



**International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers**



**The Ironworker REPORT**

**Organizing – a Tough Job that Pays Great Dividends**

Negotiations are coming up this year. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve our agreement, please give us a call at the hall. Cesar and I are working to help clean up the agreement book and improve the working conditions for all our members. A couple things that are definitely going to be addressed are Health and Welfare and Pension funds. We need to ensure these funds stay solvent. More importantly, we need to ensure these benefits continue to be in existence for many years. In today's economy, these funds took severe hits and we need to recuperate.

Despite the economic downturn, we can still get out of this rut and continue to be a strong union. Unions must continue to grow if we want to uphold our wages and benefit standards, which is increasingly difficult to do if the non-union continues to grow and become our rival competitor. Organizing or union growth is not an easy undertaking. It requires substantial expenditure in money, resources, staffing and time. However, you can play a winning role in the Ironworkers' organizing effort.

There are numerous benefits – many of which are enjoyed not only union members, but by every working American – that we need to keep fighting for. For more than 80 years, Workers Compensation laws have benefitted millions of temporarily or permanently disabled workers. Unemployment insurance has become law as part of the Social Security Act. The National Labor Relations act of 1935 gave workers the legal right

to join a union. Another example is the Civil Rights Act of 1965, which the AFL-CIO strongly supported to secure passage. Unions fought hard for Private Pension Funds and the enactment of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act known as ERISA. And of course OSHA was passed in Congress in 1970 to ensure Health and Safety protections.

The benefits mentioned are not given – they are earned by every hard-working union member. Our benefit and wage standards are always under threat of being cut. To combat this we must ORGANIZE. We need volunteers for house calls to non-union workers – you and your co-workers are the most qualified to ensure best results. You have a simple message that explains why you are giving your time to volunteer: it is important for non-union workers to join a union to get the same higher wages and benefits as us. Otherwise, they will be competing with each other in a race to the bottom.

Elections for Delegates to the International Convention will be held at the hall in May, 2011. If you want to attend the convention you must be nominated in the April union meeting and be current with your union dues for the last two years. Please call the hall for more information.



*Work Safe,*  
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**Ironworkers Political Action League Presidents 200 Club**

- W.N. Stuckey
- Cesar Cabrera
- Tom Campbell
- John Sonka
- Michael La Douce
- Jack Gavett
- Juan Galvan

**Notice: All members are to report address and phone changes immediately.**

REMEMBER: To put your Book No. on payments made by check. Also, when paying by mail, please specify number of months for "Dues Only" or "Dues & Working Assessments".

## Get Involved!

### You walk the talk – now “talk the walk!”

The Ironworkers will be significantly stronger with the help of our members. Help us fight back the non-union and serve as a volunteer union organizer. You have plenty to tell the unorganized worker about why they need a union. Speak up for workers’ rights, and become active in our campaign to gain market share.

You can be especially helpful when an organizer calls on you to explain why and how you joined the union at the first meeting of non-union workers. **Your testimonial is so convincing because you have personally joined this union and as a worker, you are enjoying the benefits.** Your presence will be living proof that, contrary to the employers’ constant taunts, when unions promise to improve wages and working conditions, we do deliver on our promise.

### Prepare for upcoming growth

The consensus regarding overall spending growth is five percent for the commercial sector and 4 percent growth for institutional buildings. In other words, hotels, retail and health care facilities are going to see the strongest growth. We hope to see this growth translate into jobs sooner rather than later!

It is up to us as the current workforce to **get ready for these new projects and opportunities.** Through training, organizing and political action, we can accomplish our goals. Times are hard, but we assure you, we will be there whenever you need us, in person, by phone or email, giving you 100 percent of our attention. **Please visit our website at [www.local229.org](http://www.local229.org)** and sign up to volunteer or just to add you to our information and action alerts.

## Jack Gavett - Apprenticeship

There still seems to be a lot of confusion about renewing of welding certifications. The International will renew your certification at no cost if you send to them your continuity log book, properly filled out and on time.

Most of the rejections are for incorrectly filling out the date for the first and second six months on the form. Note that the International will only accept the gray log book issued by them; they will not accept the blue log books issued by the local.

It is important to list the contractor that you worked for on the form and have the inspector, CWI or superintendent sign it. For example, you receive a certification in September – the first six months will be any time from September to March; the second six months will be any time from March to September. The form needs to be copied and sent to the International by the end of September to renew.

