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STRENGTHENING OUR UNION THROUGH ACTION

By D. Jason Billings
Business Manager/President



Please read all the Representatives articles and attend your district Union meetings for more information than we can squeeze in this publication. It's vital for the right information to be consumed and shared with your peers instead of wrong information that must be cleared up later. If any questions arise in the field, please contact your local Representative for clarity.

Our organizing efforts, in conjunction with our sister Locals around the nation, have been mainly bottom-up but others are top-down. Shown in this publication, our efforts recently have been bottom-up, as seen in the photographs in this edition. This method is to garner attention from the company's management team to force discussions, raise awareness of concerns and potentially secure a contract to protect workers and provide better working conditions for them. Top-down organizing is where we can sell the quali-

ty of work that you provide, with management and secure Project Labor Agreements or full Collective Bargaining Agreements. Just this year alone, through our organizing efforts, we have been able to secure approximately 9 new Agreements and PLA's. Our work has been good, and we continue to take every opportunity to secure positions for our Operating Engineers to provide good wages and benefits for them and their families.

Since my last communication, the real estate venture has changed by, the financial organization that was providing funding through grants for the school to purchase the property on Chef Highway, was hit with cuts from DOGE and the funding was stopped. As this was most of their funding, they had to

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SCHOLARSHIP

This edition of *Engineers News* contains an application for the 2025-2026 Peter Babin, Jr. Scholarship Fund. All members with children who have excelled scholastically during their senior year in high school should apply for the award.

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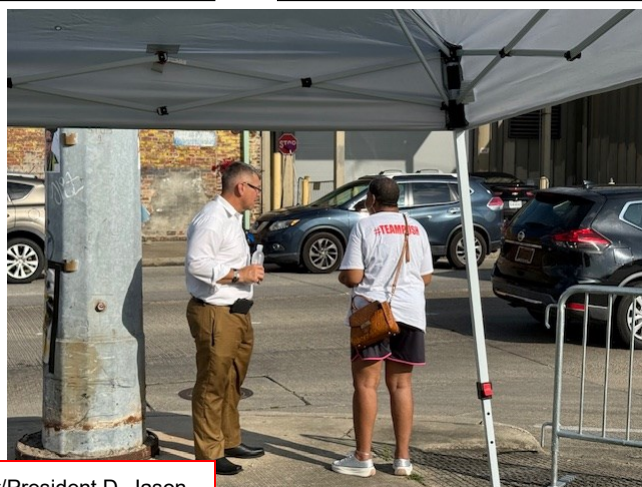
back out of the sale. They invested initial monies that were lost due to the termination of the sale. This was the reason that we went above and beyond for them because they invested that much earnest attempts to reach the closing. This joint effort between the two parties, all consultants and legal counsel, was not a lost effort, as we gained ground that will speed up the process for the next potential purchaser. My heartfelt appreciation to the staff who have worked with me on preparing the property for the sell and secondly, secur-

ing it for the upcoming hurricane season, as much as we can do. There are many moving parts that take all hands-on deck to execute that go unspoken and unheard.

You will see as you read through the Representatives articles, additions to staff and new faces at the district offices. I want to welcome Bert Santos Organizer/Business Rep. He has been attending a lot of classes mandated by the International Constitution and preparing him for the type of work that we are exposed to daily.

He has hit the ground running and is already providing a much-needed addition to our team. Also, welcome Debbie Welch in the Baton Rouge office. She has jumped in, feet first and been able to provide the necessary assistance there to maintain our day-to-day business in that office. Please try to say hello to both and get to know them as we transition into new seasons for the Local.

Summertime is here and the heat is upon us again. Please take care of yourselves and keep me in prayer as I do you.



Business Manager/President D. Jason Billings at QSL Picket line with Local 150 organizers, City Councilman and Mayoral Candidate Oliver Thomas, and the family of missing dock worker Darius Clement.



Business Manager/President D. Jason Billings with retired member Mike Griffin.



"Solidarity means no one stands alone — not today, not ever."

