

Carpenters Local 1503 General Meeting

April 14, 2022

GUEST(S):

Information under Reports

Jerry Avril, Trustee - PNW Regional Council, Local 146

General Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by President Dale Dvorak.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Dale Dvorak, Laura Tocki-Toggenburger, Laurie Gonor, James Cochran, Heather Mayther, Scott Schaefer, Damian Hughes

EXCUSED: Krista Farmer, Amber McCoy

Paul Richter attended the Vancouver satellite meeting. Damian Hughes was appointed acting Vice President by President Dale Dvorak.

SATELLITE MEETINGS:

Longview, WA: **present** - Dan Shanley, Shannon Downey

PNCl: **present** - Isaac Pinedale, James Lopez

Vancouver, WA: **present** - Douglas Sohnrey, Derek Neff

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Oregon City, OR: X member(s), X new member(s), X guest(s)

Longview, WA Satellite: 2 member(s), 1 new member(s), 2 guest(s)

PNCl Satellite: 12 member(s), 2 new member(s), 2 guest(s)

Vancouver, WA Satellite: 10 member(s), 1 new member(s), 3 guest(s)

NEW MEMBERS:

4 new members were sworn in this month. New members sworn in at the Local in Oregon City were each given a 1503 t-shirt. Members sworn in at the Satellite meetings can pick up their shirts at the Local in Oregon City.

REVIEW OF MINUTES for March 2022:

General Meeting Minutes -

MOTION Cooper Lane: I, Cooper Lane, move that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written. **MSP**

Corrections: None

Executive Board Minutes -

MOTION Cooper Lane: I, Cooper Lane, move that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written. **MSP**

Corrections: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Incoming:

1. **Ryan Wyatt, South Puget Sound, Local 129, Recording Secretary RE:** Local 30 in support of the unionization of Northwest Carpenters Union Representatives within Western Washington

2. **James Gleason, UBC Supervisor, RE:** Proof of vaccination and masks are no longer required to attend union events
3. **Douglass McCarron, General President, UBCJA RE:** Letter to President Biden to reinstate itemized deductions
4. **Dan Langford, Vice President, Western District, UBCJA RE: Initiation Fee Dispensation Extension.**
5. **PNWRCC RE:** Annual Scholarship Endowment Golf Tournament, July 21, 2022
6. **Portland Jobs with Justice RE:** Summer Solidarity Celebration is back! Sponsorship forms
7. **Ryan Wyatt, South Puget Sound, Local 129, Recording Secretary RE:** Local 30 in support of the unionization of Northwest Carpenters Union Representatives within Western Washington

Outgoing:
None

REPORTS:

1. Membership Activity Report - Laura Tocki-Toggenburger delivered this report.

Total Members:	3,759
New Members Join:	33
Reinitiate:	11
Reinstate:	25
Transfer in:	06
TOTAL ADDED:	75

Suspended:	32
Resigned:	06
Withdrawal:	03
Dropped:	00
Transferred Out:	03
Deceased:	01

TOTAL REDUCED:	44
TOTAL NET:	31

Members in arrears

3 months:	421
4 months:	162
5 months:	55
6 months:	63

TOTAL:	701
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2. Accidents, Sickness and Death: Laura Tocki-Toggenburger delivered this report.

- Mark Andries, 18 years of service, 56 years old

3. Financial Secretary Report: Laura Tocki-Toggenburger delivered this report.

- 1.9 million - people are paying their dues early in the year
- \$41,000 net income
- \$28,000 contingency fund

MOTION Laura Tocki-Toggenburger: I, Laura Tocki-Toggenburger, move that we pay the bills in the usual manner. **MSP**

4. Finance Committee: Laura Tocki-Toggenburger delivered this report.

- Nothing to review

5. Trustee Reports: Damian Hughes delivered this report.

- Items on the credit card statement clarified in the EBoard Meeting

6. Political Committee: Haley Alves delivered this report.

- Tax Fraud Day of Action: Saturday, April 16, 2022, 10am - 11am
- Tina Kotek and other candidates will attend
- Tax Fraud Day shirt available for the 1st 100 members to attend
- Canvassing will begin after the presentation
- Voter registration deadline: Tuesday, April 26, 2022
- Primary Elections held: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

7. Contract Negotiation 2022 Committee: Isaac Pinedale delivered this report.

- Discussing and investigating cost of living increases
- Pensions and pension history - researching
- Right now the active to retired worker ratio is one to one
- Looking at more opportunities to educate and inform on jobsite
- Flyer underway to explain how inflation affects carpenters
- Comparison between carpenter wages in WA and electricians
- Meet after work to discuss contract concerns

8. Labor Day Picnic Committee: John Svob delivered this report.

- Committee has a new chair
- Picnic will be in person this year
- All unclaimed prizes from last year will be raffled off tonight at all locations

