



NextGen News: Focused on the Future

NextGen Caucus at All Canada Progress Meeting



The sixth annual NextGen Caucus took place in Winnipeg on May 15, with delegates from 20 different Local Unions. Minutes are being finalized and will be shared with the delegates as well as sent to all Local Unions. Contact the First District if you would like a copy of the minutes.

39th International Convention—Young Worker Delegation

The 39th International Convention will take place September 21-25, in St. Louis, MO, the birthplace of the IBEW. One young worker from every province, territory and state will be able to attend and participate in all aspects of the Convention. Local Unions will have to sponsor a young worker, and interested names should be sent by the Business Manager of the Local Union to the First District Office for consideration. Names will be accepted until June 30, 2016. No names submitted after this date will be accepted. Questions can be sent to the First District office.

So You Think You Can Sing?

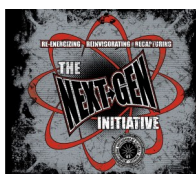
As part of the Opening Ceremonies at our International Convention, we traditionally have a Canadian present to sing our National Anthem. For the first time ever, we will be opening up this opportunity to any interested IBEW Canada member, by way of a contest. Interested applicants can send a video of themselves singing our bilingual national anthem by June 30, 2016. Entries submitted after this date will not be accepted. The chosen member will be flown to St. Louis on September 16, to participate in the pre-Convention festivities and the opening ceremonies, and leaving on September 20. Videos can be uploaded to YouTube, Vimeo, Dropbox, or whatever is your preferred method, and then submit the link, along with your name, Local Union and Membership Number to the First District at IVPD_01@IBEW.org. Once the winner is selected, notification will be sent out to all Local Unions, along with an announcement here, on our IBEW Canada website.



NextGen Charters

Do you have an active NextGen Committee or have plans to start one? The International Office has created NextGen Charters to recognize NextGen Committees in Local Unions across the IBEW. To get yours, work with your Local Union Business Manager to write a letter to International Vice President Daniels outlining the work your NextGen Committee has done or plans to do, IVP Daniels will then approve that request and send it to the International Office for processing. Right now, there is a challenge amongst the Districts that make up the IBEW to get the most Charters—so lets show everyone why we are the First District!

NextGen Committee Local 1574



Greetings from Local 1574! We are a telecommunications local that services 3.9 million miles between the Northern Territories. We provide telephone, cable and internet services to Upper BC, Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories, High Level, Alberta and Nunavut. We have 352 members spread across the north in various roles such as cable technicians, cable splicers, radio technicians, central office technicians, customer service representatives and other clerical roles. Our monthly meetings are usually held by teleconference to be able to discuss issues with members across the

Territories.

The NextGen committee of local 1574 was considered after the NextGen Caucus at the 2015 All Canada Progress Meeting in St Johns, Newfoundland. When I returned to the Territories it was my mission to get younger members involved in the labour movement. While speaking with our younger members of my experience I discussed opportunity for growth and the importance of getting involved in our local. Our NextGen committee has been slow to start with being only one member but I will continue to find different ways to engage members of our local and hopefully establish a strong committee within the near future.

Here in 1574 we are in the beginning stages of contract negotiations. Our negotiations team consists of a few young members and is proving to be a great way to get our younger members involved within our local. We had 11 members attend the collective agreement bargaining level one course at the Canadian Labour Congress winter school in January/ This course has given us the skills we require to assist our members in coming to a fair deal with our contract negotiations coming up in the fall.

The NextGen initiative has opened our eyes and will one day strengthen the foundation of local 1574 for our younger members. This is just the beginning for us but we will continue to move forward and contribute to the future of the IBEW.

In solidarity,

Nicole Whitford and the Local 1574 NextGen

NextGen Local Union Committees

Contact Kate Walsh (kate_walsh@ibew.org) to submit an article on your Local Union NextGen Committee for the next newsletter. We want to hear from you!

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