Vindication for unjust termination

Arbitrator awards full back pay and benefits

An arbitrator’s award in June confirmed what 751-member James Williams knew all along—he was unjustly terminated and should be returned to the payroll with full wages and benefits without loss of seniority. When the calculations are complete, it will deliver well over $100,000 to James.

However, it was a long road to get vindication from the day James was walked out of the Everett Boeing plant on January 17, 2013 for allegedly violating management levied against him for violations of the Labor Management Relations Act (LMRA). When he was walked out, he trusted our Union would fight the injustice and was thankful when the arbitrator's award overturned. He never imagined he would find himself in this situation being fired without just cause,” said James. “I was glad to have a union contract so we could right this injustice.”

As a long time Union Steward, James has seen many unjust accusations from management levied against members and battled to have them overturned. He never imagined he would be the victim of such a turn of events. When he was walked out, he trusted our Union would fight the injustice and was thankful when the arbitrator's award ordered he be returned with full wages and benefits. This case reinforces that one of the most valuable benefits of union representation is you are no longer an “at-will employee,” which means a company must not only show just cause for termination, but must follow progressive discipline called out in very specific contract language. Discipline must be fair and consistent or the union can challenge it through the grievance and arbitration system. Without our Union contract, James would have had to accept Boeing’s actions. Business Rep Rich McCabe pursued the case for James, along with assistance from Grievance Coordinator Emerson Hamilton who chairs the Union’s pre-arbitration panel.

“This case shows that you can stand up to the corporation if what you stand on is correct, and you have our Union to back you up. Our contract provides the ability to challenge Boeing on unjust discipline, and that is huge,” James said. “If you believe you will prevail, you can survive. We (my family) did it by staying strong, staying together and believing in our Union.”

James was pleased with the victory award, and the clear conclusions in the arbitrator’s decision which said: “The Employer failed to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the Grievant was terminated for cause.” The arbitrator went on to say that “virtually no persuasive or convincing evidence exists to support just cause termination.”

“I’m happy for James and glad the arbitrator delivered such a clear victory. Arbitrations always take considerable time to resolve a dispute, which makes it difficult on the member,” said Business Rep Rich McCabe. “The Union recognized it was an unjust termination and took it all the way to get it overturned.”

Accountability is a must for tax incentives

By LARRY BROWN
District 751 Legislative Director

On July 16, the District Lodge 751 Legislative Committee spent the day in Olympia working side-by-side with our brothers and sisters from SPEEA. Our unions worked to hear a report-out to the Legislature from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC). JLARC was reporting on whether or not the 2003 bill passed to create the preferential aerospace tax rate for the aerospace industry. Over $100 billion in tax rate breaks to industry are worth $32.2 billion and $8.7 billion respectively. Those are largest state tax incentive packages ever granted by any state in America. Both SPEEA and the Machinists Union believe there should be additional accountability measures connected to these huge tax breaks for aerospace. That is why we are pushing for the Aerospace Tax Incentive Accountability Act (ATIAA).

There have been several aerospace tax incentive bills passed over the years but the most notable and significant packages were passed by the Washington State Legislature and signed into law by the Governor in 2003 and 2013. The value of these tax breaks to industry are worth $32.2 billion and $8.7 billion respectively. Those are largest state tax incentive packages ever granted by any state in America. Both SPEEA and the Machinists Union believe there should be additional accountability measures connected to these huge tax breaks for aerospace. That is why we are pushing for the Aerospace Tax Incentive Accountability Act or ATIAA. The specific language of the ATIAA has not yet been crafted. However, this bill when passed into law will require employers receiving the preferential aerospace tax rate to keep jobs in Washington State and those

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Reports from the President

Comments give insight to corporate attitude toward workers

By JON HOLDEN
District 751 President

Are corporate leaders accountable to the people they lead? Too often, they are not. That is one of the fundamental problems in America today. CEOs do not represent the workers who provide the labor and generate the profits that make the corporations successful. They are not even living up to their responsibility to maximize profits with insulating public comments that hurt productivity.

When Boeing CEO Jim McNerney made the public comment on July 23rd about his employees “still cowering” few of us were surprised, but many in the community and the legislature can now see how he really feels. We don’t deserve to be treated that way, ever – not now or in the future. It has always been the Boeing workforce (IAM, other unions and non-represented alike) that deserve to be treated that way, ever – not now or in the future. It has always been the Boeing workforce (IAM, other unions and non-represented alike) that deserve to be treated that way, ever – not now or in the future. It has always

Although Mr. McNerney’s handlers quickly put together an email apology, it did nothing to hide his real feelings he has toward Boeing employees. “I should have used different words, and I apologize for them,” he said in an email. “I will definitely be more careful going forward.”

But it’s not the words he used that are the problem. The problem is the arrogance and disdain that he feels for us as Boeing workers – again an attitude that too many CEOs share.

Everything we as Machinists have seen during Mr. McNerney’s 9-year tenure as Boeing CEO leads us to believe that he truly does want to see employees cower down before him. He fails to respect that we are the most-productive aerospace workers in the world and only

Recognizes executives for their “talent.” To be successful, aerospace companies need highly skilled and motivated people. The human infrastructure is our competitive advantage because we all know it takes longer to train and develop a highly-skilled aerospace workforce than to build a super highway or put up a new factory building.

McNerney also fails to acknowledge that Washington State’s infrastructure for training aerospace workers is second to none – with our K-12, two year programs at community and technical colleges and 4-year universities that deliver cutting edge engineers for advanced design, research and development. Because of this, no other aerospace cluster in the world can compete with us on quality, innovation and productivity and Washington State tax payers have built that here. Our transportation system, which we can always improve, is also top rate with highways, airports, sea ports and rail that make Boeing one of the most successful aerospace companies in the world – currently reaping record profits.

Despite all that, our jobs in this state always seem to be on the line. However, it’s not just us. We’ve seen him act this way to our union brothers and sisters in SPEEA, to the Boeing security staffers who guard our plants – even to our elected leaders in Olympia, the ones who are supposed to be accountable to us. They approved the largest corporate tax break in U.S. history last year, for Boeing and its suppliers. Yet they made no guarantee of employment numbers for jobs in Washington State or provide any aerospace wage and benefit standards for our state’s citizens in exchange for the record $8.7 billion tax incentive.

So it wasn’t McNerney’s words that were offensive so much as the mindset his words reflect.