9. Satellite Committee: James Cochran delivered this report.

- Sign in to 1503 website, click "Claim My Prize" button
- The Beaverton satellite location will be back up and running in the next two months
- Pietro's Pizza in Beaverton is a possible location

10. Work Report: Heather Mayther delivered this report.

- Roofing Building work: Northshore and Flynn
- Roofing and Siding contractors are next target for signing
- Concrete Conference is at the ITC is August 22, 2022
- Largo Concrete has signed on. They have 3.2 billion in annual revenue.
- Ames Construction: they have the Faradan Dam contract - concrete
- More finish companies signed - finish carpenters will have more work
- TWBN: held in October 28 - 30 in LasVegas
- PCI and ATG are hiring for Intel construction in AZ and NM- offering travel pay

11. Various Reports: Dale Dvorak delivered these reports.

- CLT (Cross Laminated Timber) conference in Portland this week
- Graduation for apprentices will be in-person this year: PNCI - May 14, 2022, 11am - 2pm and Tangent - May 22, 2022 at 11am - 2pm
- PNCI classes: ICRA and QPR are up and running

- Foreman Leadership Training: 3 in OR, 3 in WA, starting in Austin, TX - Zoom available
- Still adding stewards
- Journeyman Leadership Training: next class is September 22, 2022
- Veterans in the Brotherhood Paintball Event is July 23, 2022,

12. Merchandise Report: Scott Schaefer delivered this report.

- Present your paid dues card and ask for your shirt or sweatshirt, 6 months paid = t-shirt, 12 months paid = sweatshirt (this is a one time deal)
- Clothing exchange: bring one hat, shirt or sweatshirt and exchange it for 1503 merch (this is also a one time deal)
- New shirt designs: Juneteenth, Pride, Job Corps and Grit NW Podcast

13. Contract Administration Report: Scott Schaefer delivered this report.

- WA has 74 PLAs (Project Labor Agreements) in progress
- Scaffold contract TA in mid March - voting today
- Voting on all contracts will be in person at the 1503 hall in Oregon City only
- Tacoma School District contract has been ratified
- Port of Seattle negotiations ongoing re: WA convention center
- City of Seattle Community Bargaining Agreement (CBA) in progress
- Tradeshow tentative agreement: 12% over 3 years, CDL = \$2 wage increase, 1-6th term apprentices increased to 75% of journeyman wage
- Cabinet manufacturing contract voting: April 26, 2022 - April 27, 2022
- Roseburg: negotiations are underway
- Largo Construction (large concrete contractor) signed agreement with PNWRCC
- Kiewitt - ODOT CBAs underway, Twanna Hennessy
- AK has 2 contract negotiations in progress, AGC has signed a letter of intent
- ID and WY negotiations underway

14. Apprentice Retention Committee: Dan Shanley delivered this report.

- We've started up - meeting time and day TBA
- Call Dan Shanley to join: 360-836-9907

15. Jerry Avril, Acting Trustee/Local 146 Retired - Northwest Carpenters Trust

- Board Meeting held March 28, 2022 and March 29, 2022
- Overall plan design is under review
- Oregon participants: retirees are grandfathered in - can continue to work full time without losing 80-and-out
- Delta Dental: 2 tiers of service offered - providers in one tier offer more of a discount than providers in the other tier - trustees are reviewing issues related to dental coverage
- 1,000 hours is considered a full pension year, 80 and our benefit only. Applies to benefits up to 2017
- Pension Statements are still in progress - Retiree Workshops will be delayed until they are corrected

PASS THE HAT:

MOTION Heather Mayther: I, Heather Mayther, move that Local 1503 pass the hat for Brother Esteban Parra. **MSP**

MOTION Dale Dvorak: I, Dale Dvorak, move that Local 1503 add David Charley to pass the hat. **MSP**

MOTION Name: I, Cooper Lane, move that Local 1503 triple the hat. **MSP**

Amounts collected:

Oregon City: \$230.00
 PNCI: \$0

Longview, WA: \$0
Vancouver, WA: \$0
Online: \$0
Match: \$460.00 (tripple)
Total: \$690.00

GIFTS AND PRIZES:

April 2022

Oregon City: 2 Jenga games, 2 monopoly games, 2 pairs pliers, 1 gift card(s)
PNCI: 1 Jenga game, 1 monopoly game, 1 pair pliers, 2 gift card(s)
Longview, WA: 1 Jenga game, 1 monopoly game, 1 pair pliers, 2 gift card(s)
Vancouver, WA: 1 Jenga game, 1 monopoly game, 1 pair pliers, 2 gift card(s)

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Laurie Honor: attended Journeyman Leadership Training - we have work to do where equality for women is concerned - Sisters attend the SIB meeting.

Paul Richter: Attended the hearing: all 5 states carefully examined finances and staff. We will be reorganizing staff and restructuring.

