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September 2020 MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 1, 2020
5:00pm Local 70 Office
2722 County Road D East, White Bear Lake, MN

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, September 8, 2020
5:00pm-North St. Paul American Legion Post #39
2678-7th Avenue E, North St. Paul MN

ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEETING

THE ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEETINGS
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

LABOR DAY



PLEASE NOTE:

THE LOCAL 70 OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020
TO OBSERVE LABOR DAY!

FROM THE DESK OF DAVID MONSOUR, BUSINESS MANAGER

Good-Bye August, September is upon us. Summer was nice but seemed to pass way too quickly. Now that we have had to endure a social distancing existence for the past six months, we should all have had the opportunity to reprioritize what is important in our respective lives.

The primary has come and gone, and I hope everyone took the time to either go to the polls or to vote by mail. It is imperative that all of us identify the issues that are important to us and research the candidates to determine their positions, figure which candidates support what is important to you individually and do your best to support that candidate. Hold your elected officials accountable. I am not telling you who to vote for, I am asking that each of us become a more informed citizen and vote. Those that show up make the decisions. I realize Election Day is not until November 3, but it is not too early to ask questions and get the answers that satisfy your concerns. Yes, I am going to continue to encourage all our members to get educated on the issues and get out and vote.

The Covid 19 situation continues to be a front-page story, as it should be, until this terrible virus has been obliterated.

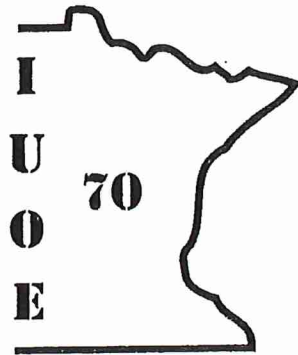
Local 70 will be starting up our General Membership meeting the second Tuesday of the month beginning on September 8, 2020. The meeting will be held at the North St. Paul American Legion and will be called to order at 5:00 pm. At this point in time **PROTECTIVE MASKING** is required, please plan accordingly. We have not had a General Membership meeting since February of this year. The Northern Regional meeting normally held at the Labor Temple in Duluth is on hold. The facility has not yet reopened for business, once that has happened, we will put that meeting on the schedule as well.

The ITEC, International Training and Education Center outside of Houston Texas remains closed. As soon as the health department allows travel without the need to quarantine, I would expect the facility to reopen. At that point the information will be shared as best as possible.

Here at the Local 70 office we continue with our day to day activities, representing the membership, enforcing the contracts and filing grievances when a member reports a violation. If only it were that easy, currently the local is waiting to get into mediation both with the (BMS) State of Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services, for public sector contracts as well as with the (FMCS) Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services. Both services have had to adapt to the times meaning more phone calls, more emails and of course more virtual on-line meetings with many services that are currently available Between ZOOM, Ring Central, Google Meetings and Microsoft Teams. It is making our day to day work a bit more challenging at times.

If we work together, observe common sense work and social rules and follow the guidance of Governor Walz the CDC and other appropriate agencies we will get through this together.

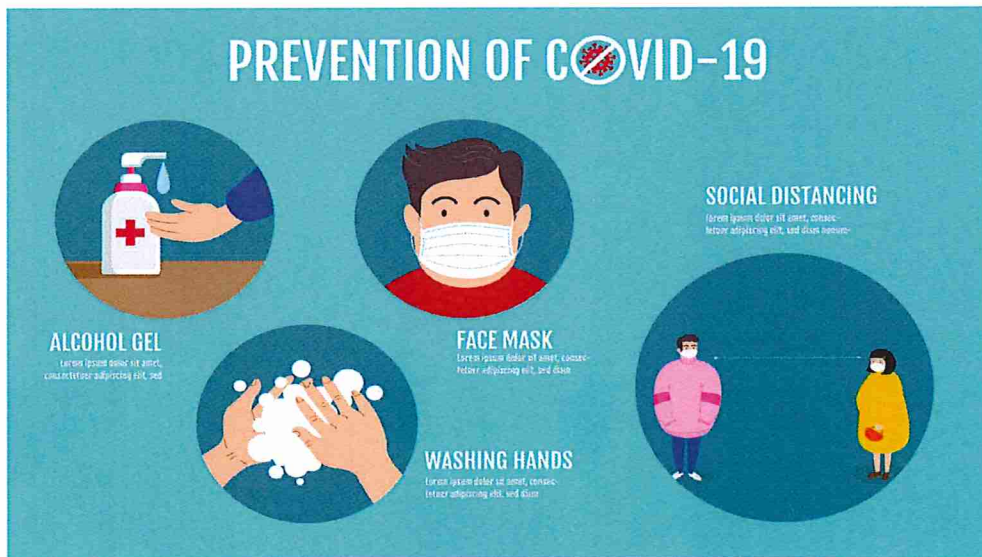
Be Safe and participate as best as you can.



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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Please make sure you notify the Local 70 office at 651-646-4566 with any changes in your home mailing address, job location, hours you are working and wage information. We want to maintain accurate information on our members so you receive important mailings and other information pertaining to union membership, pension information, proposal meetings and contract votes for your job site. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.



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