Whether or not McNerney retires or resigns isn’t the real issue because this is Continued on Page 5

Next town hall meeting series scheduled featuring a class on members’ rights

Dates and times have been set for the next series of town hall meetings. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the meeting most convenient for you.

The meetings will open with a 30-45 minute class on members’ rights on the job floor presented by Dave Campbell, a well-respected labor attorney who has represented 751 for many years.

The remainder of the time will be for open dialogue between members and union leaders. Union leaders want to hear from members. This is the time to discuss issues in your shop, ask questions, offer criticism and brainstorm ideas for our Union.

Three meetings will be held at each of the Puget Sound Union Halls so members on all three shifts get an opportunity to participate. Select the meeting most convenient for you and plan to attend.

Next Town Hall Meeting Series Schedule

Renton Union Hall: Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Auburn Union Hall: Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Everett Union Hall: Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Seattle Union Hall: Thursday, Oct. 2 at 6:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Membership fairs set for Saturday, September 27

Our Union has scheduled 751 Fair Day on Saturday, September 27 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at both the Evergreen Fairgrounds in Monroe and Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup. It will be a day of fun for members and their families.

Both locations will provide rides, activities, music. The only cost will be games of chance and food, but free to bring a picnic lunch.

Look for additional details in the September Aero Mechanic newspaper, but mark your calendar and plan for a day of fun and solidarity your Union.

Membership survey at Boeing: year’s chance for input

Stewards at Boeing began distributing membership surveys the week of July 21, which should be completed by Aug. 8.

This is the first membership survey in several years and another positive step in developing much needed two-way communication.

The survey has a paper version distributed and collected by Stewards to promote face-to-face interaction on the shop floor. In addition, there is an electronic version that was sent out in the September E-news.

Take the time to give us your input and opinion, which will help make our Union better and stronger.
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It was historic to see Machinists and SPEEA members working so closely together on such an important issue. These union members were working to protect the jobs for engineers, technicians and machinists. While our unions have worked together before, we have never seen such a large scale effort with so many of our members side-by-side, that is except when we are building airplanes together.

The next opportunity for the Machinists and SPEEA to work together on the ATIAA occurred at the 2014 Washington State Labor Council Convention (WSLC) later in July. Our unions jointly sponsored a resolution in support of the ATIAA. The delegates at the WSLC convention adopted a resolution in support of the Aerospace Tax Incentives Accountability Act (ATIAA). The adoption of this resolution makes passage of the ATIAA in the 2015 Legislative session a top priority for the AFL-CIO affiliated unions of Washington. By ensuring the state requires accountability for the generous tax incentives given to Boeing and the aerospace industry, our state’s taxpayers will be given a real return on investment for these preferential tax rates.

The Washington State Labor Council is comprised of over 600 affiliated unions, including King County. District 751 and SPEEA members brief State Rep Hans Zeiger on ATIAA. L to R: Mark Dracen (SPEEA), Paul Schubert (751), Chelsea Orvela (SPEEA), Zeiger, and David Henry (751).

Union members from across the state gathered in Wenatchee for the 2014 Constitutional Convention of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO. The majority of one day was devoted to WSLC delegates’ debate and passage of resolutions that establish the WSLC’s policies and priorities in the coming year, including a resolution for our Aerospace Tax Incentive Accountability Act. Dow Constantine told convention delegates that ever since he was first elected King County Executive in 2009 and inherited a recession-era budget mess, conservative forces have fought to blame public employees for the challenges faced in government. He has aggressively fought that mindset and now. It is time for these Machinists and SPEEA members working so closely together on such an important issue.

The Washington Labor Council is comprised of all of the affiliated labor standards and values from various industries across Washington.

The Machinists Union believes that the Union has supported and lobbied for all of the tax incentive measures since they were first introduced in 2003. We did this because we knew the incentives were intended to create good jobs for our state. The 2003 law which created a $3.2 billion tax break for Boeing and their subcontractors was intended to allow our state to build the 777X. That law created a preferential tax rate for aerospace set at nearly half the normal tax rate paid by other industries. This preferential tax rate became effective 2004 and would have expired in 2024.

Because of the total lack of accountability language in the 2003 law, there was no protection of the interests for the citizens of the state. In spite of what was then the largest state tax break in American history and assurance by the Boeing Company, much of the 787 airplane has been built everywhere except Washington State. The Boeing Company had always assured the unions and the industry analysts that wing manufacturing was a “core competency” that could NEVER be outsourced. Neither those assurances nor the tax incentives prevented the 787 wings from flying to Japan and taking the design and job away from the industry. A new major component, the tail section and the jobs to build it were sent to Italy. And despite all nearly $3.2 billion in tax breaks granted by Washington State, when Boeing decided it wanted more than one 787 line, they sent that 2nd line and those jobs to South Carolina.

The next major opportunity for the state to generously contribute to Boeing’s bottom line came in May, 2013 when at a ceremony located at the Future of Flight Museum; Governor Jay Inslee declared the 777X a “Project of State-wide Significance.” This allowed the Governor’s office to circumvent bureaucratic constraints and channel state resources to the effort of securing the 777X final assembly and wing manufacturing for our region. At the same time, the Washington Aerospace Partnership, an organization co-chaired by business (not Boeing), labor and government, issued a consultant-generated list of recommended legislation deemed essential for convincing Boeing to build the next big plane in Washington.

On that list of recommendations was an extension of the original 2003-2024 tax incentives. The new tax incentive bill would extend the benefit to Boeing and the industry through 2040 with estimated value of $8.7 billion. Again, during the three-day special session in November 2013, the union supported the legislation to extend the tax incentives. However, SPEEA and the Machinists with the support of the Washington State Labor Council asked Governor Inslee for more protections for the state taxpayers by ensuring that the design engineering work would be done by our brothers and sisters in SPEEA.

Boeing refused to agree to these terms. Therefore the Governor would not support the requirement that the engineers would keep the jobs to design the 777X. The only accountability measures for our state was that the final assembly and wing fabrication for the 777X would be secured, but still no design work. That was only achieved because of the State House Representatives and in particular Representative Ruenue Carlyle insisted on those provisions. The Machinists Union believes the Company has every right to build whatever products it wants and to build those products wherever it wants to build them. However, the state has an obligation to ensure it receives fair value for any tax incentives it grants to any business. The Machinists and SPEEA want Boeing and the rest of the aerospace industry to benefit from every dollar of the tax incentive provisions. But we must insist the state gets a fair shake in this deal. Washington State tax incentives should ensure good jobs are created in Washington State, not Alabama, California, South Carolina or Russia. That is what the Aerospace Tax Incentive Accountability Act is all about.

