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THE BWI NORTH AMERICA REGIONAL MEETING HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The 2nd BWI North America Regional Meeting was held in Washington, D.C., on October 17-18th. Despite everyone's busy schedules, the affiliates showed their true commitment to strengthening our Regions' coordinated bargaining power and to improving our structure for future organizing events. A priority for all affiliated unions is to work collectively in targeting common multinational companies that have Framework Agreements in North America for organizing.

Discussions were also had on behalf of the Women's Subcommittee, Chaired by GST Dora Cervantes and IUPAT's Assistant Organizing Director Ryan Kekeris was appointed as the point person for the BWI North America Regional Youth Network.

BWI Regional By-Laws were drafted at this meeting and will be reviewed and discussed among the affiliates before the next meeting.



BWI and affiliated North American (NA) Region Representatives take a tour of IAM HQ. Pictured here with International President Martinez and GST Cervantes, left to right are: Mark Schneider, Legal-IAM; Mike Rose, Woodworkers-IAM and NA Region-BWI; Jan Noster-CMAW-Canada; Vincente Sanchez, FECOMA CCOO-Spain; Brian Bryant, GVP-IAM; Bob Martinez, Jr., IP-IAM; Per Olof Sjöo, GS--facet & BWI-Sweden; Dora Cervantes, GST-IAM and, Women's Committee-BWI; Ambet Yuson, BWI-Sweden; Chris Wasilenchuk-CMAW-Canada; Mike Martin-Iron Workers; Jin Sook Lee, BWI-Sweden; Vinny Addeo, Organizing-IAM.

IP Martinez Delivers Message of Solidarity at District Lodge W2 Council Meeting

District Lodge W2 held their Council Meeting in Tunica, MS on October 26th, preceded by a W2 Executive Board Meeting the night before. International President Bob Martinez, Jr., spoke to the delegates about issues that affect the members in District W2, along with other speakers that included local politicians, GVP Rickey Wallace and Woodworkers COS Mike Rose. The conference was chaired by District W2 President and Directing Business Representative Kelvin Godwin.

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The Winter 2018-2019 IAM Journal will be hitting the doorsteps of IAM members by early November. Here's a first look at one of several articles in this edition.

A WOODWORKER'S LEGACY

In the spirit of IAM's next *Journal* and "*A Culture of Service*" you will find the story "*Sustaining a Legacy*" about Woodworkers Local Lodge W130 President Jon Irvine and his supporting relationship with Scaler Trainee and friend, 21 year old Daniel Solanka. Two years ago Daniel's Dad and W130 logging crew member, Duane Solanka, was unexpectedly killed in a motorcycle accident. Jon's role as the lodge's Secretary-Treasurer brought him and Daniel together. This story is a heartfelt example of true unionism, "Being a union is more than just having a collective bargaining agreement and on-the-job protections. Being union is a family. We are stronger together than we are apart."

Read the full story in the *IAM Journal* and see the video here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aU09-Gy_oMk&t=2s

Pictured below, left: Scaling Trainee Daniel Solanka and pictured right, Local Lodge W130 President John Irvine and Daniel Solanka.



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IP Martinez spoke directly about recent layoffs at Red River Army Depot. He assured delegates that the Machinists Union will continue to do everything it can to assist the nearly 1000 members of LL 1243 affected by these layoff in Texarkana, TX. In response, the IAM has been mobilizing politicians locally and on Capitol Hill, as well as amplified the voices of families dealing with the aftermath in the press. IAM staff has been on the ground to hold job search training and all IAM resources remain ready to fight any future layoffs here or anywhere.

Martinez also congratulated and praised the District for recent organizing victory at VSC in Local Lodge 463. He encouraged all the delegates to stay in IAM's fight and to continue aligning themselves with the new initiatives that the IP has in place for our Union. That is, spending that places the membership first, organizing for the future and 'getting out the vote'!



