

BAC Local #1 Newsletter

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A Letter from your President

From James Moore

June 1st, 2013 will mark two years as being elected as your president of BAC Local #1 Nova Scotia. In the second year of my term, great progress has been made in achieving certain goals that are number one priorities in our local. We have increased our membership and at the present time we have approximately 45 apprentices registered in the joint apprenticeship program with BAC Local #1 NS and the Department of Education.

In the year of 2013 it will be extremely busy for the masonry industry. There are a number of large project already awarded, some have started and the others will be ready to go in the next two to three weeks. There are also a large number of projects being tendered that will be awarded in the near future.

Let's stand together as a union and mark 2013 as a great year for Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers in Local 1 Nova Scotia. Look out for your buddy and be safe.

Sincerely,

James Moore

Accomplishments

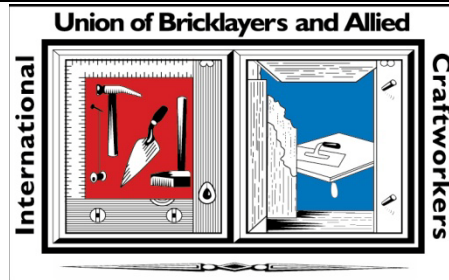
Here are some of the accomplishments that we made over the past year

- Substantially gained financial stability
- We set up our own database for membership safety training
- Collected 80% of past due membership dues
- First ever refractory course completed January 18, 2013. One to follow for Cape Breton chapter
- New Bricklayer Collective Agreement signed on June 12, 2012 for mainland Nova Scotia
- New Tile Collective Agreement signed September 17, 2012
- Achieved new working relationship with the Department of Education on compulsorily certification in the Bricklaying trade
- Re-joined with the Mainland Building and Construction Trades whom have hired a new executive director, Brad Smith
- A significant percentage of the new members are apprentices that we have recruited from the non union sector that are becoming very involved in the union movement

These are just some of the advancements we have made. We continue to make progress every day. Look for more updates in future newsletters.

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New BAC Local 1 Nova Scotia Website

Local 1 Nova Scotia has been working with a private software developer, developing our own website. We are currently hoping it will be up and running as of May 1, 2013.

Shop Stewarts

The president of Local 1 Nova Scotia will appoint a Shop Stewart on each and every job throughout Nova Scotia. It is very important to have a union rep on the job sites so that communication can be established with our office.

Have You Moved?

If you have moved or have changed your phone number(s) please contact the union office and give us your updated contact information. It is important for us to have your current information on file for the Union and employers to be able to contact you. Could you also please contact the office with your e-mail addresses, we would like to start sending correspondence via e-mail.

Are You Working?

If you are not currently working it is important for the union office to know. We are not able to help you find employment with another employer if we do not know you are available for work. Please inform the union office immediately if you are not working as we keep a list of members available for work to provide to employers. If you are called back to work by your previous employer please contact the union office so we may take your name off the list of available members for work.

Negotiations

In regards to the Atlantic Canada Refractory agreement we are currently in negotiations that are at a standstill and have filed for conciliation and are now awaiting dates.

Monthly Union Meetings

It is important for members to attend Monthly Union Meetings. This enables members to understand events and upcoming work that is happening within the union and in the industry.

Please remember Monthly Union Meetings for Mainland Nova Scotia are held at the JK Bell Union Office Building located at 14 McQuade Lake Crescent, Halifax Nova Scotia. Meetings for Mainland Nova Scotia are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.

Meetings for Cape Breton are held at the Martin Arms Hotel (old Waldlynn) 100 Kings Road, Sydney Nova Scotia. Meetings for Cape Breton are held on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local #1 Nova Scotia will be held on Saturday May 11, 2013 at the Claymore Inns and Suites, 137 Church St., Antigonish NS. The meeting will be beginning at 10:30 am. The results of the audit will be presented at this meeting. We encourage all members to attend.

Apprentices

If there are any apprentices that haven't been back to school within the last year or haven't written their final exam, please contact the office so we can arrange registration. The average age of a bricklayer in the province of Nova Scotia is 55. It is very important that we start training our apprentices, let's work together and make sure our apprentices get efficient time working on the tools. We will only achieve this goal by working together.

Apprentices Are The Future Of Our Local