Delegates also heard from a panel of speakers about the challenges unions face with the Affordable Care Act, as well as attending a number of informative workshops including one from the Washington State Labor and Education Research Center.
When management takes corrective action and suspends a member pending an investigation, our Union Stewards spring into action and immediately begin gathering documentation to corroborate the member’s side of the story. Union Stewards routinely defend our members’ rights and get Corrective Action Memo’s (CAMs) and suspensions overturned, but rarely do they report their efforts. Our Union is trying to highlight more of these efforts to educate other members on their rights and the importance of having Union representation.

**Union beats suspension; management comes around**

Business Rep Rich McCabe applauds the work of stewards Ben Rieman and Jason Cummings in the Everett IRC. Their action and documentation overturned a 30-day suspension and ensured the member was paid for the full 30 days he was owed as though he had never missed work. In addition, they ensured that no corrective action was filed against the member.

Without the Machinists Union contract representation, a member would have had no recourse to challenge management’s false accusations.

Ben and Jason jumped into action after the member was suspended indefinitely pending an investigation. The stewards collected witness statements immediately following the incident to accurately capture what really occurred. These witness statements gathered by Stewards indicated that the incident was manipulated to put forward by management – especially as the accusations by management began to change during the investigation.

Business Rep Rich McCabe gave added pressure pointing out how management’s accusation was changing and that witness statements never waivered. He reinforced what the stewards had said and insisted this unjust suspension be overturned.

Once HR reviewed the discrepancies in management’s accusations and evidence of the witness statements, the CAM was pulled and the member was paid for the 30 days he was out on an unjust indefinite suspension.

The member has a new appreciation for what it means to have a union to back you up and the value of having an advocate. We would prefer that all overtime be voluntary; however, our contract does allow Boeing to designate or assign mandatory overtime with certain conditions. Notification of designated weekend overtime will be no later than the first rest break on Friday. When emergent situations arise following first break, notification of such overtime will be provided as soon as possible (LOU #16, paragraph 3).

**Overtime is voluntary once limits are met**

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stop management from trying to designate members to work additional overtime.

Thankfully Union Steward Adrian Cazem, John Kussy and other stewards in the EMC were aware of the potential issue and alerted members’ to their rights. One by one as members who were already over their quarterly limits were ordered to work mandatory overtime, Stewards defended members’ rights to refuse mandatory overtime because they were over the contractual limits.

“Sometimes daily, I would be going to management explaining they can no longer designate employees once the contractual limits were reached. Employees are free to work voluntary, but that is their decision with no pressure,” said Adrian. “It seems Boeing should educate their managers on this important contract language.”

“Members need to be diligent in reporting these violations when management attempts to order more overtime so our members’ time off is protected,” Adrian added.

Stewards in the EMC also stepped up when management tried to designate members to work the Fourth of July weekend. Stewards pointed to LOU #11, which says all overtime on a contractual holiday or on the weekend immediately preceding a Monday holiday or immediately following a Friday holiday shall be voluntary. The only exception is “where necessary for facilities maintenance.”

**Union Boeings contractual rules regarding overtime**

Union Reps have received a lot of questions on overtime pay. Below is a brief summary of language regarding overtime. Check with your Steward if you have a question or believe a contract violation has occurred.

**Overtime Scheduling:**
- The company must first try to find volunteers from among the people who normally do the work within the shop and shift.
- If more volunteers are needed, the next step is to ask other qualified employees in the same job classification.
- If still more people are needed, management can then designate any employee to fill the requirement.

**Overtime Pay Rates:**
- Time worked outside assigned shift on first or second shift shall be paid at 1.5 times base rate for first two hours and double time thereafter (6.10c2). Third shift on first day of rest shall be paid 1.5 times base rate and double time thereafter (6.10c3). 4. First day of rest (Saturday), first and second shift shall be paid 1.5 times base rate for first 8 and one-half hours and double time thereafter (6.10c2). Third shift on first day of rest shall be paid 1.5 times base rate for first two hours and double time thereafter (6.10c3).
- An employee’s schedule performance or work quality is currently documented as being deficient. Management may exclude an employee from overtime if:
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As of a result of these first hand eyewitness statements, the member was exonerated of any wrongdoing, received no discipline and was made whole for 23 days of pay he was denied while suspended pending investigation.

This is just another example of our Stewards fighting every day to protect the interests of the members.

If you get called into an interview you believe may result in discipline, be sure to ask for a Union Steward. Unlike “Miranda Rights” in a police situation, YOU MUST ASK for a Union Steward – the company does not have to give you of this right. It’s your right, don’t be afraid to use it!

**Another Suspension overturned**

Earlier this year, Union Steward Doug Robinson’s quick thinking and persistence also helped reverse an unjust suspension.

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When you should volunteer and work on a holiday, you are paid double time for hours worked plus 8-hours holiday pay.

Members can always volunteer for overtime on holiday weekends and the actual holidays, but our contract language ensures you have the option to spend the holiday weekends with family and friends.
Let’s be clear...Employers and Boeing did not feel generous and simply decide to give you two days off every week to have a social/personal life (weekends). Corporations did not just feel like being nice one day and give their employees paid vacations. CEOs didn’t get together in a board room and say “Let’s give our employees more rights at work” or “Maybe there should be laws to limit our power over an employee.”

Virtually ALL the benefits we have at work, all of the benefits and rights we enjoy everyday are there because unions fought hard and long for them against big businesses who did everything they could to prevent giving workers these rights. Many union members made sacrifices for the things we take for granted today. Stewards asked us to put together a quick run through of the many benefits in our IAM-Boeing contract. Below is a quick list.

**Benefits Worth Fighting For! How Our Union Improves Our Lives**

**NEW IAM-Boeing contract books available**

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less about how a single person feels and more about a corporate leadership culture and attitude that needs to change. Whoever succeeds McNerney will more than likely share the same sentiment, so it is this “corporate culture” that needs to change. That is a long-term goal and something we must all work on by educating other unions (union and nonunion alike) across America.

