



# NWRC-SMART Local #55 Update

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NWRC-Vice President/ Regional Manager, SMART #55 – Kolby Hanson

## Special points of interest:

- June Meetings
- Wage Allocation & Health Care Costs
- NW Regional Council/ 55 meetings
- Boise Negotiations. Complete
- **Update Your Contact Information**

<https://www.smw55.org/update>

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## NWRC SMART 55 Meetings:

Just to update everyone our meetings in June went as well as could be expected following COVID-19 restrictions. In Boise, NWRC FST Dennis Katsel attended the meeting and gave overview of the councils finances moving forward. President Tim Carter attended the Spokane, Lewiston & Pasco meetings. I want to thank all of our members whom attended and took part in all of the question and answer sessions during the meeting with International Representative John Christiansen. I want assure everyone that all of us on staff will continue to work diligently to ensure the success of the new council and keep local #55 the model for a first class local union.

COVID-19: We remain cautiously optimistic on future local #55 meetings. Depending on restrictions and the spikes in the virus we will keep the health and safety of our members foremost by cancelling meetings if required to.

SMOHIT Masks and Hand Sanitizer: We recently received a shipment of SMOHIT facemasks and hand sanitizer into the Pasco office. We will distribute inventories to Boise and Spokane offices for membership. Please reach out to your local Business Agent for details.

Please stay safe out there!

## Health Care Update for August 1st 2020 Increases

Plan A- \$0.30  
Plan B- \$0.25  
Extended Benefits \$0.01



Pro Mechanical Services-HVAC

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## Here We Grow Again: Application for Pasco area Regional Representative Position # 2. Deadline is July 17th.

Just a reminder that the deadline for applying for the new Pasco area Regional Representative is July 17th. Those interested in the position should submit their Resumes to the Regional Manager Kolby Hanson in the Pasco office.

Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday July 22nd with a tentative start day of Monday August 3rd.

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**SMART #55 Pasco Representative Sean VanPelt**

Work remains steady in the Tri-City Area despite the Covid-19 pandemic. We should see the workload continue to increase as the summer progresses. As reported last month our contractors have a large number of HVAC and Architectural projects on the books for 2020 and into 2021.

Total Energy Management work remains strong with the Health Science Building at Central Washington University this summer, along with several

school projects that are currently underway.

We also recently signed a new contractor here in the Tri-City area, Truvision solutions, LLC. We have started to dispatch members to this shop to man their industrial work.

Looking forward, I will work with the new Pasco area Regional representative to help get them up to speed and serve the members and industry.

Please give me a call if you are interested in working in the Pasco area

Fraternally,

Sean VanPelt

Business Representative



YMC Mechanical  
Boise, Idaho

**SMART #55 Boise Business Representative JR Finlay**

Currently in the Boise area work has continued to remain steady with near full employment. We have seen an increase of prevailing rate project com up for bid recently, Federal prevailing in Idaho and State prevailing in Oregon.

Building Trades Contract—

On June 29, 2020 a new contract was ratified and allocated by membership. We are working to get all changes made in

the contract and hope to have the new agreement available soon.

Production—

With our ongoing contract negotiations we are still unable to complete with the current travel restrictions for the corporate officials.

We have proposed possible alternatives to the traditional face to face meetings to get around the travel restrictions

for corporate officials in Philadelphia recently. Hope to complete contract negotiations soon.

Stay healthy and be safe!

Fraternally,

JR Finlay

Local 55

Business Representative



Custom house architectural  
project  
Carlson Sheet Metal-  
Spokane, WA

**SMART #55 Spokane Representative John Little**

There are currently 5 journeymen available on the out of work list which is 2 more than last month. Work remains steady in our area and there are several larger projects scheduled to begin later this month and in August. Stetner Electric out of the Quincy area became signatory with Local 55 since our last newsletter. They are a large electrical contractor (150 employees) and are looking to start bidding full mechanical for data server projects as

well as smaller jobs in the Spokane area. Our office is currently open by appointment only Monday through Friday 8:00—5:00pm. Call 509-922-1232 to make an appointment. Dues can also be dropped off in the dropbox just to the left of the front door. I am always available by phone to answer any questions you may have. My cell number is 509-995-3304.

Fraternally,

John Little, Spokane Business Representative

## Spokane Organizer Brian Walter

Washington State Labor and Industries concluded their investigation into C&C Construction Services on the Colfax School Bond Projects. They were found in violation for both incorrect scope and unpaid overtime for the amount of \$98,338.66 for 29 workers. They had the metal roofing and architectural metal and thought they could get away paying a lower wage.

Hopefully we will continue to see more claims from L&I as I

continue to investigate many other projects for compliance.

Work continues to be very busy and I have been out organizing new apprentices and journeymen. Talking with our contractors things are not going to be slowing down anytime soon, even with the challenges of COVID-19.

Fraternally,

Brian D. Walter

Organizer



Apollo Mechanical at the INB in downtown Spokane

## Boise Organizer Jeremy Treat

The Month of June turned out to be a good start to the summer on the organizing front. There are calls out for Residential Journeymen and apprentices also service tech for both residential and commercial. We have developed a new link to get out to potential applicants for the apprenticeship. If you know anyone that is looking to get into the trade text them this link and copy me as well so I can follow up with them. [smw55.org/applyboise](http://smw55.org/applyboise)

Last but not least we were able to sign a new contractor, Mech-Tech Services (MTS) that does service work but is looking to expand. I am currently looking for a residential service journeyman for them and look forward to expanding their work force.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Jeremy Treat 208-971-0115



Inside Duct at Micron - YMC

## Pasco Organizer Scott Hart

To all my Brothers and Sisters,

We have organized another contractor TruVisions Solutions in the Tri-Cities.

We have been stripping from the non-union to fill openings for current contractors. We are talking with several non-union workers too.

Please feel free to refer to me any of your friends currently working non-union in the sheet metal trade. Also please share with me any information of non union shops working in the outlying areas that may go unnoticed.

Tri-Tech/ Total Energy →



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**Boise Building Trade Contract Negotiations Complete**

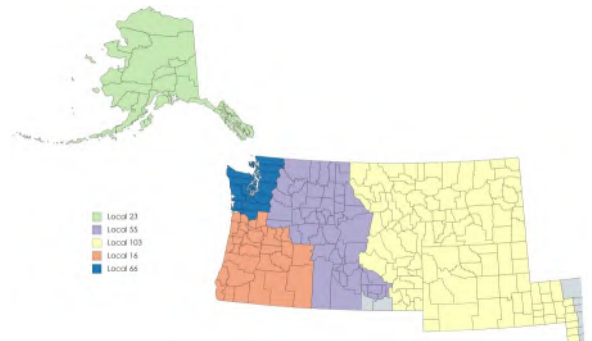
The Boise Building Trades 3 year 2020-2023 CBA has been negotiated and ratified by membership on Monday June 29th. This new cba includes improvements to Light Commercial, Architectural, Overtime & Subsistence. With a year one increase of 2.2% / \$1.03 retro back to June 1, 2020. Health and welfare increase is \$0.25 August 1st with that \$.25 allocated to VEBA for the months of June and July until it rolls into the standard health care contribution. We will have "Wage Only" negotiations in years 2 & 3. A complete list of negotiated items is available at the Boise office.

Again, I want to thank the negotiating team of Business Representative JR Finlay, JP Riley & Ed Smith for the giving up their time as well as all the members who attended steering committee meetings and filled out surveys.

Fraternally,

Kolby Hanson

Regional Manager



Map of the North West Regional Council of SMART