Lazy Days of Summer

by David Hyatt
Business Rep
SWLA
DISTRICT



Work in the SWLA District had been slowing down since our spring turnarounds, but one of them pushed and then started on June 16th with Deep South at Westlake South. This was an opportunity for the contractor to exercise their contractual rights to recall those operators who had just worked for them and put all the available local operators to work. It gave about a month's worth of work during our normally slow season, and it was welcomed.

Our work continues with

GEM at the First Solar site in New Iberia which is still at full capacity but should be slowing down in the coming months as the project starts winding down to finish.

There have been multiple communications with our signatories about upcoming work in Cameron at Venture Global, but at this time, no start dates have been announced. There have been rumors about the work in Sulphur, Louisiana at the former Driftwood project (now known as "Woodside") going to Union signatories. We have even talked to a few but so far, no contracts have been awarded, and no pre-job conferences have happened.

The work in the fall looks like it will be busy

again with turnarounds and hopefully some project work will materialize by that time also.

We have been active in our downtime working with Local 150 organizers on a joint effort at the docks in New Orleans. Business Manager/President D. Jason Billings had the foresight to arrange for us all to be working in conjunction with them in their efforts to put pressure on a company in both Chicago and New Orleans at the same time. It's great to have a leader who recognizes that if you don't organize, a Local Union dries up on the vine.

If I don't see you at your local district meetings, I look forward to seeing you on the job site soon. Have a safe and happy summer.

Local 406 teamed up with Local 150 Organizers on picket line in New Orleans.



Statewide Unity, Steady Progress

By Miguel Perrault
Business Rep
SELA DISTRICT
N.O. METRO



At the present time, the extra manpower needs remain idle, and we are awaiting updates from civil and crane rental contractors for any upcoming projects and outages. The West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Levee Project is still ongoing with Omega Foundation, working at a steady pace with clearing and levee construction.

With guidance from Business Manager/President D. Jason Billings and assistance from David Hyatt, Russell Maddie, Kyle Leger, and Bert Santos, we recently ratified a two-year "statewide" agreement with Boh Brothers Construction Company. This was a huge accomplishment to merge the New Orleans and Baton Rouge district's agreements as we have done many times in the past with other local signatory companies. The Boh Bros collective bargaining agreements have spanned for decades as two separate agreements but now is one statewide agreement. Bert Santos and I have been working in conjunction with the Southeast Louisiana Building & Construction Trades Council to ratify a new five-year agreement with ASM Global- Caesars Superdome New Orleans from their previous three-year agreement. Bert is a welcome help in this area as he has a wealth of information to draw from and years of experience dealing with these types of arrangements. We are currently engaged in negotiations with M.R. Pittman Group whose agreement expires in July.

Summer is upon us and temperatures are rising, so remember to stay hydrated and drink plenty of fluids, even if you aren't thirsty. Be aware of the signs of heat illness such as dizziness, headache, nausea, confusion, and excessive sweating. If someone shows signs of heat stroke or severe heat exhaustion, call 911 and get medical help immediately.



Boh Bros picnic



Boh Bros jobsite visit



Building Skills, Growing Stronger

by Craig Kaiser
Apprenticeship
Administrator



A Season of Progress and Purpose

Summer is here, and with it comes new momentum and steady progress across our apprenticeship program. From work opportunities to equipment updates, class schedules, and upcoming events, there's plenty to be proud of. Thank you to each member for your commitment to growth and excellence in the field.

Work Across the State: Going Strong!

Work in all sectors, including chemical and refinery plants, heavy highway, pipelines, and the new Meta AI data centers continues to stay busy and productive. We're excited to see so many of our members working hard at work across Louisiana. Special thanks to Business Manager/President D. Jason Billings, who continues to advocate for better financial support toward apprenticeship training through collective bargaining and contract negotiations. These efforts are crucial to our long-term sustainability and success.

