referral. **Your Career** is much more important than bad decisions, so please don't make bad decisions.

## Round of Meetings

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**ALL MEMBERS** are urged to attend the round of meetings so you can keep up with what's going on in your Local Union. The general membership meeting in the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm. Please see the meeting schedule on the last page of the newsletter.

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*We value your input. If you think a topic should be discussed in the newsletter, please contact Mike Cornell at the hall.*

**616-784-1133 ext. 100**

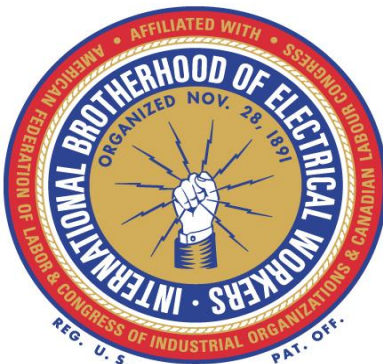
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# IBEW LOCAL 876 Meeting Schedule

## LCTT Welcome to Any Meeting

January 2 <sup>nd</sup> General Membership Meeting	Union Hall Mt. Pleasant @ 7:00 p.m.
January 9 <sup>th</sup> Alger Delta/Escanaba/MJ/Fox/Asplundh	Best Western@ 5:00 p.m.
January 10 <sup>th</sup> Iron Mountain/MJ/Asplundh	Local 876 Hall@ 8:00 p.m. EST 7:00p.m.CST
January 14 <sup>th</sup> Bay City / Davey	Local Union 692@7:00 p.m.
January 16 <sup>th</sup> Tri-County Blanchard	Blanchard @ 5:30 p.m.
January 17 <sup>th</sup> Lowell City/Light & Power	1320 E. Main Lowell@ 5:45 p.m. Moose Lodge #809
January 21 <sup>st</sup> Great Lakes Energy	VFW Reed City@ 6:00 p.m.
January 23 <sup>rd</sup> Harbor Springs Sewage Authority City of Harbor Springs	Sewer Plant @ 3:00 p.m. City Garage @ 4:30 p.m.
January 24 <sup>th</sup> Boyne City, Great Lakes & Wolverine	VFW Post 3675@ 5:30 p.m.
January 28 <sup>th</sup> Dowagiac	DPW Garage@ 3:30 p.m.
January 28 <sup>th</sup> Asplundh Region 63	Moose Lodge Dowagiac MI 54867 M-51 N. Dowagiac @ 6:30 p.m.
January 29 <sup>th</sup> Marcellus, Midwest Energy Co-Op, AEP, & General	VFW Hall@ 4:45 p.m.
January 30 <sup>th</sup> Hillsdale	Phone Conference @4:00 p.m.
January 31 <sup>th</sup> Midwest Energy	Adrian Outpost@ 4:05 p.m.
February 7 <sup>th</sup> Newaygo Great Lakes Energy, Wolverine South & General	GLE Office@ 4:00 p.m.
February 20 <sup>th</sup> Cloverland	Dafter Service Center@ 6:30 p.m.
February 21 <sup>st</sup> Presque Isle	Onaway@ 4:30 p.m.



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