If you are having a problem with your forms, call the apprenticeship office **before** your certifications expire. There is nothing we can do after the expiration date except charge you a \$25 fee to retake each test.

## Election Notices

Ironworkers Local Union 229 will hold nominations of **Delegates to the International Convention** held August 15-19, 2011, in Chicago. We will also hold nominations and elections of **judges.** In order to be eligible, you must have paid your monthly dues on time for the preceding two years. These will be held at the regular membership meeting on **Friday April 8, 2011 at 7 p.m.** at the union hall located at 5155 Mercury Point, San Diego. **Election of Delegates** will be held on **Friday May 13, 2011 at 7 p.m.**



Welding certification renewals – a complete and correct submission will save you time and money!

## CONGRATULATIONS to the new journeymen:

Juan Garilbaldi  
Nickolas Larsen  
Ernesto Leon  
Alejandro Rodriguez  
Alexander Torres  
Juan Valderrama

**Cesar Cabrera - Business Agent**  
**Brothers and Sisters:**



We have begun the road to recovery but we need to start with one of the most important things: UPGRADING ourselves. Local 229 is meeting the needs in the construction marketplace by producing the highest skilled, safe and DRUG FREE

IRONWORKER with the right attitudes and behavior. I am proud to see the high numbers of ironworkers attending the many classes we are offering as you are bettering the future union ironworkers and our contractors. Thank you for doing a great job.

The job outlook is a little better with SME at the San Diego Courthouse still taking on men, Schuff Steel starting up the San Diego Airport and ARB getting ready to start up in El Centro.

Our reinforcing department is slow and we have a lot of rodmen out of work and waiting for work – but you do not have to wait. Upgrade yourselves, believe, go after the work and try and learn another part of the trade, because change only happens when you take that first step forward.

**SIERRA STEEL** Nagala Residence–private home in La Jolla, Peters Residence–private home, UCSD Revelle Student Housing, Kaiser Zion Hospital, Madison High School–stadium, Urban Village – 43rd and University Avenue.

**RCI** BP13 San Diego Airport,T2 Runway, Baver Bridge Alpine, COC Office Bldgs., Laurel and Kettner Parking Structure, UCSD Rady Bldg, Ongoing Cedar Gateway and MCRD.

**CMC REBAR** Proton Building 1200 tons, UCSD Parking Structure 1200 tons.

**QUALITY REINFORCING** SDGE Imperial Valley, San Pasqual M.S., Clairemont H.S., CDC-NAB NASNI, P-1177, Jefferson E.S., Grossmont Griffen Center and Libby E.S.

**CORKYS WELDING** Border View YMCA 2 sty tilt up, Fairbanks Ranch Fire Station, Skyline Church 2 sty tilt up and Ranch San Diego, Johnson residence custom home La Jolla, vista Community Clinic Vista, Energy Innovation SD in March, Godwin Pumps in progress and Hollandia Dairy in March.

**ASBURY** Two four story at County Ops, North Island BEQ, Proton Center at Summer Ridge and Father Joe’s in downtown.

**SME** San Diego Federal Courthouse and also has the San Diego Library starting in field approx December 2011 will run for 4-5 months.

**SOUTHWEST STAIRS** Federal Courthouse and stairs at the San Diego Airport in January.

**MCMAHON STEEL Future Work** UCSD Revelle install of fibergrate rail, Mesa College and Salk Institute Central Plant misc and little structural steel.

**WHITMORE STEEL** San Diego New Central Library structural and misc., CC Del Mar, Citibank, Kaiser Permanente Medical Care,

Volunteer Barrier Removal, SDGE&E Palomar Energy Center, The Salk Institute Bio- Photonics Phase 2.

**KAYLAKE** James Madison High School, Morse High School and Sunroad Centrum, Doubletree in Carlsbad.

**SCHUFF STEEL** San Diego Airport, Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital 4th quarter 2011 and Scripps Hospital 4th quarter 2011.

**ANNING JOHNSON** San Diego Federal Courthouse, Sanford Consortium, San Diego H.S., Orange Glen H.S., Camp Pendleton BEQ 5P-242, #8 Comm bldgs, BEQ #6P-046, BEQ #6P-1114, Skirball North Build, Mesa College Student Service, San Ysidro Port of Entry west ramp, San Diego Airport Terminal 2 West expansion and Terminal 2 delay strips, Jefferson Elementary, Discovery Building D.

