

UNION MEETING NOTICES

AFSCME 189

All meetings have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Check afscme189.com for updates.

Bakers 114

Executive Board will meet via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 27.

Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers 1

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

Cement Masons 555

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

Drywall Finishers 101

Membership meetings are the first Monday of the month at 5 p.m. via Zoom, due to COVID restrictions. Next meeting is Monday, April 5. Contact Kirk Malcom for more details. Reminder that if you attend eight meetings in 2021 you will receive a union jacket.

Electrical Workers 48

RENEW meets 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. This will be an informal “check-in” via Zoom.

Executive Board meets 6 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month via Zoom. No visitors at this time.

Coast Unit meets 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. This will be an informal “check-in” via Zoom.

Electrical Workers Minority Caucus meets 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month via Zoom.

Residential Unit meets 5 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month. This will be an informal “check-in” via Zoom.

Sound and Communication Unit meeting cancelled.

Wasco Unit meeting cancelled.

Washington Unit meeting cancelled.

Sisters in Solidarity of Local 48 meets 6 p.m. on the third Monday of every month via Zoom.

Public Sector Unit Date to be determined, please watch the web site. This will be an informal “check-

in” via Zoom.

Marine Unit meeting cancelled.

General Membership meeting cancelled. Please monitor IBEW48.com or the Facebook page for changes to the schedule.

DEATH ASSESSMENTS: No. 2747, Lall Jagroop. The April 2021 assessment is \$1.50

Electrical Workers 280

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

Elevator Constructors 23

Executive Board meet 5 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at 12067 NE Glenn Widing Drive, #108, Portland.

Fire Fighters 452

Members meet 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at 2807 NW Fruit Valley Rd., Vancouver.

Fire Fighters 1660

Members meet 8 a.m. Thursday, April 8, at 4411 SW Sunset Dr., Lake Oswego.

Floor Coverers 1236

All meetings have been canceled until further notice, due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

Glass Workers 740

All meetings have been canceled until further notice, due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

Insulators 36

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

Iron Workers 29

Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. first Thursday of each month. Next meeting Thursday, May 6. Meetings will be conducted virtually, requires preregistration.

Iron Workers Shopmen 516

Regular union meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Next regular meeting Thursday, April 22.

Executive Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Next meeting Thursday, April 8.

Meetings are held at the Iron Workers Training Cen-

ter and Union Hall, 11620 NE Ainsworth Circle,

Laborers/Vancouver 335

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

Laborers 483

Members meet 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20. PLEASE NOTE: Meetings will be conducted virtually. Attendance requires pre-registration via email. Contact the office if you do not already receive email invitations.

Laborers 737

PLEASE NOTE: Per the action of the Executive Board and the International Variance to allow video conference, union meetings due to the COVID-19 restrictions remaining in effect, Local 737 will hold regular membership meetings online via RingCentral. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month with the next meeting April 15. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m. and can be logged into via <https://lmeetings.ringcentral.com/join> with meeting ID 148 508 9028. The log-in process will begin at 5:30 p.m. to allow for verification of membership. Once the meeting is started it will be closed to entry. If you have any questions please call the office at 541-801-2209.

Operating Engineers 701

All meetings have been canceled until further notice.

Painters Local 10

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

Sign Painters & Paint Makers 1094

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

Plasterers 82

Executive Board will meet via Zoom Wednesday, April 7, at 4 p.m. General membership meetings are canceled until further notice.

Plumbers and Fitters 290

Members Informational Meetings are held the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the Union Hall with any questions (503) 691-5700.

Roofers & Waterproofers 49

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

Sheet Metal Workers 16

Membership meet 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, via Zoom. Members must email info@smw16.org with the following information in order to get a link sent to them: Name, Membership #, current e-mail address.

USW 139 (B)

Membership meetings have been canceled until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Executive Board will meet via conference call at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 17.

CENTRAL LABOR CHAPTERS

Central Oregon

Delegates will meet by teleconference 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 26.

