



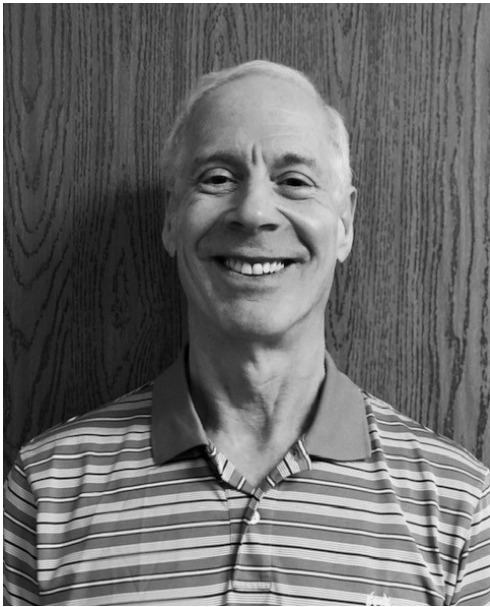
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CHANGE OF COMMAND AT THE TRUST OFFICE



Ken Stuart

After serving the Trust Office for over 29 years, Administrative Manager Ken Stuart retired March 31, 2019. Ken arrived at the Trust Office back in April 1990 and took over the duties of Administrative Manager September 1, 1990. Over those years, the Trust Office moved three times finally settling in its current office next door to Local 569. In that time, the Trust Office staff has grown to 14 employees. Ken's commitment to healthcare cost-containment has provided Local 569 members with the lowest contribution rate of all IBEW Locals in the State of California with outstanding benefits. Ken will continue his diligent work by serving on a Committee in Sacramento that will focus on making recommendations to the legislature for the establishment of a multi-payer database to be utilized by researchers, health plans, plan sponsors and entities focusing on controlling health care costs and improving the health care

delivery system. We wish Ken the best on his retirement! Effective April 1, 2019 Assistant Administrative Manager Matt Morfoot was promoted to be the new Administrative Manager. He served as the Assistant Administrative Manager for approximately 6 1/2 years under Ken's tutelage. Prior to his employment in San Diego, Matt spent 10 years as the Controller for the Northern Illinois Benefit Funds. The Northern Illinois Benefit Funds represented the Health & Welfare, Pension and Retirement Trusts of the Local 501 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union just outside Chicago. Matt holds an undergraduate Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Eastern Illinois University, his Master of Business Administration degree (MBA) from Northern Illinois University, and is currently a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the state of California. He looks forward to continuing the success the Trusts have grown accustomed to.

THE SAN DIEGO ELECTRICAL TRAINING CENTER HAS A NEW NAME: ELECTRICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (ETI)

The new Electrical Training Institute iconic logo captures a solid and clean identity that appears in motion. The circle encompassing the name does not begin or end. It suggests it protects what's inside. The font is a simple nondescript sans serif that reflects energy and power. The logo represents a supportive alliance and unparalleled education with a pledge supporting prosperity and self-reliance – for today and tomorrow. Our new website is: ETledu.org



Matt Morfoot

ANNUAL PENSION CERTIFICATIONS DUE

Retirees please be aware that annually the Trust Office sends out certifications verifying that Pension recipients are still alive. Due to law changes that may not require deaths to be reported to Social Security/Medicare in specific states, it is very possible that the Trust Office could continue to pay Retiree monthly benefits to individuals not entitled to such benefits.

Per ERISA law, the Trust Office is required to recover any overpayments to be paid back in full and will utilize all means necessary which may include filing legal action. Those Retirees who fail to sign and return the annual certification form will eventually have their monthly benefit suspended until the required form/information is returned. Also, the Annual



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JOURNEYMAN CLASS SCHEDULE AVAILABLE ONLINE

CLASS SCHEDULE BY LOCATION BY DATE

No classes on May 27 & July 4-5, 2019.

