

**CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING
PORTOFINO GRILL
LA PORTE, INDIANA
NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

VI. New Business:

A. Elections were held for Division Chair.

- i. There was a nomination for Duane Seifert. The nomination was seconded. Mr. Seifert accepted the nomination. With no further nominations, there was a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded and, with no further discussion, duly carried. After a vote, Mr. Seifert was elected Chair of the Central Division.

B. Elections were held for the open seat on the Board of Directors.

- i. There was a nomination for Duane Seifert. The nomination was seconded. Mr. Seifert accepted the nomination. With no further nominations, there was a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded and, with no further discussion, duly carried. After a vote, Mr. Seifert was elected to the Board of Directors.

VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 5:00 PM Central Time

**CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING
PORTOFINO GRILL
LA PORTE, INDIANA
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

V. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. There was continued discussion regarding scheduling a meeting with GAN.
- B. There was further discussion on chapter expansion.

VI. **New Business:**

- A. It was noted that elections for Division Chair will be held next month as well as Board of Directors.

VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Matthew J. LaFree", is written over a horizontal line.

Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting:

November 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM



**CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING
MCGOWAN & SONS
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

MINUTES

I. The meeting was called to order around 5:14 PM.

Present:	Dave Ellis	Bob Harper	Matthew LaFree	Tom Mizwicki
	Duane Seifert	Chuck Shields	Nik Shields	Heather Thomas

II. The minutes of the previous Central Division meeting held on May 9, 2023 were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. It was seconded and, with no further discussion, duly carried.

III. **Reports of Officers:**

A. Chairman Report:

- i. Out-of-work numbers for Local 531 were reviewed:
Inside: 42 //23 Residential: 4 // 1 VDV: 0 // 3 Apprentices: 0 EH: 314
- ii. A recap was provided on the District IV Council and Electri International Council meetings.
- iii. An update was provided on JATC moving to a 4-year Inside program.
- iv. A work outlook was provided and there was discussion regarding upcoming projects. There is concern with providing enough labor for these while being able to maintain regular customers.

B. Chapter Report:

- i. Contractor Report:

Apr 2023	Local: 14	Traveling: 43
	Compliant: 55	Delinquent: 2
May 2023	Local: 14	Traveling: 45
	Compliant: 58	Delinquent: 1
Jun 2023	Local: 14	Traveling: 46
	Compliant: 58	Delinquent: 2
Jul 2023	Local: 14	Traveling: 46
	Compliant: 57	Delinquent: 3
- ii. Manhour/Manpower Report:

Mar 2023	Hours: 88,003 (77,962)	Labor: 657 (656)
May 2023	Hours: 138,801 (91,109)	Labor: 784 (630)
Jun 2023	Hours: 100,621 (88,717)	Labor: 762 (681)
Jul 2023	Hours: 74,798 (90,994)	Labor: 565 (682)
- iii. It was reported the Chapter has raised \$5,525 from 12 contributions for NECAPAC.
- iv. The upcoming calendar of events was reviewed.
- v. There was discussion regarding Local 305 / Fort Wayne, IN possibly joining the Northern IN chapter.

IV. **Reports of Committees:**

A. JATC

- i. It was reported that there are 117 total Apprentices currently in the program.
- ii. Interviews have been scheduled and will begin shortly.
- iii. The Committee will begin evaluating candidates to be the new Training Director.
- iv. The Completion Banquet for the most recent 2 classes will be Saturday, September 16.
- v. There was general discussion regarding Residential and Telecommunications Sub-Committees.

**CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING
MCGOWAN & SONS
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

B. Health & Welfare

- i. It was reported that a raise increase took effect June 1st.
- ii. It was reported the next meeting will be held in October.

C. Pension / Money Purchase

- i. It was reported funds are healthy. Pension is 102.7% funded.

D. LMCC

- i. It was reported there will be a meeting at the end of September. An update was provided on advertisements in the area.

V. Unfinished Business:

- A. None to discuss.

VI. New Business:

- A. There was a discussion regarding the GAN program. It was decided a meeting with their team would be beneficial and the Chapter will look to schedule something with them along with the other Divisions, if there is interest.
- B. The CBA was reviewed in preparation for upcoming negotiations. There was discussion regarding alternate classification.

VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting:

October 10, 2023 at 5:00 PM

**CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING
PATRICK'S GRILL
MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA
MAY 9, 2023**

C. Pension / Money Purchase

- i. It was reported the next meeting is scheduled for May.
- ii. It was reported that the funds are healthy.

D. LMCC

- i. An update was provided on the recent meeting and current advertising.
- ii. It was reported that Local 697 hired a branding manager.

V. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. None to discuss.

VI. **New Business:**

- A. It was reported that upcoming meetings will include review of the Inside CBA in preparation for upcoming negotiations.
- B. There was discussion regarding inviting local inspectors to future meetings.
- C. There was discussion regarding issues with the Union Hall sending automated calls to members during work hours.

VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting:

September 12, 2023 at 5:00PM



**CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING
MARTINIS RESTAURANT
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
APRIL 11, 2023**

MINUTES

I. The meeting was called to order around 5:13 PM.

Present:	Dave Ellis	Bob Harper	Matthew LaFree	Jose Martinez
	Tom Mizwicki	Duane Seifert	Chuck Shields	Nik Shields
	Heather Thomas	Monica Wantuch		

II. The minutes of the previous Central Division meeting held on March 14, 2023 were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. It was seconded and, with no further discussion, duly carried.

III. **Reports of Officers:**

A. Chairman Report:

- i. Out-of-work numbers for Local 531 were reviewed:
Inside: 44 (52 on Book 2) Residential: 3 (0 on Book 2) VDV: 1 Apprentices: 0 Electrical
Helpers: 41 working
- ii. It was reported the Electrical Training Alliance is pushing to move Apprenticeship from 5-year programs to 4 years. There is also a push to incorporate online classes.
- iii. A recap was of the recent Labor Relations Conference was provided. Notably, Roy Spence made a presentation regarding the marketing of trades work to young people and a national campaign to change the perception of a career in the trades.
- iv. A work outlook was provided and there was discussion on upcoming projects in the area.

B. Chapter Report:

- i. Contractor Report: Feb 2023: Local: 17 Traveling: 47
Compliant: 63 Delinquent: 1
- ii. Manhour/Manpower Report: Feb 2023: Hours: 62,639 (68,929) Labor: 530 (579)
- iii. The upcoming calendar of events was reviewed.

IV. **Reports of Committees:**

A. JATC

- i. It was noted that only a few interviews still remain. Following their completion, accepted applicants can begin their apprenticeship and be available sooner than usual.
- ii. It was reported that a 5th year apprentice had to be dismissed from the program for disciplinary reasons.
- iii. The Residential Committee will look to bring in 2-3 applicants.
- iv. The Telecommunications Committee has a meeting scheduled for the end of the month.

B. Health & Welfare

- i. There is a meeting scheduled for the end of the month.
- ii. The BCRC contribution will increase \$.03 effective May 29.
- iii. A letter was sent from BCRC to all contractors stating they are to report when laying off an employee.

**CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING
MARTINIS RESTAURANT
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
APRIL 11, 2023**

C. Pension / Money Purchase

- i. There was a general discussion.

D. LMCC

- i. There was a discussion on how to proceed when leads come in through the website.

V. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. None to discuss

VI. **New Business:**

- A. None to discuss

VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting: **Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 5:00PM**



CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING
PORTOFINO GRILL
LA PORTE, INDIANA
MARCH 14, 2023

MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order around 5:10 PM.
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| Present: | Laura Dayfield | Bob Harper | Matthew LaFree | Jose Martinez |
| | Tom Mizwicki | Duane Seifert | Nik Shields | Heather Thomas |
- II. The minutes of the previous Central Division meeting held on February 21, 2023 were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. It was seconded and, with no further discussion, duly carried.
- III. **Reports of Officers:**
- A. Chairman Report:
- Out-of-work numbers for Local 531 were reviewed:
Inside: 51 (42 on Book 2) Residential: 3 (1 on Book 2) VDV: 1 Apprentices: 0
Electrical Helpers: 133 working
 - A work outlook was provided and there was discussion on upcoming projects in the area.
- B. A Workforce Recruitment presentation was given by Laura Dayfield of the NECA Midwest Region office.
- C. Chapter Report:
- Contractor Report: Jan 2023: Local: 17 Traveling: 48
Compliant: 64 Delinquent: 1
 - Manhour/Manpower Report: Jan 2023: Hours: 54,271 (64,191) Labor: 450 (564)
 - An update regarding NECAPAC contributions for the year was provided. The Chapter earned Political Leadership Council status for a fifth consecutive year.
 - The upcoming calendar of events was reviewed.
- IV. **Reports of Committees:**
- A. JATC
- It was reported there will be 110 interviews. It is likely that interviews will take place over multiple Saturdays.
 - It was noted that some Electrical Helpers applying to the Apprenticeship are being scored unnecessarily higher by Labor trustees than other applicants.
 - It was reported that contributions are low.
 - It was reported the Residential and Telecommunications sub-Committees are working to schedule their next meetings.
 - BICSI train-the-trainer is underway.
 - There was discussion on upcoming telecommunications CBA negotiations.
- B. Health & Welfare
- There was general discussion.
- C. Pension / Money Purchase
- It was reported the Pension is 102% funded.
 - The Trustees are considering extra pension credits for hours worked in excess of maximum bank.
 - It was reported there is a retired pensioner currently working as electrical maintenance. It has been decided that pension benefits will be frozen until the matter is resolved.

**CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING
PORTOFINO GRILL
LAPORTE, INDIANA
MARCH 14, 2023**

D. LMCC

- i. There was general discussion

V. **Unfinished Business:**

VI. **New Business:**

- A. There was discussion regarding changes to the due dates for payroll reporting each month.
- B. It was noted that La Porte County has been using Project Management as their preferred General Contractor. It was further noted that Marquiss Electric is subsidiary of Project Management and it is suspected that any information (bids, etc.) submitted to Project Management can be seen and used by Marquiss.

- VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting:

Tuesday April 11, 2023 AT 5:00PM

**CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING
KELSEY'S STEAKHOUSE
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

IV. Reports of Committees:

A. JATC

- i. It was reported there are 105 Applicants, interviews will take place over Saturdays.
- ii. It was reported that reserves are healthy.
- iii. It was reported the VDV meeting was cancelled in February.

B. Health & Welfare

- i. An issue was reported wherein the Administrative Staff does not want to accommodate \$.50 increase from January. Board of Directors deadlocked on the issue, it will be referred to full Board of Trustees.

C. Pension / Money Purchase

- i. It was reported that there is a retiree known working maintenance for non-union company.

D. LMCC

- i. There was discussion on which contractors want to be contacted with leads from LMCC website.

V. Unfinished Business:

- A. None to discuss.

VI. New Business:

- A. None to discuss

VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, March 14, 2023 AT 5:00PM**



**CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING
KELSEY'S STEAKHOUSE
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
JANUARY 10, 2023**

MINUTES

I. The meeting was called to order around 5:09 PM.

Present:	Dave Ellis	Bob Harper	Matthew LaFree	Jose Martinez
	Tom Mizwicki	Duane Seifert	Chuck Shields	Nik Shields
	Doug Stefani	Heather Styborski		

II. The minutes of the previous Central Division meeting held on November 15, 2022 were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. It was seconded and, with no further discussion, duly carried.

III. **Reports of Officers:**

A. Chairman Report:

i. Out-of-work numbers for Local 531 were reviewed:

Inside: 70 // 20 Residential: 3 // 2 VDV: 0 // 0 Apprentices: 3

ii. A work outlook was provided.

B. Chapter Report:

i. Contractor Report:

Oct 2022:	Local: 17	Traveling: 48
	Compliant: 64	Delinquent: 1
Nov 2022:	Local: 17	Traveling: 48
	Compliant: 64	Delinquent: 1

ii. Manhour/Manpower Report:

Oct 2022:	Hours: 93,384 (60,081)	Labor: 656
Nov 2022:	Hours: 74,249 (60,705)	Labor: 595

iii. An update regarding NECAPAC contributions for the year was provided. The Chapter earned Political Leadership Council status for a fifth consecutive year.

iv. The upcoming calendar of events was reviewed.

v. An update was provided regarding the Chapter's interview process.

IV. **Reports of Committees:**

A. JATC

i. It was reported there are 3 apprentices on the book. Interviews are scheduled to start at the end of the month and take place on Saturdays.

ii. There was general discussion regarding Residential training. Bob Harper was appointed to serve in the open seat on the committee.

iii. There was general discussion regarding Telecommunication training. Dave Ellis was appointed to serve in the open seat on the committee.

B. Health & Welfare

i. It was reported the HRA contribution was reduced to accommodate the increase to the base Health and Welfare contribution. The next meeting of trustees will be in April.

C. Pension / Money Purchase

i. It was reported that an MOU is being negotiated to allow split reports and direct benefit contributions.

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KELSEY'S STEAKHOUSE
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
JANUARY 10, 2023**

D. LMCC

- i. It was reported that the new website and social media platforms are live. Powering NWI sponsored a EV Charging station at the Boys and Girls club and is being installed. The Committee is evaluating expenses over the past to establish a budget for the coming year.

V. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. None to discuss.

VI. **New Business:**

- A. Mr. Seifert reviewed committee appointments.
- B. There was discussion regarding split reports.

VII. There being no further business the meeting adjourned around 5:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. LaFree, Executive Director

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 AT 5:00PM