In the upcoming legislative session in 2015, we can hold this corporate culture that takes advantage of workers, states and communities accountable through our legislative process. That is why we are working so hard with SPEEA and other coalitions to pass the Aerospace Tax Incentive Accountability Act (ATIAA). We recognize no CEO in aerospace or any other industry will police their own behavior so it is up to us.

This proposed legislation would ensure that in return for the largest tax incentives in U.S. history ($7.7 billion), our state and communities receive family-wage aerospace jobs while at the same time retaining and growing high-paying engineering jobs. We all know that without a strong engineering workforce here, our industry will suffer.

With a corporate leadership that desires a cowering workforce and community, this legislation could be the only barrier between poverty wages and subsidizing companies who then send work out of our state.

We have been talking to legislators to point out the absence of assurances in the 2013 tax incentives passed in the special session and asking that they support accountability measures that should have been there in the first place (remember even South Carolina received guaranteed employment numbers for their much smaller tax incentive package).

The Washington State Labor Council made passage of the Aerospace Tax Incentive Accountability Act a top priority for the 2015 Legislative Session. The Machinists and SPEEA are building a strong coalition in the community in support of these accountability measures. It is only when we unite as workers and community, that we can overcome the arrogance and power exerted by corporate leaders that have such disdain for all of us.

While Boeing and other aerospace firms can and should collect the tax incentives, there must be a return on investment for the citizens of this state. That ‘return’ is family-wage aerospace jobs and growing this industry.

The Aerospace Tax Incentive Accountability Act would be a clear signal to Corporate America and the Boeing Company that Washington State, labor and our citizens demand accountability. It shows that Boeing employees and our communities count to no one.

Our members at Boeing and throughout the aerospace industry have worked hard to make the likes of Mr. McNerney a millionaire many times over. His demeaning comments are unworthy of someone who sits atop one of America’s most-important companies. Boeing workers and our communities deserve better than this. We deserve leaders who are accountable.

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Member’s letter to McNerney:

To Jim McNerney:

Sir, as a Boeing employee, I have to take a stand. Your recent comments about Boeing employees “cowering” before you, whether flippant or not, cannot be allowed to be spoken without feedback. It is hard to respond to this without rancor, but I’ll try.

Sir: I fought and bled in the service to my country, going where it sent me; accomplishing the mission to which I was assigned. I bled, my fellow soldiers bled, some died — yet we cowered before no man.

Some of our exploits are classified to this day — yet we cowered before no man. I worked as a structural steel union ironworker for 30 years before coming to the Boeing Company. I have helped to build the infrastructure of this nation, of Boeing and countless other companies. I have walked four-inch wide beams 800 feet above the ground, hung iron in 120 degree heat and in 75 degrees below zero — sir, I cower to no man.

I have scaled the highest mountain in North America, and stood atop 65 of some of the highest peaks in the continental United States and Alaska — I cower before no man. I have left my heart and hands to helping the poorest of the poor, I have ministered to those forgotten: I cower before the might, mercy and wonder of my God, but not before any man.

In my darkest hours, through trials and tribulations, in sickness and despair — I bent my knees only to my God, never to a man. In the moment that you asked me if I “cower” to you before your message, I did not know you, sir, as a person. But from the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. What you said is reprehensible; it indicates your heart may be morally and spiritually bankrupt and for that reason alone, instead of anger, sir, I pity you and will pray for your soul. But I will not cower before you. Maybe this note will cost me my job; but I will not cower before you. In the defense of all my co-workers at Boeing, I have to call you out, and say that this was wrong — but I won’t cower and not open my mouth.

I have always given every employer of mine eight hours work for eight hours pay. That doesn’t change no matter what — that is my integrity, my honor and duty. I have worked for a living since I was 6 years old — and I begged no one, I cowered to no one — my work spoke for me then, it speaks for me now.

May you sir have a change of heart one day and see that we, your employees are not just a number on a spreadsheet, but are the actual life’s blood of this company and you can come to understand and realize that basic fact. Till then, understand our acquiescence to the demands of the corporation were not acts of cowardly or by those motivated by fear, but of reality and need. We cower before no one; we just make this company what it is.

You owe us all an apology.

Regards,
David Robinson

Free stickers shown above are available at all Union offices.

Machinists Union members and their families and friends took to the District 751 Facebook page to post their response to Boeing CEO Jim McNerney’s ‘cowering employees’ remark. Here’s his sample:

“I should have used different words, and I apologize for them,” the message said. ‘I will definitely be more careful going forward.’ What he meant to say was ‘I should have used bigger words so they won’t understand me.’ He knew exactly what he was saying and meant every word of it.” — Selis

“He can apologize all he wants, does no good. Damage done, can’t change your character. It amazes me that a leader filling that billet thinks so little of his people. That is not leadership.” — Nick

“We all love building airplanes but the atmosphere at Boeing has been getting worse for some time now. And a lot of us feel like Boeing is trying to make us cower down. I think that is why this offended so many people the way it did.” — Joshua

“Awesome. It appears that workers are gathering steam, dropping the remote and starting to fight for what we earn. It’s a Catch 22 listening to the success of the company because of how they robbed us of that success, the workers, the skin of this corporation.” — Frankie

“(For) a leader who has the backing of those he leads, a comment like this would have never become an issue. It is more than the actions of Jim McNerney as CEO, it is the response of the people who make the company he leads. The outcry shows that he and I cower before no one; we just make this company what it is.

