

# WRENCH & WOOD

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## PRESIDENT MARTINEZ VISITS MEMBERS AFFECTED BY FLORIDA HURRICANE

IAM International President Bob Martinez visited IAM Local Lodge 1106 members still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Michael which ravaged the panhandle of Florida in early October 2018. The members are employed at the WestRock paper mill in Panama City, FL.

“One of the reasons I’m out here is to meet with the membership and make sure they understand that the International and our brothers and sisters across the country are still concerned about their wellbeing,” said Martinez. “This is our family, this is the Machinists family, and any of our members that are hurt or devastated by something, we want to be there for them at the end of the day.”

The WestRock plant itself took a major blow during the storm, but through teamwork with its workers limited production has resumed. The company is also assisting its employees in their efforts to return to a degree of normalcy. Immediately following the storm, it made available gasoline and water for workers and family, and nearly two months after the storm WestRock continues to provide employees with three meals a day under a large tent outside the plant.



*International President Bob Martinez talks to members of Local Lodge 1106 working at WestRock Panama City that weathered the hurricane.*



*Local Lodge 1106 Officers in front of the WestRock Panama City mill.*

## NEWS FROM THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY



Autumn rains may have put a damper on wildfire season but not the risk of floods and debris flows following in their wake. That is why a working group of state and federal agencies in Oregon have released a new playbook. The playbook will aid local officials and property owners in finding resources to help prevent or cope with potentially catastrophic wildfire after-effects.

The playbook can be accessed at:

[https://silverjackets.nfrmp.us/Portals/0/doc/Oregon/PostFireFloodPlaybook\\_2018-09-30.pdf?ver=2018-10-04-203119-453](https://silverjackets.nfrmp.us/Portals/0/doc/Oregon/PostFireFloodPlaybook_2018-09-30.pdf?ver=2018-10-04-203119-453)



### MISSION:

- Building Safe & Affordable Communities (BSAC) is an alliance of manufacturer, construction and community organizations committed to providing safe, affordable and sustainable housing and workplaces through the advancement of material choice.

### OBJECTIVES:

- Educate key decision makers and influencers on the importance of building material choice.
- Ensure the accuracy of information regarding fire safety, resilience, sustainability and affordability.
- Support state and local adoption of the most current building codes to ensure the safest buildings for our communities.

### WHY MATERIAL CHOICE?

- When built to code, all materials perform to the same level of safety regardless of materials.
- Thanks to stringent updating and improving done on U.S. codes every three years, we have some of the highest construction standards in the world.
- BSAC doesn't promote one product over another, because there is room for all materials in the marketplace.
- Ultimately, experts on the built environment (engineers, architects, developers) need the freedom to choose the best materials to meet a project owner's needs.
- Their expertise is under attack by the concrete and steel industries who are trying to limit material choice only to regain lost market share.
- Material choice is essential to building a sustainable future.

### TARGETED MEMBERS:

- Homebuilders/developers
- Architects
- Labor Unions
- Affordable housing advocates
- State forestry associations

### CURRENT MEMBERS:

- International Code Council
- Larrabure Framing
- Blueprint Robotics
- International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers – Woodworkers Department



The coalition has launched a landing page. Check it out at: <https://buildsafecommunities.com/>

# WOODWORKER DISTRICT LODGES

## TURNOUT FOR TRAINING



The Winpisinger Center teaches what it is to be a trade unionist. By studying labor history and the role unions play in our society, our members learn that unions are more than service organizations. We are part of a larger movement toward economic and social justice with dignity on the job. A number of members and Stewards within Woodworker District Lodges have turned out for training and are listed here. Their commitment and extra effort will help to grow and improve our union as well as make their personal union experience more profound. We thank you all!

### Leadership I - 06/10/2018

★	Name, Position	District	Local
	Shawn Armstrong, Steward	W24	63
	Jessica Deming, Member	W24	63

### Negotiation Prep for Bargaining Comm - - 07/08/2018

★	Russel Blankenship, Ch Steward	W24	1005
	Joe Kear, Member	W24	1005

### Leadership II - 09/09/2018

★	Cynthia G Anousakes, Steward	W2	463
	Steven Robert Mickle, Member	W24	1005
	Virginia Petersen, Steward	W24	1432

### Leadership II Spanish - 05/13/2018

★	Edgardo Ortega-Ramirez, Member	W24	63
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### Community Services - 09/09/2018

★	Paul Duncan Nance, Steward	W24	63
	Patricia Ann Newton, Steward	W2	260
	Benjamin Peterson, Member	W2	463
	Clarence Anthony Williams, Steward	W24	1005

### Organizing I Program - 09/30/2018

★	Brandon Elliott Waller, Member	W24	W12
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### Safety & Health Conference - 08/12/2018

★	Michael Ray Augustson, Member	5	W384
	Michael George Blevins, Member	5	W384

### Veteran's Services Program - 09/30/2018

★	Kyle Winkle, Member	W24	W130
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# BIO-CORNER

Meet Troy Jackson, President of the Maine Senate. Senator Jackson is serving his fourth term in the Maine Senate and second as the Senate Democratic Leader. He represents Senate District 1, which includes northern Aroostook County.

Senator Jackson has previously served on the Maine Legislature's committees on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development; State and Local Government; Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; and Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Jackson is a fifth-generation logger from Allagash, whose participation in the 1998 logging blockade along the Canadian border launched him into politics. In the Maine Legislature, Jackson has been a passionate advocate for workers' rights, including protection from unfair international competition, fair wages and the freedom to join a union. This year, Jackson hopes to pass "Hire Maine" legislation, which would prioritize the hiring of Maine loggers for Maine logging jobs.

Jackson lives in Allagash with his partner, Lana Pelletier. They have two adult sons, Chace and Camden.



Senator Troy Jackson

# WOODWORKERS



Port of Olympia Export Facility

ON-THE-JOB

*The Woodworkers Department  
wishes you all a  
Happy Holiday and healthy New Year!*



*The Willamette National Forest and the State of Oregon provided the U.S. Capitol Christmas tree and 75 smaller companion trees to adorn the West Lawn of the Capitol and surrounding buildings in Washington, DC. The tree-lighting ceremony was held in early December.*

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