**ARB** El Centro Power Plant and Escondido Energy Plant.

**HARRIS REBAR** 905 bridges in Otay.

**CLARK STEEL** Pomerado Hospital in Escondido.

**CONCO** Carlsbad High School.

**CORESLAB STRUCTURES** San Diego College Summer 2011, San Diego Central Library late 2011, Vista Community Clinic Spring 2011.

**PCS** PCS Bridges along Highway 15 & 52, Federal Courthouse (Hensel), Stem Cell Research in La Jolla, Milcon fuel storage @ Point Loma Naval Station, Brawley WTP (El Centro), BEQ Enlisted Quarters Package #8 (Hensel & Soltek), NOAA La Jolla Laboratory Replacement Project, Father Joes – 12 story downtown, UCSD Structural Materials & Engineering (M A Mortenson), P-742 BEQ NB Coronado (Penick- Nordic JV), North City Campus SD Community Parking Structure, Reed Reservoir (Gateway Pacific), SD New Central Library (Turner) and SDCWA San Vicente Dam Raise. Startting soon: Santa Margarita Bridge, Padre Dam, Hazard Center Drive, UCSD Bio-Medical Research, North Torrey Pines Road Bridge improvements, El Centro Unit 3 Repowering, SDG&E Innovation Center, Morse High School Building and San Diego Airport Foundations.

**INTERNATIONAL IRON** Ongoing: Camp Pendleton-Bid Packs 5 and 6--- Wounded Warrior, Grossmont-Cuymaca Griffen Center and eastside safety build Apple Valley.

**COWELCO** San Vicente Dam starting in May.

**ISE** Morse High School, Hoover High School and UCSD Health Sciences East Campus.

**7 C’s ERECTORS** Restaurant Depot in Logan Heights.

**ENCLOS** San Diego Federal Courthouse.

**CLARK PACIFIC** San Diego Federal Courthouse.

**DIVERSIFIED METALWORKS** UCSD Rady School of Management.

**ORANGE COUNTY ERECTORS** Rollercoaster at Sea World.

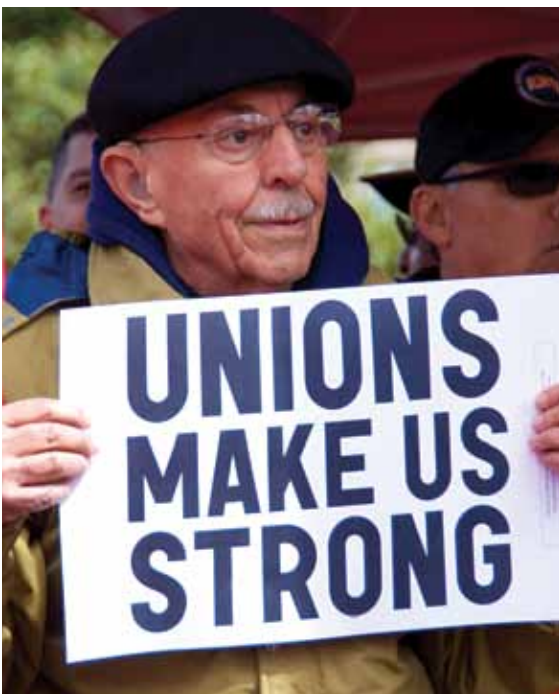
**TEMCOR** Twin Oaks Valley WTP.

**GENOA** Morse and Madison High Schools.

**EAGLE IRON** Carlsbad High School.

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Thanks to our members who attended the "We are One" rally recently to show support for Wisconsin workers! In a great show of solidarity, more than 1,200 people attended from all unions.



## 2011 CALENDAR

April	5	E-Board, 5:30PM
	8	Membership Meeting, 7PM
	8	Nominations for Convention Delegates (at membership meeting)
May	10	E-Board, 5:30PM
	13	Membership Meeting, 7PM
	13	Elections for Convention Delegates (at membership meeting)
	30	Memorial Day HALL CLOSED
June	7	E-Board, 5:30PM
	10	Membership Meeting, 7PM