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Speaking out on Facebook

“According to my husband who works in Everett plant, your comment on the head cheeses comment wasn’t strong enough. These people work THIER butts off. Well, some people. My husband is one of them. He has sweat stains on the chest of his shirt when he comes home. To say that these people are cowards, is an outrage. Who’s making this man rich? If it wasn’t for his sweet shop, where would he get his covered pension plan?” — Lynae

“We as citizens should be outraged at this comment. During a very sad day in my history people spoke like this to slaves.” — Liz

“That sort of behavior wouldn’t fly if a Machinist did it.” — Angel

“I feel Jim McNerney humiliated, intimidated, assaulted and—next to mention—created a hostile work environment for everyone who works for the company. ... Say does anyone respect, let alone trust, Jim now? — Hey, if you don’t see me at work its because I’m cowering somewhere.” — Dan

“I do not care that Mr. McNerney apologized. He is not just held to a standard, he is held to the highest standard. One cannot simply make a bad joke (which I don’t think it was a joke) ... and simply apologize. ... So does that mean ... we can treat people without dignity and respect and apologize? ... Double standard absolutely.” — Marnie

“I work at Triumph and am in the same union, and believe you me this pissed me off to no end. We have been bullied by this man also. We’ve had our pensions cut, wages cut, only to put more money in his pocket!” — Suzanne

His “apology” may be too little, too late. The words have done their damage. No CEO should ever talk about his workforce like that, ever! ... This whole episode also seems to illustrate the disparity between the working class and the rich. Those who don’t have a clue as to the daily struggles the average working man/woman goes thru day after day are not entitled to make jokes or snide comments. We need to grow from this, hold strong and stay proud.” — Heather

“Is there any doubt that the company has declared the employees as the enemy?” — Craig

“Apology not accepted. You showed your true colors Jim McNasty.” — Robley

“We Cower to No One’ Shirts Available Starting August 6 at Union Halls for $5

These “We Cower to No One” t-shirts are available at all Union offices for just $5. A limited number of shirts were ordered so stop by the Union hall and get yours today!

T-shirt front

T-shirt back

Members can also purchase the shirts at any of the Local Lodge meetings or barbecues in the month of August. Get yours today and wear it with pride!
Members Respond to McNerney’s Comments

SPEEA Responds to McNerney’s Comments

SPEEA joins the growing chorus of members, employees, managers, analysts and shareholders who are extremely disappointed Boeing CEO James McNerney wants to keep the employees who build the world’s greatest aerospace products “cowering.” Even if he thinks the comment was made in jest, it has reverberated in the workplace and around the globe as callous, insensitive, arrogant and just plain wrong.

McNerney’s so-called “apology” did little to help. By saying he was simply trying to make a joke about his age, he reiterated that, at least as of today, he will not abide by the company’s mandatory retirement policy and leave when he turns 65.

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Members soundoff on 751 web

McNerney’s comments also sent got members writing in to the 751 web.

“I know it is not much, but in response to how Boeing corporate treats it’s employees I will never shop in Boeing store and I will never buy any shirt, hat or jacket with Boeing logo or name in public.

I am an immigrant from former Communist country, and I tell you, not even Communists treated us with such arrogance. They at least pretended that they care about workers.”  -- Jay

“They keep pushing that we need to move on from the events of late last year and early this year, that we are all part of the ‘Boeing Family.’ His comments do nothing for mending fences. I have worked for Boeing, for almost 26 years and have never felt so worthless as I did after hearing his comments. It makes it really hard to forgive or forget.” -- Kris

“His apology will not be accepted. He said how he truly feels. It’s no surprise. (Boeing Commercial Airplane CEO Ray) Conner should go to keep it real. I wish I could say how I truly feel about them, but I can’t for fear of retaliation.

It is hard to comprehend why he would do this to the people that make this company successful.” -- Jeff

“Boeing functions because of engineers, Machinists and a whole host of others who work in a creative collaboration to make the best planes on this planet. The egotistical McNerney does not deserve a place on this team.” -- Richard

“I don’t what McNerney said considered slander to the employees? Before McDonnell Douglas took over, this used to be a family company. Not anymore – it’s how much arrogance can the company bring between the employees and management and the union.

Everyone used to look out for one another now it’s leave the knives at the door when you clock out.” -- Scott

“We need a CEO running this company who respects what we do for this company everyday.” -- Don

“Covering? Really! I take offense to that comment and I object to that comment. I am a 35-year veteran of the hourly-vs-Boeing wars and I cover before no one least of all that coward McNerney whom refuses to recognize the people that make this company run.” -- Chip

“BOEING PROFILE

WE ARE NOT COWERING, WE'RE BUSY MAKING YOU BILLIONS!

Machinists: We Cower to No One

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Boeing’s relationship with its own workers could come to a new low, it just happened,” Holden said in a July 23 message to union members. “It is astounding and sad that the leader of this company can relish forcing his employees to cower down to him.”

“Our members cower to no one,” Holden asserted. “Boeing employees deserve better than this.”

McNerney apologized the day after Holden’s letter, saying his comments were merely a joke gone wrong.

“I should have used different words,” he said. “I will definitely be more careful going forward.”

That apology fell flat for many union members, who took to the IAM 751 Facebook page to say that it wasn’t McNerney’s choice of words that offended them, but rather his attitude.

“We all love building airplanes, but the atmosphere at Boeing has been getting worse for some time now,” said Joshua Garland. “A lot of us feel like Boeing is trying to make us cower down – that’s why this offended so many people the way it did.”

“What he meant to say was ‘I should have used bigger words so they wouldn’t understand me,” said Selis Barrett, a ??? QA inspector. “He knew exactly what he meant every word of it.”

Holden said McNerney’s comments “do nothing to increase productivity and illustrate why morale is at an all-time low.”

They were astounding, too, given that just minutes after McNerney had explained to Wall Street how Machinists had driven a 52-percent increase in profits for Boeing by delivering a record number of commercial jets in the just-completed quarter.

McNerney’s “disdain and arrogance in how he condescendingly and devalue the proud Boeing Commercial Airplanes workforce,” Holden said. “These remarks are not worthy of someone who holds his position.”

Other union leaders also blasted McNerney.

“If this was supposed to be a joke, I don’t see any hardworking Machinist, Teamster, SPEEA or any other union member laughing,” wrote Rick Hicks, the president of Teamsters Joint Council 28, which represents the drivers in Boeing’s transportation department.

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Six members of the Machinists Volunteer Program at District 751 have been honored with the White House’s top award for volunteer service.

Brenda Brammer, George Braun, Rob Curran, Tom Lindberg, Chris Louie and Hazel Powers were presented with gold-level President’s Volunteer Service Awards at the July 8 meeting of the IAM 751 District Council.

The awards came with a plaque, a pin and a framed letter from President Obama, thanking the volunteers for “the kind of commitment to your community that moves America a step closer to its great promise.”

“This award exemplifies the best of our union, it is hard work and dedication,” said District 751 President Jon Holden. “Thank you for your service and for doing all you can to shape a better tomorrow for our great nation,” the President wrote.

The gold-level award winners were recognized for each giving more than 500 hours of volunteer service in 2013. As an organization, District 751 also received gold-level recognition from the White House. Union volunteers gave 15,893 hours working on 557 community service projects.