Equipment & Site Maintenance Updates

While we haven't had apprentices employed at the training site recently, our makeup week allowed for some much-needed maintenance. Here's what's new:

- Our large hydraulic crane returned from Deep South on April 14th, meaning both large and small cranes are now available again for testing.
- Plans are underway to update our training computers, aiming to have five clean, ready-to-use systems for CCO written prep. These will stay on-site and assist in building comfort and confidence with the testing platforms.
- A cellular data plan has been added to our iPad used during practical's, at just \$30/month. This ensures we can meet CCO's new requirement of uploading photos during exams.

NOTE: If you see pictures being taken during a practical exam, don't worry, you've done nothing wrong! This is simply a new compliance measure to

ensure exam integrity across the country.

We've also resumed maintenance on our road frontage property along Hwy 445, as the farmer will not be planting there this year.

Training & Testing – What's Ahead

Our next CCO written classes are scheduled for:

- October 4, 2025
- October 11, 2025

The Apprenticeship Board will meet soon, where we will decide whether to transition to Event Online Testing (EOT) or to begin scheduling members at TCT sites. The goal remains the same: a smoother, more efficient testing experience for all.

Evaluation Improvements & Application Day

To ensure the integrity of our evaluations and reduce wasted resources, we now require those who are requesting evaluations to verify 2,000 hours of operator experience. This change helps us stay focused on candidates who are truly ready to work.

Application Day was held on June 11th, and while we're still finalizing numbers, we received over 293 applications!

A reminder to all: Applicants must be job ready upon arriving for application day. They may contact the apprenticeship site for detailed instruction for what is needed to be job ready. This ensures all incoming apprentices are truly work-ready.

Current Apprenticeship Stats

We currently have 35 active apprentices, with 23 employed by the following contractors:

- Boh Bros: 6
- Deep South: 14
- Turner Industries: 2
- Maxim Crane: 1

Of the 12 not working, 10 are no longer participating, while the remaining two face transportation challenges. We continue to work with all apprentices to support their success. The last date for class hours to count toward progression was June 14th (CCO Load Chart Class). All progressions, cancellations, resignations, holds, and graduation updates will be sent to contractors. Any raises due will go into effect August 1, 2025.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

HIAB Expo – Tentatively with Board approval-August 13–14, 2025

Join us at the training site for this exciting event! Our new apprentices will also be present, creating an excellent opportunity to connect and mentor.

Instructor Updates

Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in instructing. We've identified one lead candidate and are working toward the possibility of hiring two more part-time instructors, pending final approval from the board.

Facility Improvements

Three contractors have submitted bids for the demolition and rebuilding of the old shop bathrooms. One bid is currently \$45,000 and includes:

- 1 shower
- 2 toilets
- 2 sinks
- Parts room (sea container)
- Storage closet
- Ice machine area

Equipment Sales

The P&H crane, which has already been sold twice, is expected to leave soon. Next up: our Case dozer will be going up for auction through Henderson Auctions.

CCO & Industry Updates

Please disregard any rumors regarding ASME B30.5 changes affecting the CCO written exam. No changes will be made until the updated edition is officially published in September 2025. Once released, we'll purchase the new edition and update our training packets accordingly. Until then, there's nothing to worry about - keep studying and progressing as usual!

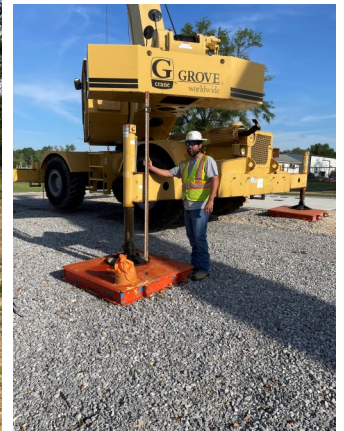
Conferences & Outreach

- CCO Springboard Meeting (April 14–18) was attended virtually - a cost-saving success.
- In August, Emile Rome, Nicholas Paul Demars, and I will attend the H&P Conference in Crosby, TX.
- Career fair activity is expected to resume in September/October, once schools are back in session.

