



May

President/Business Manager's Report

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On April 28 I attended the NY/NE Regional Work and Family Committee Meeting. We agreed to some major changes that will benefit our membership including raising the summer camp age limit and increasing coverage for the pendant program. We'll also be introducing a new reimbursement - up to \$600 per year for books for college students. Our goal is to reach as many members as possible with our programs!

May 2-13 I was in Chicago attending the IBEW 40th International Convention. During the first week I served on the IBEW Finance Committee and then the Convention started on Monday May 9. I was also the Secretary for our Third District Caucus. This is where our International Vice President, Mike Welsh, was nominated and elected. I learned so much over these 2 weeks. The Convention is where amendments to the Constitution are made, resolutions are introduced, grievances are heard and our International leaders are elected. Labor Leaders from all over the world addressed the delegates, including the President of the United States, Joe Biden. That was, hands down, the highlight of the week for me! To hear a sitting President sing the praises of the IBEW was beyond impressive.

On May 16 contract extension discussions with Verizon began. We have committed to meet for three weeks so that will fill up the rest of May for me. Our local may be small but we have a seat at the table and I am proud to represent 2213! I will send out bargaining updates as soon as I can.

In Solidarity,

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