Union volunteers prepared and served meals for homeless people at missions in Tacoma and Everett, sorted and repackaged food donated to Northwest Harvest for distribution to local food banks, built eight wheelchair ramps for home-bound people and took part in service projects that assisted the Salvation Army, the Toy Rescue Mission, the American Cancer Society, Toys for Tots, United Way and Redeeming Soles, among others. IAM 751 volunteers also helped raise a record $384,000 for Guide Dogs of America in 2013.

The six gold-level winners were among 18 Machinists honored for their community service.

One union member, Vennie Murphy, received a silver-level Presidential Award for giving more than 250 hours to volunteer service in 2013, while 11 others were honored for giving more than 100 hours.

The bronze-level winners were: Brian Butler, Bill Brown, Nancy Jo Brown, Robley Evans, Clark Fromong, Jim Hutchins, Stephanie Lloyd-Agnew, Terri Myette, Gary Perry, Jacob Powers and Paul Schubert.

“Service to the community is one of the core values of the Machinists Union, said District 751 President Jon Holden. “These 18 union brothers and sisters of ours exemplify that, and it’s great to see them get this kind of recognition.”

District 751's summer fundraisers for Guide Dogs of America are in full swing with annual poker, trap shoot, races, golf and car show events for union members and their family and friends.

District 751 is Guide Dogs of America’s No. 1 fundraiser. Over the past five years, our union has raised nearly $1.5 million for the charity.

**Local C Poker Tournament**

Local C is planning another “All in for Guide Dogs” Hold ‘Em Tournament, following up on the success of last winter’s event.

The next tournament will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Tulalip Resort Casino, which is at 10200 Quil Ceda Blvd. near Marysville.

There is a $100 entry fee, with a limit of 150 entries. Lessons will be offered before tournament play starts. The top finishers will split a final table payout of $3,500.

There will also be a slot machine tournament for spouses and poker players who are eliminated early.

Information about the tournament, including where to go for entry forms, is available by calling the Everett Union Hall, (425) 355-8821.

In February, Local C raised $12,000 for Guide Dogs with a similar tournament.

**Spokane Trap Shoot**

Local 86 will hold its second Guide Dogs Charity Trap Shoot this summer.

The event will start with registration at 9 a.m. Aug. 10 at the Spokane Gun Club, 19615 E. Sprague Ave. in Greenacres. Shooting will begin at 10 a.m.

Registration costs $70 per shooter, which covers targets, lunch, trophies and prizes.

Last year’s first-ever Local 86 trap shoot raised $3,500 for Guide Dogs of America.

**Pacific Raceways**

District 751 is teaming up once again with Pacific Raceways for a joint charity fundraising event.

The Local F Karting Challenge on Sept. 6 provides a fun day of racing for teams of four.

Our union is selling discount $5 tickets for drag racing on Aug. 15 at the track, which is at 31001 144th Ave. SE in Kent.

Tickets are on sale at all IAM 751 union halls around Puget Sound. They are good for entry on any one day of the event. Children under 6 are free.

Racing starts at noon on Aug. 15 and 9 a.m. Aug. 16-17, and will feature racing in the Lucas Oil Regional Drag Race Series. District 751 members are also expected to take part.

This will be the tenth year that District 751 and Pacific Raceways have teamed up for the “Dog Days” event.

The previous eight race weekends have raised nearly $80,000 for Guide Dogs of America.

**Local A Car Show**

The Bill Baker Memorial Steel & Wheel SuperShow is Saturday, August 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Everett Union Hall, which features live music and food.

With $15,000.

For registration information, call the Everett Union Hall at (425) 355-8821.

The event is a fundraiser for North Whidbey Help House, a community-based food bank that serves northern Whidbey Island. Last year’s inaugural tournament attracted 56 golfers and raised more than $3,500 for Help House.

District 751 represents about 250 civilian workers at NAS Whidbey who are employed by L-3 Communications, Delmar Resources Group and Doss Aviation.

**Local F Karting Challenge**

Local F will hold its second annual Guide Dogs Karting Challenge on Sept. 6 at PRP Motorsports Park at Pacific Raceways in Kent.

The race will be from 2 to 6 p.m. and will feature teams of drivers racing around a track for two hours. Prizes will go to the teams that complete the most overall laps in the time allowed.

The cost is $400 per team, and each team can have up to four drivers. Lunch is included in the registration fee.

Last year’s Karting Challenge raised $15,000.

“IT was very successful last year and everybody had a lot of fun,” said Local F President Robley Evans.

For registration information, call Evans at (253) 350-6725.
Retirement News

July Retired Club business meeting minutes

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Health and Welfare: Helen Pompeo gave the report. A moment of silence was observed for the following deceased members: John Miller, Frank McCartney and Bradley Wolf. Helen Pompeo reminded all retirees to let her know about any brothers or sisters who are sick or in the hospital so that get well cards can be sent out to them.

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Catching up with each other provided a lot of support to obtain grants and other funds to make the bridge possible. T.J. Seibert said he went to the opening ceremony, and there was a good showing of people in attendance. Larry also stated that the South Park business community is very appreciative of what District 751 did to build the bridge. Robin Guevarra thanked Larry for his part in the process.

Larry was then asked about the political endorsements listed in the Aero Mechanic, in particular why Pam Roach was endorsed. Larry said her opponent has a life time zero rating from COPE. Pam Roach has a 25% rating. She has also indicated that she will not support a bill that would tie actual job numbers to tax incentives for aerospace companies. It is called the Aerospace Tax Incentives Accountability Act. Larry said the current tax incentives only ensure the $10 billion and final assembly will be built in Everett. The current tax incentive also provides subsidies to local aerospace companies such as AIM that pays $10/hour. This isn’t what was envisioned when the tax incentives were approved by the state legislature so we want to correct that.

Good & Welfare: Mike Keller said to be aware of a scam he heard about. People staying in hotels have received phone calls in their room from someone saying they are calling from the front desk and that there is something wrong with their credit card and are asked to verify their credit card information. This is not legit.

There was a request to serve sandwiches on different kinds of bread such as hoagie rolls.

New Business: Jackie asked Lucia Raum to read a motion requesting permission to purchase 100 pre-stamped post cards to be used for legislative action. John Guevarra explained the post cards would be used to communicate with state and national legislators concerning issues that we feel strongly about. The motion was M/S/P.

