

IBEW Local 77 Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
Aug 10, 2021

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Members in attendance Rex Habner, Steve Cant, Damian Hernandez, Aaron Robison, Chris Henning, Chuck Campy, Larry Becht, Jacob Morgan, Trenton Hornbeck, Sean Brehmeyer, Jesus Diaz

EUSAC Debriefing

- Damian Hernandez opened a discussion on the current openings at the L&I office.
- Chris Henning motioned having a letter written on behalf of the IBEW Local 77 Safety Committee in conjunction with the letter from the EUSAC Committee to the L&I office stating the need to have the opening filled in a timely manner. The motion was seconded by Jake Morgan and the task of composing was directed to Steve Cant.

Old Business

- Steve Cant informed the group of the ongoing emergency rule for wildfire smoke. He stated that this is a work in progress and has not yet been finalized.
- Damian Hernandez reviewed the list for EUSAC voting members that are from the labor side. A discussion followed and it has been noted that Jake Morgan will fill in as a substitute for Chuck Campy as the committee chair at the next EUSAC meeting.
- Damian Hernandez informed the group that the union safety day is still on the table but is on hold until a later date.

New Business

- Steve Cant reminded everyone to be aware that the ongoing emergency rules (Wildfire smoke, and Extreme heat exposers) are still being worked on and are subject to change before they are finalized.
- Jesus Diaz informed the group of the declining health conditions of Mike Fitzpatrick and made a motion to have a nomination letter to the Lineman Hall of Fame be presented on his behalf by IBEW Local 77. The motion was seconded by Jake Morgan and the task of writing the letter was accepted by Jesus Diaz.

- Jesus Diaz inquired about the OSHA utility accident statistics that were presented at the EUSAC meeting by Clint Sharps at Avista. Aaron Robison said he would follow up with Clint and pass the information back to the group.

Accidents and Near Misses

- Jake Morgan spoke to the group about the electrical contact that occurred on Inland Power property.
- Chris Henning spoke about a flash burn incident that occurred as a result of opening of a cut-out without the use of a load brake tool.
- Damian Hernandez informed the group to make sure to be better prepared for wildfire work due to the increased occurrence throughout the IBEW service areas.

Announcements

- Date for the remaining 2021 EUSAC meeting, November 16, 2021.
- Governors Safety Conference – September

Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Aaron Robison, Recorder

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