



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

# IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

The Electrical Worker's Union for Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties

May 2022

## Local 234 Officers:



Lamont Adams  
**Business Manager/  
Financial Secretary**

Mike Ihnot  
**President**

Al Randall  
**Vice President**

Nick Prelgovisk  
**Treasurer**

Stephen Slovacek  
**Recording Secretary**

John Agra  
Andy Gattis  
Trudi Teller  
Ryan Porter  
**Executive Board**

## Business Manager's Report by Lamont Adams

Sisters and Brothers,

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 14 on Book 1, 154 on Book 2, 13 on Book 3, and 4 on Book 4. There is 0 on Book 1 for Sound & Comm, 3 on Book 2, 0 on Book 3, and 0 on book 4. There are 1 on CW Book 1 and 2 on CW Book 2. There is 0 Inside apprentices on the out-of-work list.

Local 234's election process has started. See the official notice on page 3. There will have several vacancies this year and nominations will be at our **May 11th** General Body Meeting. The

President, Vice-President, and at least two Executive Board members have informed me they will no longer be able to serve. I want to thank Mike Ihnot, Al Randall, Andy Gattis, and Trudi Teller for their service to our Local. These openings create a unique opportunity for other members to get involved and serve their Local. I encourage anyone who is interested in giving back to Local 234 to run for office. I would also like to thank the membership for your confidence and trust in electing me as your Business Manager/ Financial Secretary in 2019. It has been an honor to serve and if reelected I will continue to serve and lead our Local into bright future I know we have to come.

IBEW Local 234, the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council, and the Monterey, Santa Cruz Building Trades Council has made several political endorsements for the upcoming **June 7, 2022** primary election. The list of endorsements can be found on page 5. We need to get out and vote for the candidates that share our values and will fight for policies that benefit the hard working people of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties.

There will be a Labor Literature Drop on Sunday, **May 7, 2022 at 9AM** for Monterey County Supervisor District 2

Candidate Regina Gage. The rally point will be at Local 234 and volunteers are needed. This rally is being call Boots, Beer, and Food. So there will be food and drinks provided for this event. Democracy is not a spectator sport. Your participation is needed and required.

Our Local elections are very important and have the greatest impact on our lives. We are trying to get Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) passed in the cities of Seaside and Santa Cruz. These agreements ensure work for our members and increase the labor standards of all working people in our community. Please contact the local candidates listed on page 5 and volunteer to help their campaigns in any way you can.

I would like to congratulate the 2022 Inside graduates: Israel Andrade, Scott Benson, Tyler Daly, Gilberto Espindola, Ashley Gibson, Joshua Haupt, Jaime Hernandez, Sam Martinez, Aaron Maxwell, Bryan Scott, and Jacob Taylor. Please take the time to congratulate our newest Journeyman Electricians and offer them any assistance they may need as they start down thier new paths. I would also like to congratulate the Outstanding Apprentices for 2022: 1st year Antonio Navarrete, 2nd year Robert Meloney, 3rd year Tyler Kendall, 4th year Kevin Page, and 5th year Scott Benson. The graduation ceremony will be held **Friday, May 20th** at the Monterey Tides Hotel in Monterey.



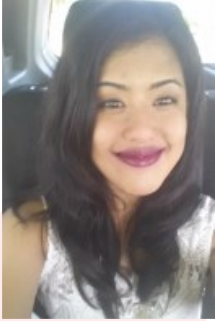
**Friday, May 27th** is a floating Holiday for Local 234 for both the Inside and Sound & Communications. **Monday, May 30th** is Memorial Day and a Holiday. Memorial Day is a day to remember those who lost their lives in service to our country's armed forces. Please take the time to thank the men and women who have served our great nation.

**Sunday, May 8th** is Mother's day. I want to thank all of the women in our lives that nourish, teach, and love unconditionally the previous, present and future generations of Local 234.

**Happy Mother's Day!**



## Prevention With Little Steps by Rasha Ania



For this month's newsletter, I would like to highlight the Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Sydney Health App. ☐.