Stay Safe This Summer

As always, please stay safe in this Louisiana heat. Drink water, rest when needed, and look out for one another. We're proud of the hard work each of you puts in daily - on the job and in the classroom. Thank you for being a part of our apprenticeship family. Let's continue to build the future of IUOE Local 406 - stronger, smarter, and safer, together.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING



NCCCO OPT TESTING (WRITTEN)

OPT testing is computer-based testing and availability to anyone needing to certify or recertify.

OPT testing is **ONLY** offered on the computer.

To schedule your OPT test today please contact the training site at **985-542-4322** or email hverret@iuoelocal406.org

Upcoming Class Dates *these dates are subject to change

- October 4, 2025 — Core Class
- October 11, 2025 — Load Chart Class

**** ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 7 AM ****

Physical address for classes and test is
50713 HWY 445 Loranger, LA 70446



Pipeline Projects Driving Union Success

by
William Young
Business Rep.
NORTH LA
DISTRICT
And Pipeline
Business Rep.



The North Louisiana District and statewide pipeline is in full swing with work and I'd like to begin by expressing my gratitude to the men and women who have helped us man the extreme amount of work throughout our state. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Operating Engineers for continuing to make our organization the best of the best. There is a significant amount of work happening across multiple areas in Louisiana. We currently have directional drilling operations underway in several locations, along with four pipeline projects progressing simultaneously. We recently signed an agreement with a new contractor, Fairway Electric – a directional drill electric contractor. The Price Gregory job at Oak Grove, Louisiana is off to a good start, while the pipeline around Anacoco is wrapping up. Pipeline work at the Ragley, Louisiana job site is going well. Work at the Comite Diversion is ongoing. As you know, the weather plays a big part in these jobs making progress; some weeks are better than others.

In Holly Ridge, Louisiana, we are assisting with the manning of the world's largest AI data center. We have multiple contractors working on a variety of equipment on the job site. The Army Corp of Engineers is beginning some levee work in North Louisiana, as well as surrounding states. By the time of this

publication, it should be manned to capacity. The sand plant job is still ongoing.

The heat is upon us and summer will be unrelenting. Please stay as hydrated as possible whenever you can. Stay where it is cool or choose to do your daily activities in the cool of the mornings, it does help.

A date has been set for the Pipeline and Retirees BBQ. That date is set for September 13th. As a reminder, please bring chairs and don't forget your family, they are welcome too. There will be some kid-friendly activities for the children. We invite you to join us for a fun-filled day. If you can, please join us at Local 406 for some food and fellowship. We're looking forward to seeing everyone this year. It is sure to be a great time.

Don't forget our union meetings coming up in Shreveport and Lake Charles on July 23rd and 24th. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend, please do so. This is the place to find out what is currently going on in the state and what is to come. Also, it's the best place to get answers to any questions you may have. As a reminder for anyone that is new, please don't forget our IUOE Training Center in Crosby, Texas. ITEC is where you can get the necessary skills for our industry. If you have the time, please take advantage of the training; it will benefit you in the long run. You must first be registered at iuoe.org and then review the schedule for the classes you want to take. Scheduling is limited on a first come/first serve basis.

In closing, back in May we lost a treasure in our industry, William "Paul" Cumbie. Several of you may remember working with him through the years. We already feel his absence and he will continue to be missed. RIP Paul.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! IUOE LOCAL 406 PIPELINE BBQ!

We are excited to announce that this year's Pipeline & Retirees BBQ has been scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 2025.

Ragan Madden Park
9337 Hwy 80 Simsboro, LA 71275a

Please join us for a fun-filled day! As always, family members are welcome to attend. There will be kid-friendly activities for the children to enjoy!

Don't forget your chairs and we look forward to seeing you there!