International President Bob Martinez, Jr. and
DL W2 DBR & W2 Council President Kelvin Godwin

GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY TURNING THE CORNER

The 2018 Fire Season is serving as another reminder of the growing need to thin our forests, and reduce the buildup of woody debris and other forest fuels. While there is broad agreement of the need to do this work, the process to plan and implement a project on federal lands is often a difficult and challenging process. Due to declining budgets, our federal partners lack the necessary staff capacity to accomplish this valuable work.

With the advent of a new authority allowing the state of Oregon to lend a much needed helping hand, we look to be turning the corner.

In 2013, the Oregon legislature took an innovative, proactive step to fund the Federal Forest Restoration Program at the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). This established base capacity within ODF, allowing the state to engage and increase the pace and scale of restoration on federal lands in Oregon. Then in 2014, Congress authorized the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA), a mechanism which allows state resources to be used for planning and implementation of forest management on federal lands via federal dollars. This authority will be a key driver towards healthier, more resilient forests in Oregon.

In June of 2018, ODF awarded Oregon's first GNA timber sale - Paddock Butte - on the Fremont-Winema National Forest in Klamath County. Under GNA, ODF plans and manages each timber sale from start to finish – calculating the amount of harvestable timber, conducting the sale layout, and administering the timber sale. All costs to the state agency are recovered directly from the revenue generated from the timber sale.

At the current pace, ODF is on track to offer six additional timber sales across the state by the end of June, 2019. As shown in the table below, ODF currently has GNA timber sales in the pipeline on multiple National Forests in Oregon. In total, ODF estimates these sales will produce an additional 15 million board feet (mmbf) of timber volume, which would otherwise remain as a fuel risk on the landscape. This solution supports jobs in the forest sector, contributes to local economies, and begins reverse the trend on fire risk in our forests.

Sale Name	National Forest	County	Volume (mmbf)	Sale Date
Paddock Butte	Fremont-Winema	Klamath	2.2	May 2018
Chetco Bar	Rogue River-Siskiyou	Curry	4.5	Winter 2019
Park	Willamette	Lane	2.0	Spring 2019
Cain	Willamette	Lane	0.5	Spring 2019
Lobert 1	Fremont-Winema	Klamath	2.5	Spring 2019
Lobert 2	Fremont-Winema	Klamath	2.5	Spring 2019
Sparta	Wallowa-Whitman	Baker	0.8	Spring 2019
Cobb	Mt Hood	Hood River	0.5	Summer 2019

BIO-CORNER

Brother Ulysses Edwards joined the U.S. Airforce immediately following high school. In 1998, after his enlistment and while attending college, he became an IAM Machinists Union member of Local Lodge W484 when he began working at Potlatch-Deltic in Warren, Arkansas. Ulysses met his wife here, also an outstanding union member, and they married in 2001.

Brother Edwards has held many positions at Potlatch which all lead up to the job he holds in the Planer Mill today. He has held many union positions at the same time including, Shop Steward, Auditor, Trustee, Recording Secretary, Negotiating Committee Member and Vice President. Ulysses is currently Local Lodge W484 President.

The Edwards have one daughter, Amber, and two beautiful grandchildren, Jordan and Ryleigh. He is a sports fanatic and motorcycle enthusiast as a member of the Wolfpack M.C. in Warren, Arkansas.



Ulysses Edwards, President—IAM Local Lodge W484

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ON-THE-JOB

Pe Ell Weyerhaeuser. Look closely and you will see the American Flag flying in honor of Veterans' Day!

Thank you to all of our VETS!

A LITTLE HELP

Please keep all IAM members suffering loss because they may have been in the path of Hurricane Michael in October or affected by the California fires now or, any other natural disaster or storm event in your thoughts.

If you can, please consider donating to the IAM Disaster Relief Fund It should be noted that the Disaster Relief Fund is comprised entirely of voluntary contributions and does not include any dues dollars.

Or, if YOU have been affected by Hurricane Michael or Camp Fire or, another seasonal natural disaster and need financial assistance, **[click here for information on how to apply for help from the IAM](#)** ♦

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