The beauty of this app is that it is a one stop portal that allows you to:

1. Find Care that is covered by our plan
2. Communicate with an Anthem BCBS live via chat
3. View claims
4. Have access to a digital insurance card

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As this spring weather has been unpredictable, please be aware of the pollen alert ([www.pollen.com](http://www.pollen.com))

High pollen can cause irritation to the nasal and oral cavity, when if you do not normally have allergies. It is important to stay well hydrated and keep electrolytes handy during high pollen season. Taking an over-the-counter allergy medication as a preventive measure is also recommended.

CVS minute Clinic (covered by Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield) offers allergy testing.

## IBEW 234 Benefits Quick Reference Guide

### Health & Welfare

For Inside Wireman: Contact Benesys, the Local 234 benefits administrator | [www.ibew234benefits.org](http://www.ibew234benefits.org)  
408-588-3753 or 877-885-3753

Eligibility questions / new cards ask for **Eligibility Department**

Claims / Benny Card questions ask for **Member Services Department**

For Sound & Communications: Contact UAS (United Administrative Services) [www.uastpa.com](http://www.uastpa.com)  
408-288-4440 or 800-748-6417

### Pension & Retirement

Ninth District Pension Plan: Administered by—Joseph H. Herrle & Associates, Inc.  
503-221-1395 or 800-804-2385

NEBF (National Electrical Benefit Fund) [www.nebf.com](http://www.nebf.com)  
301-556-4300

IBEW (Pension Benefit Fund): [www.ibew.org](http://www.ibew.org)  
202-728-6206

# OFFICIAL NOTICE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS LOCAL UNION 234, IBEW

The nominations for officers of Local Union 234 will be held on May 8, 2019, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the local meeting hall located at 10300 Merritt Street in Castroville. Anyone desiring to be nominated must be present during the nominations or provide a written and signed statement that they will accept the nomination. No member may be a candidate for more than one (1) office. Anyone nominated to more than one office must choose the office for which they will be a candidate.

Nominations will proceed in the order of offices as listed in the IBEW Constitution whose term of office shall be three (3) years:

**President**

**Vice President**

**Recording Secretary**

**Financial Secretary/ Business Manager and Delegate to International Convention**

**Treasurer**

**Executive Board (4 positions)**

**Examining Board (5 positions)**

**Delegate to International Convention**

**Alternate Delegate to International Convention (2 positions)**

In order to be nominated, a member must have a minimum of two (2) years of continuous good standing in Local Union 234. Good standing means that the member is current in the payment of dues and has been for the two (2) years preceding the nominations.

No apprentice shall be eligible to hold office in the Local Union, except that a member who was previously eligible to hold office in the Local Union shall remain eligible if he/she entered an apprenticeship program for the purpose of upgrading his/her classification.

An election judge and tellers will be appointed at the close of nominations. None of these may be a candidate for any office.

The election shall be conducted by mail ballot, and ballots shall be counted beginning at 10:30 a.m. on June 22, 2019. All members in good standing shall be mailed a ballot not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the above-specified date. Ballots received after the close of business on June 21, 2019, will not be counted. Instructions on the use of the mail ballot will be enclosed with the ballot.

Candidates shall be entitled to an observer at the polling place and during the counting of the ballots. Observers may not interfere with the orderly procedure of the election. There shall be no campaigning or electioneering at the polls or within fifty (50) feet from the entrance to the polling place. No postings except for instructions shall be permitted at the polling place.

In the event a runoff election is required, same shall be held on July 13, 2019. The same rules shall apply to the runoff election as were applicable to the regular election.

All officers shall be installed and begin their three (3) year term at the regular meeting of the local union on July 10, 2019.

**Any member who believes a protest of the election is warranted during the conduct of the election is urged to contact the election judge. Further protests of the election may be filed in writing with International Vice President of the district within thirty (30) days following the election. The decision of the International Vice President shall conclude the processing of a protest within the IBEW. In the event the protesting member is not satisfied with the decision of the International Vice President, the member may submit his/her protest to the U.S. Department of Labor.**

# Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 741-9069

## ALL upgrade classes have gone back to 100% in-person learning at the training center

### CPR/First Aid Certification Class



A **CPR/First Aid class** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 7th** from **8am—1pm**. Instructor Merralinda Goddard will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR.

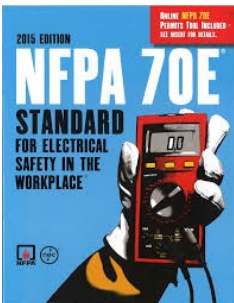
Contact Ytzel with the JATC at (831) 633-3063 to sign up and reserve your space.