Peter Babin, Jr. Scholarship Award Rules and Instructions

The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 406 has established a scholarship program to be awarded to one child of Local 406 members annually. The college scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000 and will continue for four years if grades are maintained. The following rules will apply:

1. ELIGIBILITY

- All sons and daughters of Local 406 members may apply, provided the parent has been a 406 member in good standing for 5 years.
- Applicants must be high school students who have, or will be, graduated during the year they apply.
- Applicants must have a cumulative "B" average at the time of their application.
- Applicants must meet the academic requirements of an accredited college of their choice.
- Applications must be received by September 15, 2025 for 2025-2026 school year.

2. AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS:

- The Local 406 Business Office will verify parental membership requirements.
- A committee composed of the Executive Officers will judge all applications and will select the winner.
- The election will be made on the basis of academic achievements, student activity and financial need.

3. PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- The scholarship is to be used at a college or university of your choice.
- Payment will be made directly to the college or university at which the student registers. If tuition is less than award, the difference will be given to recipient of award for books, supplies, living expenses, etc.
- The \$1,000 scholarship will continue for 4 years provided a "B" average is maintained.

4. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Application form is a part of the **Engineers News**, on the I.U.O.E. Local 406 website and copies will also be available from any Local 406 office. When completed, the application shall be emailed to local406@iuoelocal406.org or mailed to IUOE Local 406, P.O. Box 7610, Metairie, LA 70010.
- A copy of the high school transcript should be sent with application.
- A recent photograph of the applicant shall accompany the
- application.

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From Outages To Opportunities

by
Russell Maddie, Jr.
Business Rep.
SELA DISTRICT
B.R. METRO



At the time of this writing, work in the Southeast Louisiana Baton Rouge Metro area has begun to slow down due to outages and turnarounds coming to an end. Most of the signatory contractors have stated that work will probably remain slow until sometime in the month of August with sporadic work at various locations.

Deep South and Turner Crane Rentals in the Baton Rouge District have slowed down as spring outages are pretty much all coming to an end, except for core employees staying steady due to previous booked non outage work.

Sarens USA and Roll Group, Roll Lift, are presently working on the BASF/Geismar module project, but are having issues with the Mississippi River water stages being too high to unload these bank modules with their transporters.

Day and Zimmerman, and Allied power, have both completed the spring outage at River Bend Station with D & Z keeping 2 Operating Engineers on payroll for maintenance and projects.

Boh Brothers is still at it working on the Highway 19 and Comite Diversion Projects but are having progress issues due to the abundance of rainfall since early spring. As mentioned in my last article, Omega Foundation had requested wage rates for a Civil PLA on these same Comite spreads, the bid offers presented are being considered for upcoming work.

Local 406 sent out CBA contract letters and emails for

Turner Industries Central Repair Shop/Baton Rouge on May 15th to begin contract negotiations, and we are trying to confirm dates to meet with TIG supervision and our Turner shop employees in the next few weeks to discuss new options and possible changes.

In closing, after a lengthy application process and combing over many resumes, President/Business Manager D. Jason Billings made the decision to hire, for a probationary period, a new office staff member. This is our efforts to acquire and secure a quality full-time staff member to handle our clerical business here. Deborah Welch was selected and we are excited to welcome her to the SELA-Baton Rouge Office. I encourage all my 406 brothers and sisters to greet and give her a warm welcome as she begins this journey with 406. May God bless everyone and keep you safe.

Bulletin Board

UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Remember to check you beneficiary for the Central Pension Fund, Southern Operators Health Fund or IUOE & Pipe Line Employers Health and Welfare Fund and your Annuity Fund. Be sure you have named a designated beneficiary and if there has been a change, up date your beneficiary information. Forms can be obtained by calling any Local 406 Office.

UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

If you move, be sure to update your address with the Union and the Benefit Funds. Ask for the proper forms from any Local 406 office.