Start Date	End Date	Class ID	Description
5/3/2019	5/3/2019	2019J18201	Safe Electrical Work Practices For Transformer Testing & Meggering
5/7/2019	8/13/2019	2019J26651	DC Theory
5/7/2019	6/20/2019	2019J26931	AutoCAD
5/9/2019	8/15/2019	2019J27841	Copper Structured Cabling
5/11/2019	6/8/2019	2019J27631	Electrical Certification State Exam Prep
5/11/2019	5/11/2019	2019J28342	Code Calculations: Box Fill
5/11/2019	5/11/2019	2019J28351	Code Calculations: Conductor Ampacity
5/13/2019	6/17/2019	2019J27621	Electrical Review
5/13/2019	8/5/2019	2019J27632	Electrical Certification State Exam Prep
5/13/2019	7/3/2019	2019J28181	CALCTP Technical
5/14/2019	6/20/2019	2019J26932	AutoCAD
5/15/2019	7/3/2019	2019J27101	Instrumentation I: Introduction to Instrumentation
5/15/2019	7/31/2019	2019J27191	Fire/Life Safety Prep For State Certification
5/16/2019	5/23/2019	2019J27721	NFPA 70E Arc Flash Hazard Awareness
5/16/2019	8/8/2019	2019J27881	Voice-Data-Video Prep for State Certification
5/17/2019	5/17/2019	2019J261802	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
5/17/2019	6/14/2019	2019J26201	Welding I: Basics
5/17/2019	5/17/2019	2019J26652	DC Theory
5/18/2019	5/18/2019	2019J28361	Code Calculations: Voltage Drop
5/18/2019	5/18/2019	2019J28371	Code Calculations: Raceway Fill
5/21/2019	6/11/2019	2019J26351	Conduit Bending
5/21/2019	7/9/2019	2019J27171	Fire Alarm Installations
5/21/2019	6/20/2019	2019J28311	CALCTP Acceptance Technician (AT)
5/22/2019	6/26/2019	2019J26751	Introduction to Fiber Optics
5/22/2019	7/24/2019	2019J26851	Motor Controls
5/28/2019	5/28/2019	2019J261803	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
5/31/2019	5/31/2019	2019J26701	AC Theory 1A
6/4/2019	6/4/2019	2019J261805	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
6/6/2019	6/27/2019	2019J26101	Electronics Projects
6/6/2019	6/13/2019	2019J27722	NFPA 70E Arc Flash Hazard Awareness

The Summer 2019 Journeyman Class Schedule is now available online on the Electrical Training Institute website (www.ETledu.org).

To download the class schedule, visit www.ETledu.org/continuing_education.

There are several ways you can register for continuing education classes:

1 Online – from the homepage, click on the ATS Student Login button. You need to have an account to login.

2 By telephone: San Diego classes: (858) 569-6633, select option 3 then 2. For Imperial County classes: (760) 355-3000.

3 New to online registration or forgot your password? Email us at info@sdeit.org

Bookstore hours: 2:30-5:00pm during the first night of class. All other times, bookstore hours are from 3:30-4:30pm. No weekends!



THINKING OF RETIREMENT?

Are you thinking about retiring soon? Here are just a few reminders of information that will be required to be submitted prior to any benefits being issued. File a complete Pension application which can be found on the Trusts' website at www.569trusts.org. The application is required to be notarized. Copies of birth certificates are required for both Participant and spouse, if married. A copy of your marriage certificate is also required. If you have ever been divorced, regardless of the length of marriage or how long ago it occurred, a Dissolution of Marriage document from the Court will be required to be submitted. The Trust will also require any Marriage Settlement Agreement that was produced during the divorce to verify ownership of the retirement benefits. If you were married and divorced in San Diego County, it will be on record at the downtown Court location where copies can be made for a small fee. Any and all divorces require such documentation to be submitted. If there is any split of a benefit to a former spouse a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO) will need to be filed with the Court and a copy submitted to the Trust Office. Once a completed application with all supporting documentation has been submitted, your benefit options will be calculated and mailed to you by the Trust Office.

TRUST OFFICE WEBSITE PROMOTION WINNERS!

Congratulations to the four winners of the website promotion that ended December 31, 2019. The following members of Local 569 received a \$250 Visa gift card just for registering on the website: Richard Maroni, Luis Flores Salazar, Wade Lupo, and Armando Balcazar.