\*If you reserve a space and do not show up for class, you will be responsible for paying for the class.\*

**Limited space available—sign up soon!**

## 2017 NEC Significant Changes Class

Instructor David Martinez will be leading the way through the Significant Changes of the 2017 National Electrical Code. Drop on in! You are welcome to attend one class or as many as you like in the series. This is a (3) three hour class. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17th at 5:30 PM



### NFPA 70E

**NFPA 70E** on **Saturday, June 18th** from **8:00 am - 2:00pm** with David Martinez

Limited Space! Please contact Itzel with the JATC at (831) 633-3063 to sign up.

## Congratulations on Completing Class

Significant Changes to the 2017 NEC, April 19th: Andres Laureano, Steven Luiz, and Jonathan Stanley



## Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month

The Apprentice of the Month program is sponsored by Milwaukee Tools. The goal is to encourage apprentice participation and reward a high performing student for achieving outstanding results both in the classroom and on the job.

For **May 2022** the JATC has chosen to recognize:

**1st-year: Andrew Vasconcellos**

as the Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month. The apprentice of the month will have a dedicated parking space at the Training Center and also receive a gift provided by Milwaukee.

# June 7th CA Primary Election Voter Guide

Voter Registration: Check whether you are registered at: [voterstatus.sos.ca.gov](http://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov)

Register through May 23, 2022 at: [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov)



## Federal

U.S. Senate

Alex Padilla

U.S. House of Representatives, District 19

Jimmy Panetta

U.S House of Representatives, District 18

Zoe Lofgren

## California State

California Governor

Gavin Newsom

California Lt. Governor

Eleni Kounalakis

California Secretary of State

Shirley Weber

California Controller

Malia Cohen

California Treasurer

Fiona Ma

California Attorney General

Rob Bonta

California Insurance Commissioner

Ricardo Lara

California Superintendent of Public Instruction

Tony K. Thurmond

California Board of Equalization

Michaelo Alioto-Pier & Sally Lieber

California State Assembly, District 28

Gail Pellerin

California State Assembly, District 29

Robert Rivas

California State Assembly, District 30

Jon Wizard

California State Senate, District 14

Anna Caballero

## Local

Monterey County Sheriff

Tina Nieto

Monterey County Board of Supervisors, District 2

Regina Gage

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, District 3

Justin Cummings

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, District 4

Felipe Hernandez

San Benito County Board of Supervisors, District 3

Mindy Sotelo

Hollister City Council

Delores Morales

Measure A—Pacific Grove City Sales Tax

YES

Measure B—Santa Cruz Co Transient Occupancy Tax

YES

Measure D— Santa Cruz Co Greenway Initiative

NO

Measure E—Santa Cruz City Charter Amendment

NO

Measure F—Santa Cruz City Sales Tax

YES

## Other Key Links:

CA election/vote info hub:

[www.sos.ca.gov/elections](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections)

Track your ballot (pre-election):

[California.ballottrax.net/voter](http://California.ballottrax.net/voter)

Find your polling place, election office, or drop box

[sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place](http://sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place)

## Member Life Events

We love to share our members accomplishments! Please email or call Natasha at **831-633-2311** or [natasha@ibew234.org](mailto:natasha@ibew234.org) with your good news. Marriages, Births, or other exciting news, so we can share it in our monthly newsletter!