Eastern Oregon

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

Lane County

Delegates teleconference 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28. Contact Jeff McGillivray at jeffm@ua290.org

Linn-Benton-Lincoln

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

Marion-Polk-Yamhill

Delegates will meet by teleconference 6 p.m. Monday, April 12. Contact Will Music at mpcylc@gmail.com

North Coast

Delegates will meet by teleconference 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.

Southern Oregon

Delegates will meet by teleconference 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 13. Contact Amanda Sager at president@iatse154.com

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCILS

Northwest Oregon

Delegates will meet via Zoom at 4 p.m. Monday, April 26. Login information will be emailed to delegates prior to the meeting.

Southwest Washington

Delegates will meet 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, online via AnyMeeting. Delegates can call in from a computer, smart phone or tablet. Login requires you to download the AnyMeeting app. If you participate via computer, AnyMeeting works best with Google Chrome. If you plan to participate by calling in on your phone, the invitation will include a phone number and a code to enter. Be sure to call in a couple minutes before 6 p.m.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCILS

Columbia-Pacific

On site meetings have been canceled until further notice. Meetings will be held via Zoom every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Email Willy Meyers for an invitation.

METAL TRADES COUNCIL

Portland and Vicinity

Meetings are canceled until further notice.

RETIREE MEETINGS

Plumbers & Fitters 290

Retired Local 290 members meet the third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Contact Teri Geter with any questions (541) 646-1493.

Postal unions alarmed by parts of postmaster general's plan

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Postmaster General Louis DeJoy presented a 10-year plan to “save” the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) March 23. Entitled “Delivering for America,” the 58-page plan would slow first class mail delivery, reduce post office operating hours, and raise prices. The plan also calls for ending a congressional mandate to pre-fund retiree health care, something postal unions have also been calling for. That requirement costs USPS nearly \$5 billion a year.

DeJoy is a corporate executive and big Republican donor who was named postmaster general last May by Trump appointees on the USPS Board of Governors, despite concerns about financial conflicts of interest. DeJoy and his wife have more than \$30 million invested in XPO Logistics, a Postal Service contractor, and as much as \$300,000 invested in United Parcel Service.

Postal unions were critical of parts of DeJoy’s plan for the USPS and its 644,000 workers. Most USPS employees are

union members, and many of them veterans.

The unions agree with DeJoy’s proposals to repeal the requirement to pre-fund retiree health insurance, and to preserve six-day and seven-day mail delivery. Postal unions have noted that without the \$5 billion yearly prepayment on health insurance—something no other company or federal agency is required to do—USPS would turn a profit most years.

They agree too with DeJoy’s proposal that new postal retirees be integrated into Medicare, another money-saving measure. They also welcomed DeJoy’s promise to replace the USPS’ decades-old vehicle fleet with an all-electric fleet by 2035, to open 46 new sorting centers to handle the USPS’ growing—and increasingly profitable—package delivery business, and to modernize local post offices.

USPS delivers nearly half of global mail volume. With its nationwide network delivering to every home and business, USPS handles the “last mile” of package delivery not just for itself,



but for private firms, notably UPS, which is unionized, and FedEx, which isn’t. Those “last miles,” especially in rural areas, aren’t profitable, the private firms say. DeJoy estimated the package delivery upgrade would earn USPS a net of \$24 billion

over the next decade.

But DeJoy also proposed “setting new delivery standards” for first-class mail, still the USPS’s prime money-maker despite the pandemic downturn and prior shifts of business to the Internet. DeJoy’s proposal to set a 70%

standard for first-class delivery “within three days or less,” would be a worsening of current standards.

That drew congressional ire. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-Va.), whose Oversight panel’s Government Operations subcommittee would have the House’s first crack at postal legislation, said DeJoy’s plan “guarantees the death spiral of the United States Postal Service.”

“Customers and Congress are fed up with DeJoy’s service cuts and record delays,” Connolly said. “The only way to right this ship is new leadership, a better vision, and a realistic plan that serves all.”

After taking over as postmaster general last year, DeJoy oversaw the removal of package sorting machines, and a reduction in overtime approvals, which resulted in undelivered mail piling up. The USPS inspector general reported that mail delivery overall showed sharp declines after DeJoy took over.

(Editor’s Note: Press Associates Inc. contributed to this report.)