Talks, Tools, & Temps On The Rise

by Kyle Leger
Business Rep/
Organizer
SELA DISTRICT
B. R. METRO



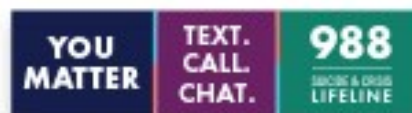
Summer is here, and it is hot! On the stationary side of the house, we are currently in contract negotiations for our members who work at the Gold Strike Casino in Tunica, Mississippi. These contract negotiations have been a slow process because there are three different unions involved in the same contract with the company. Scheduling can be challenging to get all parties together to negotiate the contract. It is important to understand when negotiating with multiple crafts, each craft has different issues which may have nothing to do with the craft that we represent. Even so, we are there to provide support for the other crafts because we are all in this together. This is another reason why contract negotiations can be time-consuming. But always remember that there is power in numbers. We anticipate that the Horseshoe Casino, which is next to the Gold Strike Casino, will be comparable to Gold Strike Casino in terms of nature, and those contract negotiations will be starting there soon.

I recently had the chance to visit our International Training Site in Crosby, Texas. I was enrolled in a "Members Assistance Program." While attending this class, I learned about how it is important to look out for others and what signs to look for. You never really know what others are going through. Stress can get the best of even the most resilient people. Often, people turn to alcohol and/or drugs. For example, an individual may have a medical condition or injury and be prescribed extremely addictive painkillers; or, perhaps, a person may be experiencing the effects of a traumatic event in their life. They could be unsure about where to seek assistance. I was provided with links and contacts from

different organizations that can help with these types of situations. This industry is dangerous and sometimes accidents happen. It is important that we look out for those who may have been involved. They may be going through a lot mentally or emotionally after an accident. Remember that we look after ourselves.

Upon returning from the classes, I was able to reach out to a local program and have obtained 100 doses of Narcan at zero cost to our Local or our members. There are boxes of Narcan in each district office. Please contact your Business Representative for further assistance with this. For those who don't know, Narcan (naloxone) nasal spray is a life-saving medication used to rapidly reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. It is completely safe to use, and it could help to save someone's life. Given the large number of Fentanyl related overdoses, it doesn't hurt to be prepared. It would be a good addition for your first aid kits at home.

I would like to remind everyone to make sure to stay hydrated. I know that it's summertime and many people will be out on the water and/or having outdoor events. Please make sure to replenish the electrolytes and fluids which are lost due to heat exposure. If you do not know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion, please contact your safety department for proper training on how to handle and even prevent this from happening. It is also that time of year when we need to be prepared for inclement weather. Make sure you have things readily available in case of emergencies and/or power outages. Non-perishable food items and bottled water are very important to have on hand in case of emergencies. I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all at our monthly Union meetings.



Tips for Staying Hydrated

- **Stay hydrated:** Drink water frequently—before, during, and after work—even if you're not thirsty.
- **Take regular breaks:** Rest in shaded or air-conditioned areas to cool down.
- **Wear appropriate clothing:** Choose lightweight, light-colored, and breathable fabrics.
- **Use sunscreen:** Protect your skin from harmful UV rays to prevent sunburn.
- **Know the signs of heat illness:** Watch for symptoms like dizziness, headache, nausea, muscle cramps, and excessive sweating. Stop work and seek shade if you experience any.
- **Schedule work wisely:** If possible, avoid heavy labor during the hottest hours (usually 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).
- **Work in teams:** Keep an eye on each other for signs of heat stress.
- **Use cooling aids:** Use wet cloths, fans, or misting sprays to help reduce body temperature.
- **Gradually acclimate:** If new to working in heat, gradually increase exposure over several days to build tolerance.

Office Closures
All Local 406 offices
will be closed on
Friday, July 4, 2025
(Independence Day)
and
Monday, September 1, 2025 (Labor Day).

Stationary, But Always On Point

By Hebert Santos
Organizer/ Stationary Rep.
SELA DISTRICT N.O.
METRO



I would first like to introduce myself as the newest member of the Local406 team. I was hired in March and have been given the opportunity by Business Manager/President D. Jason Billings to represent the Stationary Engineers. My background is with labor unions, and my last position was a Commissioner/Mediator for the New Orleans region. I look forward to expanding my knowledge in all facets of Local 406's business statewide. I am excited about bringing another skillset to complement the successful team that already exists in serving the membership.