## Check out our Social Media

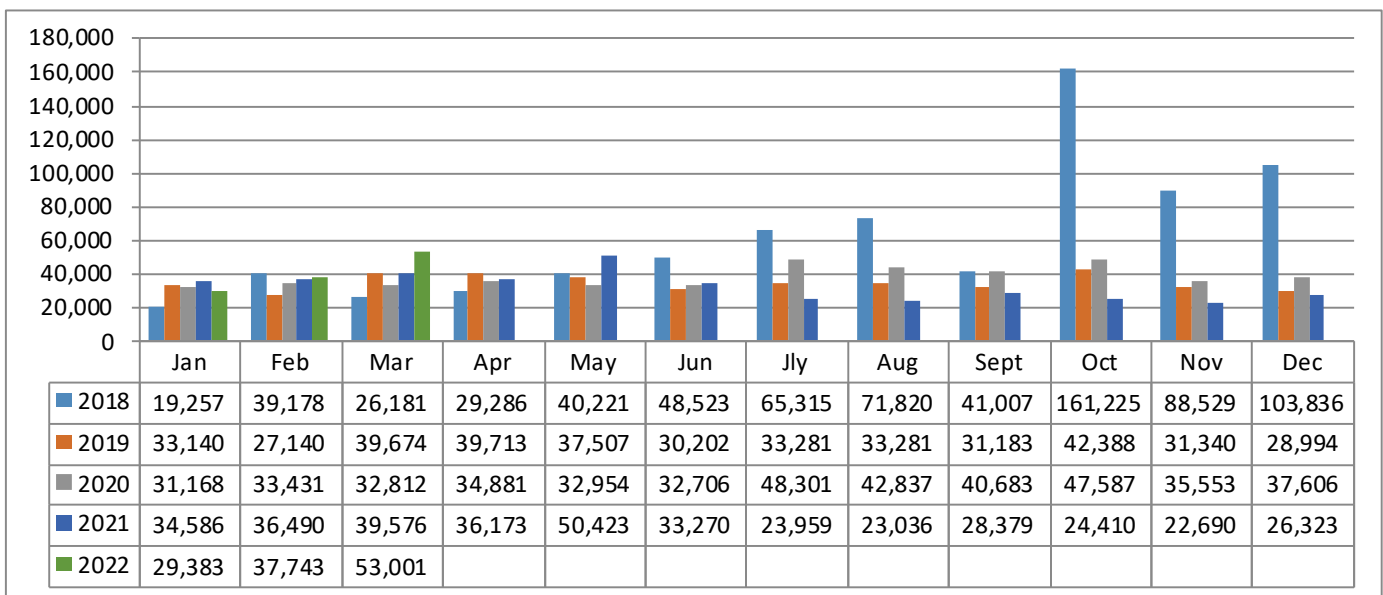
The latest news, photos, and fun!

<https://www.instagram.com/ibew234/?hl=en>



<https://www.tiktok.com/@ibew234>

## Monthly Hours Report



## Happy May Birthdays!

Francisco Aldape Jr  
Jose Amezcua  
Justin Anderson  
Trinidad Avila  
Issac Azua Sr  
Salvador Barajas  
Rigoberto Benavidez  
Clint Byrum  
Paul Chapin  
Laurie Clark  
Adam Cullers  
Terry Currence  
Alexander Elliott  
Davis Espinoza  
Gary Fenn  
Michael Freeman

Marcus Gaeta  
Jose Garcia Jr  
Fount Hanson  
Glenn Hanson  
Kasey Jeska  
Beau Kelly  
Tyler Kendall  
Robert Kirby  
Ronald Lance  
Alex Lara  
Jason Lawrence  
Christian Lopez  
Leo Lotz  
Felix Mabelo  
Jonathon Marquez  
Aaron Maxwell  
James McGee II

Jose Munoz  
David Novarina  
Federico Ortega  
Omar Padilla  
Alexander Palmer  
Charles Perkins  
Kevin Pitts  
Kevin Rategan  
Irlesis Rodriguez  
Darien Rosbach  
Joseph Sakoda  
Tommy Sims  
Robert Tagonan  
Will Thompson  
Juan Vargas Jr  
Bernie Wall

# This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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**Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee): Amari Arista** Won \$5.00

**Apprentice Give-Away: \$23.40—Juan Arguelles**

**Give-Away Winners:**

Michael Mangrum won an IBEW auto tag frame  
Zach Moore won an IBEW trailer hitch  
Carlos Prado won an IBEW Tervis mug

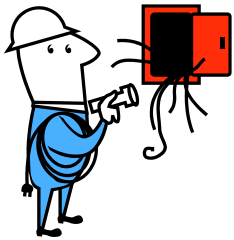
**Quote of the Month**

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

- Winston Churchill

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. The next general membership meeting has been scheduled on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 PM

Face masks are required for entry into building



# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mothers Day	9	10	11 General Body Meeting @ 6:30 PM	12	13	14
15	16	17 JATC Meeting @ 4:00PM Significant Changes @ 5:30PM	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 E-Board Meeting @ 6:00PM	26	27 Floating Holiday	28
29	30 HOLIDAY Memorial Day (observed)	31				



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