

CULTURE

# When union superheroes marched in Portland's streets



Members of IBEW Local 48 (above) and the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 82 (right) participated in the Rose Festival Starlight Parade June 2. The parade draws more than 325,000 spectators to downtown Portland, and is one of Portland's most popular annual events, offering traditional marching bands and flood-lit floats, glow-in-the-dark umbrellas and unique hand-built entries. This year Local 48 used a Superhero Theme and a live band to entertain and

show a positive image of unions. They backdropped their entry with IBEW banners and signs with union messaging. Members held illuminated Superhero shields with messages such as "Stronger Together," "Family Supporting Wages," and "Raising Wages For All." At each corner an announcer read their prepared script to the crowd. Plus, the script was read on the live television broadcast that reached more than 500,000 viewers.



UNION DEMOCRACY

## Incumbent Drew Lindsey outpolls Tim Frew to head IBEW Local 280

Members of IBEW Local 280 overwhelmingly re-elected incumbent business manager Drew Lindsey, turning back a challenge from former business manager Tim Frew in a 225 to 67 vote.

Electrical work is booming in Local 280's jurisdiction, and the local hit a membership record of 1,300 in May. Headquartered in Tangent, Oregon, the local represents construction and sound and communications workers in nine counties in Central Oregon and the Southern Willamette Valley.

Business manager is the only elected office that is also a full-time paid position.

Frew, who is stepping down as head of the Oregon Building Trades Council, was Local 280's business manager from 2009 to 2015, when he lost to Lindsey.



Drew Lindsey

**Also elected:**

**President** Mark Crenshaw (incumbent, unopposed)

**Vice President** Tim Miller (outpolling Nick Taylor 218-61)

**Recording Secretary** Thaddius Crevier (unopposed)

**Treasurer** Bruce Hatfield (unopposed)

**Executive Board** Chad Privratsky, Bob Sapp, and Jeremy Kroon won seats as the top three vote-getters in a field of seven.

**Examining Board** Kail Zuschlag, Robbie Smith, and Tim Justis

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