

To the members of Local 290 from Business Manager Lou Christian
Update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Impact, September 4/2020

Information Meeting Held 8/21/20:

We had our first Informational Meeting on Friday the 21st. [Cancellation and Informational Meeting Notice](#) We had 110 pre-register and 71 in attendance. The meeting was the first communication with the members in an internet forum for general information. We were forced to cancel our Union Meetings due to COVID-19. It was good to hear from our members. There was a lot of information shared. The minutes are available to members who have requested them. Call Katelynn at 503-612-4900 to request these minutes to be emailed to you. Also, the Financials through July are available with the minutes. These have not been posted on our website due to security concerns, these are available on request. The next Informational Meeting will be September 18th, 2020. The same procedure will be followed with the pre-registration by email and the meeting information and password being emailed shortly before the meeting. The pre-registration will end at the 7:00 pm cut off, so we can be sure the Inside Guard Josh Rudzik can verify all members before the 7:30 start. There are YouTube tutorials on how to use zoom if you have not used zoom for webinars on our website. [Click Here](#) We will be emailing the membership a week ahead of time to remind them of the pre-registration to attend the meeting. Please make sure we have your current email address on file to receive these reminders.

Building Trades Test:

The test is scheduled for the weekend of September 26th and 27th. The test will be given each day with the group divided in half to keep the numbers under the Training Center cap for people in the building. The written test portion will take place in the Union Hall. The Exam Board is continuing to work out the details.

Work outlook:

We continue to see slowing commercial work. The High Tech is very strong with continued hiring through October.

Registrar Application Closing:

A reminder that the application process will close next week Tuesday September 8th at 5:00 pm. To apply submit your resume and cover letter sharing why you are interested in filling this position to Attn: registrar/COE liaison jobs@290tech.edu , see the posting.

Local Union Elections:

You should have received the Elections Notice in the mail. If you have not received the Notice contact the front desk at 503-691-5700 to confirm your contact information. The [Notice](#) and the [Election Rules](#) are posted on our website [click here](#). The Election Committee continues to work very hard to make sure all the changes due to the pandemic are planned for. You can look for Election updates on our website by checking this [link](#)

Covid-19 Safety on the Job:

The Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council with Oregon OSHA and Industry Representatives continue to visit jobsites to help ensure best practices for preventing COVID-19. The next job site visits will be in Southern Oregon. Reports from Oregon OSHA show an increase in pinch points/line of fire injuries. This is happening across the industry. This could be from the prolonged focus on COVID-19 and the fatigue that is building in this stressful time period. We need to focus on safe work practices, pre planning the work and following the plan.

Covid-19 Safety on the Job:continued

The industry has been focused on the virus and this has been effective in keeping construction workers protected from massive infections we have seen in other states. Many job sites will be re-focusing on safety. We all want to go home with all the fingers and toes we started the shift with. Take time to plan, follow through with that plan and if conditions change around you, re-evaluate and plan for the changes. With all the added stress from COVID-19 we all want to return safely to our homes and families at the end of our shift.

Labor Day - Covid -19

As we enjoy the long weekend, the virus has cancelled many Labor Day Picnics and family events. Please remember the things we do on the job to keep us safe from this virus, we need to practice these on this long weekend. Safe best practices will help protect our Coworkers and Families after this holiday that honors workers. Be safe and well!

In Solidarity,

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