Shannon Downey: The wrestling team sent a photo and thank-you letter for our donation

Haley Alves: SIB event: Thorns game, Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 3pm. Wear your swag! We get discounted tickets (\$19) and will sit in General Admission. Need to be vaccinated or present a negative test to attend. (COVID precautions are public policy and not determined by the UBC.)

Dale Dvorak: Skills USA - framing competition - 18 carpenters competed

Dan Shanley: established Apprentice Retention Committee to combat the 50% dropout rate of 1st term apprentices in our area

John Svob: reconnect and and make better connections with all union members including other crafts to revitalize our labor unions

Laura Tocki-Toggenburger: Trade Women Build Nations - Las Vegas, October 28 - 30 this year. Participants will be selected based on applications. Committee will be set up to organize the event and consider submitted applications.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION Name: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Scott Schaefer: I, Scott Schaefer, move that Local 1503 (through the Merchandise Committee) design and order shirts for Juneteenth, Pride Day, Job Corps and NW Grit Podcast. **MSP**

MOTION Haley Alves: I, Haley Alves, move that Local 1503 endorse Anthony Medina for HD22, Jules Walter's for HD37, Kaliko Castile and Mark Gamba both for HD41, Thuy Tran for HD45, Richard Walsh for SD11, Kurt Schrader for Congress District 5 and Brian Decker for Washington County DA (Oregon). **MSP**

MOTION Paul Richter: I, Paul Richter, move that Local 1503 hold a special called meeting for nominations and an election per the UBC Constitution. **MSP**

MOTION John Svob: I, John Svob, move that Local 1503 mail the 1503 Contract Advisory Committee Meeting composed flyers to all members and other OR/SW WA locals, and include in envelope other items - stickers, raffle tickets, calendar of union events - that the Committee determines valuable. Cost \$1,900. **MS Sent to Finance Committee**

MOTION John Svob: I, John Svob, move that Local 1503 Executive Board members share the following message on Hustle on April 26, 2022: "Happy May Day - International Workers Day! We encourage you to take

part in May Day activities wherever you live. If you're in the Portland area, join Portland Jobs With Justice in support of Starbucks workers, Amazon workers and all workers of the world. Practice respect in our community and represent yourself and your union well." 1503 banners to be made available upon request; attached JWWJ announcements also to be shared. (Image provided). **MSP**

MOTION Dale Dvorak: I, Dale Dvorak, move that Local 1503 donate \$5,000 to the Veterans in the Brotherhood Paintball event in July. (Recruitment of new veterans into our organization. All 1503 members are welcome.) **MS Sent to Finance Committee**

MOTION John Svob: I, John Svob, move that Local 1503 participate in Portland Juneteenth Parade and Celebration on June 18 and spend up to \$499 for registration, fees, costs, and member- incentives and donations to the Juneteenth organization, and invite other locals and the PNWRCC to participate in this or in nearby Juneteenth events (letter attached). Banners and other paraphernalia to be made available. Announcements to be made on multiple sources. **MSP**

MOTION John Svob: I, John Svob, move that Local 1503 participate in Portland Pride Parade and Celebration on June 19 and spend up to \$499 for registration, fees, costs, and member-incentives and donations to the Portland Pride organization, and invite other locals and the PNWRCC to participate in this or in nearby Gay Pride events (letter attached). Banners and other paraphernalia to be made available upon request. Announcements to be made on multiple sources. **MSP**

MOTION Isaac Pinedale: move that we adjourn. **MSF**

MOTION Laura Tocki-Toggenburger: I, Laura Tocki-Toggenburger, move that Local 1503 spend up to \$20,000 to send as many members as possible to Trades Women Build Nations Conference scheduled for October 28-30 in Las Vegas, NV. **MS Sent to Finance Committee**

MOTION John Svob: I, John Svob, move that Local 1503 donate \$499 and select 20 members to represent us at the May 26, 2022 Portland Jobs With Justice Fundraiser, and advertise our sponsorship via Hustle, website and Facebook. **MSP**

MOTION John Svob: I, John Svob, move that Local 1503 request the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters donate a minimum of \$500 to the Portland Jobs With Justice Fundraiser, and advertise that sponsorship and advertise our sponsorship via Hustle, Website, and Facebook. (Letter attached) **MSP**

MOTION John Svob: I, John Svob, move that Local 1503 donate \$499 to and encourage members to attend the Jobs With Justice Medicare For All March & Rally - Shemanski Park (downtown, south Park blocks) on Saturday, July 30, celebrating Medicare's Birthday. (1503 table optional, banners to be made available upon request) Announcements to be made on multiple sources. **MSF**

MOTION James Lopez: I, James Lopez, move that we adjourn. **MSP**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

In Solidarity,
Laurel A. Gonor
Recording Secretary
Local 1503