Jackie welcomed new retiree Richard Sprague who came for the first time because the bridge is now open.

Birthdays: The club sang Happy Birthday to Calvin Doss and Jerry Seidl. Helen and John Mah celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary in July.

571 RETIREMENT CLUB BUS TOUR
Wash. Leaf Festival, Leavenworth, WA
Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014
Meet at IAM Seattle Union Hall Continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Tour price $20 includes continental breakfast, boxed dinner and grand parade at noon. For tickets or to reserve your seat contact Tom Lux at 206-551-1371

Retirees

Congratulations to the following members who recently retired from the Union:

Carl M. Amos
Timothy W. Anderson
Terry L. Arkinson
Blair A. Austin
Malisa F. Bannavong
James D. Beard
Dennis A. Bradford
Robert W. Brown
Phillip A. Browne
Lynn F. Bucklin III
Gregory D. Buhre
Charles J. Carey
Jeffrey L. Coppinger
Dean M. Cossette
Keith A. Cosby
Pki C. Cun
Guy D. DeLong
Carl D. Draper
David R. Duncan
Richard J. Eklund
Steven R. Evans
Charles T. Harshorne
Douglas G. Haviland
Orville R. Henson Jr.
Diane M. Hinson
Kalvin L. Holther
Scott A. Holman
Rick D. Holman
Edward J. Hong

Thank H. Hong
Raelene J. Hoskin
Dale R. Ingram
Vicki L. Jackson
Alan C. Jones
Kerry Jorgensen
Douglas K. Kartes
James F. Kelly
John D. Kelly
Catherine M. Kelly
Kerry L. Kerston
Paul J. Knebel
Ronald R. Korenek
Joseph L. Leger
Robert D. Less
Linda S. Lynch
Pascaultio M. Marian
Billy G. Massey Jr.
Daniel V. McMurray
Melvin G. Merseal
Cheryl A. Miller
Gregory L. Miller
Jacqueline D. Monroe
Karen A. Moody
Edwin W. Magauran
Candie L. Olson
Stephen M. Olson
Pedro J. Ramos
Frederick W. Rantz

Denise K. Richardson
Richard B. Rodger
Robert J. Sackman
Dominador E. Salgado
James R. Schaeve
Teresa J. Scott
Harold L. Seabolt
Mark E. Seavey
Richard B. Sheils III
John C. Silver
Robert R. Smith
Orville D. Stange Jr.
Vernon J. Steiner
Darrell R. Surratt
Pamela C. Thrall
Patricia A. Tinker
Douglas E. Tones
Craig L. Tymony
Jackie C. Vany
Ron S. Vedder
Barbara E. Walker
Wayne A. Warn
James W. Whittlock
Jeffrey S. Wilson
Ronald E. Wilson
Thomas D. Yost
Susan M. Zanger
FINANCIAL $ENSE:

Talk money before wedding bells ring

Unless you and your spouse-to-be have spent a significant amount of time discussing how you plan to handle finances after the honeymoon, you may be setting yourselves up for a rough go — at least in the beginning and maybe for your entire time together. Studies have shown that money is a frequent topic of arguments in many marriages. One of the reasons may be that couples don’t spend enough time talking about money before the “big day.”

Marriage is a many-splendored thing, but when you begin to peel away the layers, one important thing you find is a business arrangement — that’s just one reason why it’s called a marriage “contract.” And as with any business arrangement, in a marriage you have money flowing in and money flowing out. As long as the inflow exceeds the money flowing in and money flowing out, there’s an emotional aspect to everything, but when you begin to peel away the layers, one important thing you find is that couples don’t spend enough time talking about money before the “big day.”

Differing attitudes toward debt accumulation is just one reason it’s important to know before the wedding what, if any, debts each of you is bringing to the marriage. If there is debt, decide whether to combine it or to keep separate credit histories and records. Many experts recommend that each individual retain his or her own credit cards and credit history. Doing so helps ensure financial independence and provides greater flexibility if either of you finds yourself alone at some point in the future. Also, if one of you has a poor credit history, it may be advisable not to commingle debt in order to retain the other’s better credit rating.

Estate planning. Addressing estate planning is vital, regardless of your age. When two people commit to legal responsibilities and obligations to each other, it’s important to talk about how they want to provide for an orderly transfer of assets. Included in the discussion should be considerations of the financial implications of life insurance and what would happen if a wage earner or worker at home spouse was lost. Pay particular attention to beneficiary designations on life insurance policies, IRAs and 401(k) plans. These designations will supersede instructions for distributing assets included in a will or trust. Each provider – insurance company, financial institution or plan administrator – needs to be contacted to update the beneficiary designations on these valuable assets. (This step is particularly important in the case of a second marriage.)

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At Boeing, new personalized retirement investment help available: First three months free if enrolled by Aug 29th

Boeing is offering a new program to help participants in the Boeing savings plan make informed decisions about their investment choices.

This month, you will receive your personalized Retirement Evaluation “Stoplight Report.” The report provides an analysis of your savings plan investments and contributions. At the same time, you’ll receive information about the ING Advisor Service, powered by Financial Engines, which offers retirement planning and investment advice and management services in two ways.

With the Professional Account Manager program, investment professionals manage your account for you, using the investment choices available in the Boeing savings plan. If you enroll in this program, you’ll receive a Welcome Kit describing your new investment strategy and what you can expect from the program. Investment Advisor Representatives are available to assist you at any time. There are fees to use this service, but a tiered fee schedule applies, which includes reduced fees for larger account balances.

Boeing has negotiated a special offer for you to experience Professional Account Manager. If you enroll by August 29, 2014, you’ll get 3 months free of program fees. You can visit the IAM/Boeing Joint Programs website at http://iam.boeing.com for more information.

Mango languages available at Joint Programs

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Local A President Les Mullin (r) administers the oath of office to Local A Educator Matt Hardy at the July Local A Meeting.

District President Jon Holden (r) administers the oath of office to Business Reps Wilson ‘Fergie’ Ferguson, Dena Bartman and Dan Snuk at a recent District Council meeting.

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Mango languages available at Joint Programs

IAM/Boeing Joint Programs is pleased to announce that we have partnered with Mango Languages to provide IAM-represented employees a new way to learn a language. Mango offers 60 foreign-language courses and 17 English language courses to choose from – and is continuously adding to their library of languages.

