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The Newsletter for IAM Local 99

Local Lodge 99 Executive changes:

Due to personal reasons Vice President: Ryan Fuchko, Recording Secretary: Don Seel and Conductor Sentinel: Morgan Eisthen have chosen to step down from their positions, thank you for your service and you will be missed. At the time the V.P and R.S positions had more than 50% of the term remaining and the LL-99 executive announced an election for these positions, as for the Conductor Sentinel position, there was less than half of the remaining term left and our bylaws allowed the executive to appoint a member.

Raymond Huppee will be taking on the roll of Vice President. Raymond has been an IAM member for over 8 years working for Finning as a parts person in the oil sands region for the past year and a half. This will be Raymond's first time serving on the executive and we look forward to his fresh perspective.

Wade Zenchyson will take on the roll of Recording Secretary. Wade has been an IAM member for over 25 years and is working for Finning as a field technician in the oil sands Chief Shop Steward of Mildred Lake Field group. Wade has served on the executive previously where he performed multiple duties as a trustee and is currently a delegate and trustee on the District 14 executive.

John Fisher will take on the roll of Conductor Sentinel. John has been an IAM member for over 10 years working for Leavitt as a field technician and is currently serving as Chief Shop Steward of their Calgary Branch. This will be John's first time serving on the executive, he has a resume that consists of leadership and Negotiation training from the IAM Winpisinger Center, and brings valuable experience to the table.

Bargaining

As always bargaining is a challenge within Local Lodge 99 and district 14. LL-99 Kal Tire member's have agreed to a one-year extension of their current contract which will provide some stability for those members. LL-99's Leavitt group's contract expired in May of this year, the bargaining committee asked for a one-year extension however the company declined wanting to take advantage of the slow economic situation.

Within District 14; negotiations are currently under way for members working for the UFCW Administration. The members at Cummins Edmonton and Field Aviation will also be entering into bargaining soon. Its important for every one of us to be mindful that we share the same goals in our locals and that is to increase and maintain the standard of living for all our Union Brothers and Sisters.

Layoffs

While we go through the difficulties of Covid-19 restrictions and an economy dependent on fluctuating oil prices, LL-99 executive would like to take the time to address all members who are currently enduring a layoff. LL-99 itself has almost 250 members on layoff within Finning, Leavitt, Kal Tire and Weldco.

The past few months have also been challenging for the other locals in our district, with LL-1722 enduring 10 members on layoff and LL-2583 being forced into a workshare program with 20 members let go . As trying as these times may be we all should remember that this is a short term outcome of an unprecedented time, and we need to stick together LL-99 executive is asking every member to have patience and understanding for each other as the economy slowly starts to rebound.

Change of Address or email? Go to IAMAW99.ca to update or contact:

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Upcoming Meetings: TBD



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Covid-19

As Canada, the provinces and territories start to re-launch economies it is important for our membership to remember our rights concerning safety and the coronavirus in the workplace. The Alberta Federation of Labour has launched a new on-line campaign aimed at giving workers the tools and knowledge they need to blow the whistle on employers who aren't taking COVID-19 seriously enough. Called ReturnSafe.ca, the campaign includes a "guidance for workers" [document](#) and [webpage](#) which outlines the things employers should be doing to keep workers safe in the context of COVID-19. It also explains the legal rights that all workers have to a safe workplace and details the process workers can follow when their employers are not properly implementing or enforcing COVID-19 safety guidelines.

The campaign also includes a [ReturnSafe.ca](#) whistleblower website where workers can tell their stories about what they're seeing as they return to work.

The goal of both the worker guidance document and the whistleblower website is to empower working Albertans, and give them the knowledge and confidence they need to stand up for themselves and push back against employers who are not taking COVID-19-related safety measures as seriously as they should.

Flood Relief

LL-99 would like to send out our sympathies to members that have been affected by spring flooding and wanted to inform you that we will be looking into The IAMAW Disaster Relief Fund. Please be aware that we are unsure of the status of the fund at this time or whether funding has changed due to natural disasters that have happened elsewhere in North America. If anyone has information and is interested in applying for the fund please email Wade Zenchyson at wzenchyson@iamaw99.ca.

Organizing

District 14 is working on an active campaign at Edmonton Kenworth which would bring in an additional 47 members to LL- 1722. If anyone is interested in volunteering please reach out to Matt Barnable at mbarnable@iamdl14.org. We would like to thank those who have already volunteered their time on the campaign, notably the IAM retiree's association members. It is great to see our members getting active in organizing, which is very important.