6/7/2019	6/7/2019	2019J28362	Code Calculations: Voltage Drop
6/8/2019	6/8/2019	2019J26352	Conduit Bending
6/10/2019	6/10/2019	2019J261806	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
6/14/2019	6/14/2019	2019J261807	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
6/18/2019	6/18/2019	2019J261808	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
6/20/2019	6/20/2019	2019J27971	Your Pension & Health/Welfare
6/20/2019	7/18/2019	2019J28381	Basic Foremanship
6/21/2019	6/21/2019	2019J261809	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
6/21/2019	6/21/2019	2019J28341	Code Calculations: Box Fill
6/24/2019	8/5/2019	2019J26021	Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP)
6/24/2019	6/24/2019	2019J261810	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
6/25/2019	7/23/2019	2019J26852	Motor Controls
6/28/2019	6/28/2019	2019J261811	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
6/28/2019	8/9/2019	2019J26211	Welding II: Fabrication
7/1/2019	8/12/2019	2019J27441	OSHA 30/EM-385 Construction Hazard Awareness
7/2/2019	7/2/2019	2019J261812	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
7/8/2019	7/8/2019	2019J261813	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
7/10/2019	8/14/2019	2019J27111	Instrumentation II: Instrumentation Lab
7/12/2019	7/12/2019	2019J28352	Code Calculations: Conductor Ampacity
7/12/2019	7/12/2019	2019J261814	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
7/12/2019	7/12/2019	2019J261824	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
7/19/2019	7/19/2019	2019J261815	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
7/19/2019	7/19/2019	2019J28372	Code Calculations: Raceway Fill
7/22/2019	7/22/2019	2019J261816	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
7/26/2019	7/26/2019	2019J28051	Meter Use and Safety
7/30/2019	7/30/2019	2019J261817	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
7/30/2019	8/8/2019	2019J27431	OSHA 10
8/2/2019	8/2/2019	2019J261818	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
8/5/2019	8/5/2019	2019J261819	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
8/6/2019	8/6/2019	2019J261820	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
8/9/2019	8/9/2019	2019J261821	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
8/9/2019	8/9/2019	2019J28191	Confined Space Entry Hazard Awareness
8/10/2019	8/10/2019	2019J27723	NFPA 70E Arc Flash Hazard Awareness
8/12/2019	8/12/2019	2019J261822	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
8/13/2019	8/13/2019	2019J261823	CPR, AED And First Aid For Adults
8/16/2019	8/16/2019	2019J28201	Safe Electrical Work Practices for Transformer Meggering



INSTRUCTORS

The Electrical Training Institute of San Diego and Imperial Counties is looking for motivated and qualified members to share their knowledge with the next generation of IBEW members.

Good instructors directly affect the quality of our programs and are the key to our success. We strive to provide the best skilled and trained workforce in the industry. As an instructor, you will have a direct effect on the future of our industry as you develop the apprentice's knowledge, manual skills and character through their journey to graduation.

If you would like to take this opportunity to give back to the industry while earning additional income, please contact Ken Collier, Lead Instructor at (858) 569-6633. Ext. 430.

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Pension Certification requests a contact to be listed upon the death of the Pensioner. Surviving family members, if they exist, are often in mourning for their lost loved ones. Notifying the Trust Office of the Pensioner's death may be overlooked. The more information that can be provided to the Trust Office now, the better the chance that an overpayment doesn't cause an issue in the future.



TRUST OFFICE WEBSITE UPDATES

Participants who register on www.569trusts.org (the Trusts' website) will have access to their hours worked, eligibility status, and utilization of the pension estimator to determine future benefits upon retirement. There are also links available to the service providers for whom the Trusts are contracted with. Clicking on these service provider links will take you directly to that organization's website whether to find a doctor, dentist, and other provider or maybe to see the benefits that may be provided. Many of the Trusts' documents/forms/applications may also be found on the website. Participants can also make Direct Payments through the website for continuation of their insurance coverage (Please be aware that the payments take 24 hours to process). Participants who opt-in to electronic communications will be able to receive their Explanation of Benefit (EOB) forms electronically as well as have access to prior EOB's for historical reference. Newly added is the ability for Participants to complete their Annual Update Form online as well as submit it to the Trust Office. The ultimate goal is to make every form available to be completed and submitted online. Keep an eye out for changes as they become available.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), construction workers have the highest suicide rate among American workers. The main reasons for the suicide rate of construction workers being more than 4x the overall rate is due to a competitive, high-pressure environment, a higher prevalence of alcohol and substance abuse, separation from families and long stretches without work. Signs to look for on the job include increased tardiness and absenteeism, decreased productivity and self-confidence, isolation from co-workers and agitation and increased conflict among co-workers. The San Diego Electrical Health & Welfare Plan offers multiple alternatives to help Participants and their dependents. The Members Assistance Program (MAP) is available to all Participants, dependents, and anyone who also lives in the Participant's household. Any of these individuals can call the MAP and talk with a trained counselor for up to 8 sessions per issue per year. If the issue requires a higher level of treatment, the MAP counselor can refer the Participant or their dependents to a higher level of treatment through Optum, the Plan's Mental Health & Behavioral Provider.

HEALTH INFORMATION SOURCES

Best Doctors - 1-866-904-0910 or www.bestdoctors.com; **Navitus** (retail pharmacy and specialty medications): 1-866-333-2757; **"NurseLine"** - 24/7 access to Registered Nurses at 800-250-6181; For researching or grading doctors and hospitals: www.healthgrades.com, www.leapfroggroup.org, www.Calhospitalcompare.org, www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov or <http://www.npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov> - **National Practitioner Data Bank/Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank** may be used to verify information on a healthcare provider; and <http://www.medbd.ca.gov/lookup.html> - Medical Board of California for physician licensing. **Cal Hospital Compare** combines ratings for quality of care, patient safety and patient experience in an effort to help consumers make informed choices via its website: www.CalHospitalCompare.org.