



May President/Business Manager's Report

April 30 – May 3 I attended New Business Manager Training at IBEW Local 5 in Pittsburgh PA. There were Presidents and Business Managers from all over the country, even one from Alaska! Although I was the only woman there, I think this is proof that Unions are headed in the right direction. 50 years ago I doubt a woman would've been there at all. It's no surprise that Presidents and Business Managers are generally positions held by men (in all Unions, not just IBEW) but things are changing and becoming more inclusive. I'm proud to be a part of that. We covered many difficult topics such as sexual harassment and diversity. I bought some ideas back that we can use in our Local and I look forward to implementing them.

On May 8 I attended the Central South Unit Meeting in Elmira, On May 9 I attended the Central North Unit Meeting in Syracuse and then on May 10 I was at Western's Unit Meeting in Buffalo. This week I'll be in Menands and next week I am planning an office visit to Kingston. I enjoy seeing all of you and hearing first hand what your concerns are.

Please come into your area's meeting. This is the best way to get any questions you may have answered.

On May 9 I was notified by Verizon that one rep in our Kingston CFS office is surplus. Information will be mailed to all representatives, anyone interested in accepting the EIPP offer needs to do so by May 30 (15 days from the offer which is 5/16) and the off payroll date is June 24, 2018. Assistant Business Manager Christine Gironda and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this.

If you haven't done it yet, please have a look at our website. It's been completely updated and it's very member-friendly! Contact information for all of our stewards, ABM's and Officers are listed as well as any forms you may need to access from home. We've also added the Work and Family Programs such as Dependent Care, Summer Camp, and Pendant Program. Both the applications and monthly reimbursement forms are there, so check it out!

In Solidarity,

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