Mango offers a fast, effective, and convenient solution for all your language-learning needs. Each lesson combines real-life conversations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. The courses also give users insight into global customs and an effective approach that integrates components of vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture. Mango keeps language learning intuitive and encourages learners to fit pieces and sentence structures together without their own using critical thinking and repetition.

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Fiscal management. Combining accounts. As engaged individuals, you probably already have your own savings, checking, and brokerage accounts. But as a couple, do you want to combine everything into joint accounts or keep them separate? Having separate accounts lets each of you feel independent, knowing that you can tap your finances whenever the need arises. On the other hand, joining accounts can help unite your goals and create a more effective investment program.

Housing. If each of you already own real estate, you will need to face issues with housing, including: Will you live in one spouse’s home, or sell both homes and purchase a new one together? What will be the likely tax consequences of selling – especially if the sale will result in substantial capital gains or losses?

Financial goals. In today’s economy it’s important to set aside money for emergency expenses in case of sickness or job loss – experts recommend saving three to six months’ living expenses. That’s why it’s important to establish financial goals and determine your priorities as a couple. Do you want to dine out often, or eat in and save? How much do you want to spend on traveling and entertainment? How about for buying and decorating a home, leasing a car, etc.?...
Commitment to safety awarded

Recently, members at Republic Waste services were honored for service on the safety committee. Left to right Dave Gunmerston, Ken Howard, Virgil Faulconer, Dennis Dixon, Gary Shwe, Christopher Randall, Michael Gilliland, Don Tilletts. The committee rotates individuals every year to get more people involved in safety. The new plant manager strongly believes in safety and has invited Machinists Union Staff Ken Howard to attend meetings and help transform the committee into a more proactive committee.

ASC retirees honored at all-member lunch

When two members retired from ASC Machine Tools in July, our Union was there to honor them with a barbecue lunch that included all members on first shift at the plant. Leo Schmelh retired after 12 years as a Union member at ASC and Joe Markley also retired after several years at ASC. Allen Eveland and Bill Boone worked the barbecue grill along with Business Rep Steve Warren.

Union members enjoyed the lunch and a chance to wish the members well in their retirement.

The party was complete with a cake and presentation of an IAM Union watch for the retirees. Congratulations and best of luck in your retirement!

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Coordination and sharing of information were the main focus of a recent meeting between the South and East Columbia Basin Irrigation Districts. While the districts work together to keep intricate irrigation systems flowing through the eastern side of the state, workers rarely get an opportunity to speak directly with each other and share information.

Ken Howard, Machinists Staff Assistant, suggested a joint meeting and enlisted the help of Steve Agrenbroad, a Machinists Union Steward who also serves as President of the Columbia Basin Irrigation Council. The Council represents members of the Machinists Union, Operating Engineers, Teamsters and Laborers’ Union, at the three irrigation districts that are part of the Columbia Basin Project.

The joint meeting was productive and resulted in a candid discussion about the procedures and issues of this often dangerous work. A recent incident with a worker in the East District focused much of the discussion on safety and how to prevent such a near miss in the future.

The incident occurred when a worker was moving the boards that divert water in the canals. Somewhere the worker got flipped into the water, tried to get out, but was eventually swept away and through a siphon. Thankfully, he popped up about 5 seconds later on the other side without serious injury. He and his co-workers were pretty shaken up by the experience.

“It happened so fast, but we were lucky there wasn’t a different outcome. In my 30 years here, this is the first time we have had this type of incident. The fact that it happened, is worthy of discussing safer ways to do the work to prevent this in the future,” said Steve. “These canals have a lot of force and are very dangerous. People don’t realize how powerful water can be. Just think about news clips on flood situations where 8 inches of water is literally picking up and moving cars.”

“It was a very positive meeting. We talked extensively about safety aspects of these jobs,” Steve added. “I’m not sure what we will end up doing because we are still evaluating the options. The discussion brought safety to the forefront for everyone so we are more conscious of the risks in performing our jobs.”

The East District uses what they call “checkboards” to slow or speed up the water flow and checkboard pullers to remove the boards. The South District uses thugs for the same type of procedure.

Stewards from the South and East Columbia Basin Irrigation Districts met jointly to share information on safety and other issues.

Steward Karen Quinn and Project Steward Chris Powers won a grievance that added a tool attendant position. The misassignment had been an issue for years.

Grievance delivers tool attendant position at Hanford

Persistence paid off for Machinists Union members working at CHPRC at Hanford. In June, Union Steward Karen Quinn and Project Steward Chris Powers prevailed in a long-standing issue. After years of various grievances and other union efforts, management finally acknowledged and approved a Stock and Tool Attendant within the Soil and Ground Water Facilities.

Over the years, the Machinists Union repeatedly argued the need for the stock and tool crib attendant position, but was denied each time.

The Union looked for a new strategy and brought up the issue about 9 months ago at a joint meeting with other unions from the Hanford site. Working with the other unions, a new game plan was crafted to readdress the tool crib issue.

Chris and Karen pursued the issue, presented documentation that other jurisdictions were performing the work and, with assistance from the other unions, won approval for the Machinists-represented position.

“Karen and Chris did a great job on this misassignment issue. They were tenacious and by working with other unions, they got the necessary ammunition to back their case,” said Staff Assistant Ken Howard. “I remember fighting this issue when I was a project steward at the site to no avail. I’m happy to see this finally bring results for our members.”

With agreement to create the position, it will be filled through the contractual process to fill new job openings.

Commitment to safety awarded

Recently, members at Republic Waste services were honored for service on the safety committee. Left to right Dave Gunmerston, Ken Howard, Virgil Faulconer, Dennis Dixon, Gary Shwe, Christopher Randall, Michael Gilliland, Don Tilletts. The committee rotates individuals every year to get more people involved in safety. The new plant manager strongly believes in safety and has invited Machinists Union Staff Ken Howard to attend meetings and help transform the committee into a more proactive committee.

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When two members retired from ASC Machine Tools in July, our Union was there to honor them with a barbecue lunch that included all members on first shift at the plant. Leo Schmelh retired after 12 years as a Union member at ASC and Joe Markley also retired after several years at ASC. Allen Eveland and Bill Boone worked the barbecue grill along with Business Rep Steve Warren.

Union members enjoyed the lunch and a chance to wish the members well in their retirement.

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