My first assignment was reviewing all the Stationary contracts to get familiar with them. Some have multiple different crafts in the language of the agreement and others are craft specific. My task was to recognize the language that is important to our membership. Miguel Perrault and I then began visiting multiple job sites in the New Orleans Metro area, so that I could meet the members and understand different organizing techniques for the hoisting and portable division of our union.

Local 406's Representatives must submit themselves to an extensive back-

ground check to be able to obtain clearance to access the Casinos in Mississippi to represent the members there. I received approval from the Mississippi Gaming Commission to represent Local 406 as Business Representative and completed the required registration for the casinos. I was then able to attend meetings with Kyle Leger in Biloxi, Mississippi, at the Beau Rivage Casino. We are currently in the process of negotiating the contract for the Gold Strike Casino in Tunica, Mississippi, which will be a lengthy process because it involves multiple unions. We will have more meetings scheduled in July to continue negotiations.

Recently I also visited the International Training & Education Center in Crosby, Texas and was very impressed with the first-class facility. I would encourage everyone to take advantage of the training opportunities.

In New Orleans, we have been addressing issues at the federal buildings and Caesars Casino and Hotel regarding the new regulations for propane with the low GWP refrigeration. I brought this issue to Business Manager/President D. Jason Billings and he immediately made the funding available to purchase the manuals for the members who need them to obtain the new classification. We will be ordering the new manuals to give our members the ability to get certified. The ASM Global and Caesars Superdome contract was ratified for a 5-year agreement averaging 3% a year. I also had the privilege to sit in Boh Bros contract negotiations alongside Business Manager/President D. Jason Billings and Business

Representatives Russell Maddie and Miguel Perrault. A two-year agreement with an average annual increase of more than 4% was reached and ratified by the membership.

Our union brothers Ray Sundine and Joe Blazeovich from Local 150 in Chicago, Illinois after a prearrangement was made between General Sec. James Sweeney, who is Business Manager of Local 150, and Business Manager/President D. Jason Billings for them to arrive early June. They asked for our help in bringing awareness to recent issues regarding QSL at the First Street Wharf at the Port of New Orleans. They facilitating a ULP picket of QSL in Chicago and visited here regarding Darius Clement, an employee at QSL who disappeared during his shift. The company has refused to acknowledge his family's requests for information, and under Business Manager/President D. Jason Billings' leadership, Business Representatives William Young, David Hyatt, Kyle Leger, Miguel Perrault and I continued carrying on the message and have been bannerizing the Company with the family of Mr. Clement.

Remember, it is getting hot out there so please stay hydrated and watch out for signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Stay safe. I look forward to serving you in the future.



Members Sherman Lannes and Christian Betancourt at M.R. Pittman jobsite at Mirabeau Ave.



2025-2026 LOCAL 406 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Sex _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

State of legal Residence _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____ Marital Status Single _____ Married _____

Graduation Date _____ High School Grade Point Average _____ Name of High School _____

Address of High School _____

High School Activities and Honors (Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

College or University you will attend _____

Name of Parent who is a member of Local 406 _____ Registration # of Parent _____

Parent's Address _____ Parent's Phone # _____

Other scholarship or financial aid for which you have qualified for 2025-2026 _____

Will you work during the summer of 2025? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, state the amount of your projected earnings. \$ _____

Will you work during the 2025-2026 school year? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, state the estimated school year income. \$ _____

Projected school budget for 2025-2026

Tuition fees, books _____

Room and board _____

Child care _____

Clothing and laundry _____

Transportation _____

Medical and dental _____

Other _____

Total _____

How much financial assistance will your parents give you for 2025-2026? _____

During school, will you live at school or with parents? _____

Married? _____ If so, will your spouse contribute to your support? If so, how much \$ _____

State why you feel you should receive a scholarship (use additional paper if you wish) _____

Signature _____ Date _____