

BAC Local #1 Newsletter

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A Letter from your President

From James Moore

June 1st marks one year as being elected as your president of BAC Local #1 Nova Scotia. In the past year great progress has been made. I would personally like to thank all the members that have worked with me and supported me to reach these goals.

The next few months look very promising for the masonry industry. There are a number of large projects already awarded and work is beginning now. Also, a number of large projects tendered and not yet awarded with more projects on the way.

We hope this summer is a very busy one for all members and very profitable as well.

Let's stand together as a union and mark 2012 as a great year for Bricklayers and Allied Craftworks Local #1 Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

James Moore

Accomplishments

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

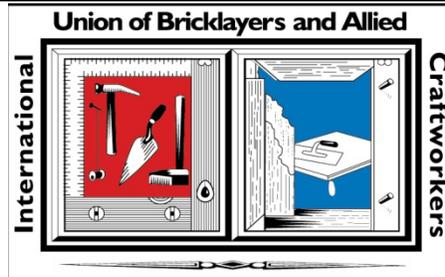
- Recruited approximately 65 new members
- Officially started the Joint Apprentice Agreement with the Nova Scotia Department of Education
- Reduced operating costs in the office by a substantial amount
- Changed accounting systems in the office on the recommendation of the accountant to give us more detailed and accurate analysis of the financial records
- Updated the member list and are no longer carrying members that do not pay dues
- In the progress of working with the First Nations in regards to education and training in the Cape Breton area to be taught by one of our union members
- 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.

~Apprentices are the future of our local~

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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BAC Local #1 would like to welcome Reddick Brothers Masonry as our Newest Signed Contractor

We started working with Reddick Brothers in July 2011 and signed a trial agreement in September 2011 till the end of April 2012. During this period there was a lot of hard work and dedication involved from both parties to make this happen. Reddick Brothers signed a voluntary recognition agreement on April 29, 2012. Local 1 Nova Scotia is looking forward to working with Reddick Brothers and would like to give them a warm welcome in becoming a union contractor on Mainland Nova Scotia.

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. This way we can keep you up to date on current events happening within the Union and are able to contact you in regards to employment.

We have included a member information update form with this newsletter. Please complete it with your current information and send it back to us at your earliest convenience.

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.

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 July 14, 2012 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.

Negotiations

In regards to the Bricklayers Collective Agreement we are currently at a standstill and have filed for conciliation and are now awaiting dates. In regards to the Tile Collective Agreement we have one final meeting scheduled. If no progress is made during this meeting we will be filing for conciliation.