



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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Hello, Local 553,

As we end 2023, I want to acknowledge how you have supported this local throughout the year. Our achievements are noteworthy; we won first place among 52 locals in the 10th District. 553 has increased by 212%. A large wooden plaque, symbolizing our number one spot in growth, now hangs in the lobby of our local Union Hall. Each member of this local deserves congratulations for their loyalty and for proudly carrying our Union flag throughout this year. Thank you very much.

Our inside group has reached a significant milestone, achieving a wage of \$30, a goal we've anticipated for some time. We are committed to moving forward, not backward. Since my tenure began in 2016, we have more than doubled in size, growing from 250 members to nearly 650.

Looking ahead, 2024 is set to be a significant year. We're preparing for wage negotiations with our inside construction group and anticipating large upcoming projects in our area. With a newly expanded meeting room, upgraded air handling, new walls and ceiling, modern lights, and soon, union-made furniture. This is your meeting room and where you do the business of the Local. The Local, at the corner of Page Road and Highway 70, is becoming more visible and integral to our community. Our mission is to establish ourselves as the preferred choice for electrical contractors through exceptional training and continuous growth.



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I am also eager to engage with our single-employer units at their specially-called meetings. Serving you is an honor. I am grateful for our stewards in these units, who are training soldiers to defend our country. Meanwhile, our transformer group continues to represent Local 553 nationwide.

When I started working at the Hall, we had fewer than five outside members in outside construction. Now, we boast over 100. Our staff remains dedicated to supporting this group as they travel and find success nationwide. It's fulfilling to see you reap the benefits of the national IBEW.

We're innovating while still respecting our traditional policies. Our referral system and agreements are now easily accessible online, and we offer online payment options. My commitment to serving the membership is unwavering, and I am profoundly grateful for your continued support, which has been instrumental in our district-leading position.

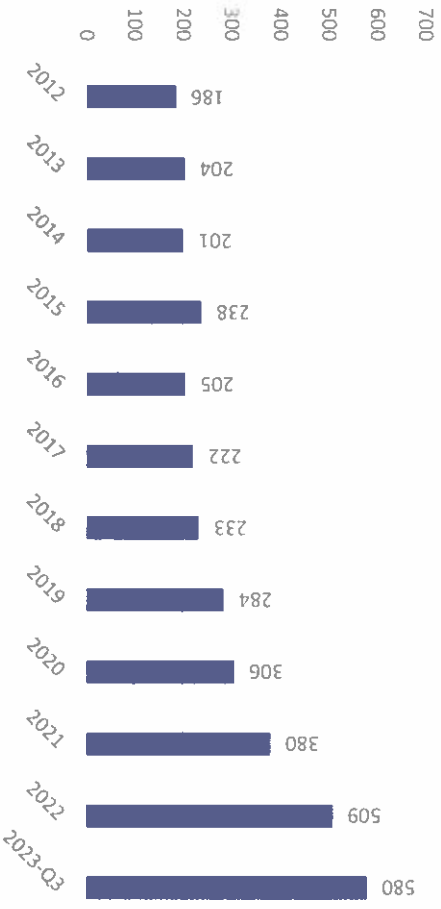
Last year's letter had 2013 at 513 members and a number to get back to, but that was a bad report with bad data. We have the true statistics here and have continually grown since then.

It's truly an honor to serve you. Thank you very much, and I look forward to an exciting and prosperous 2024.

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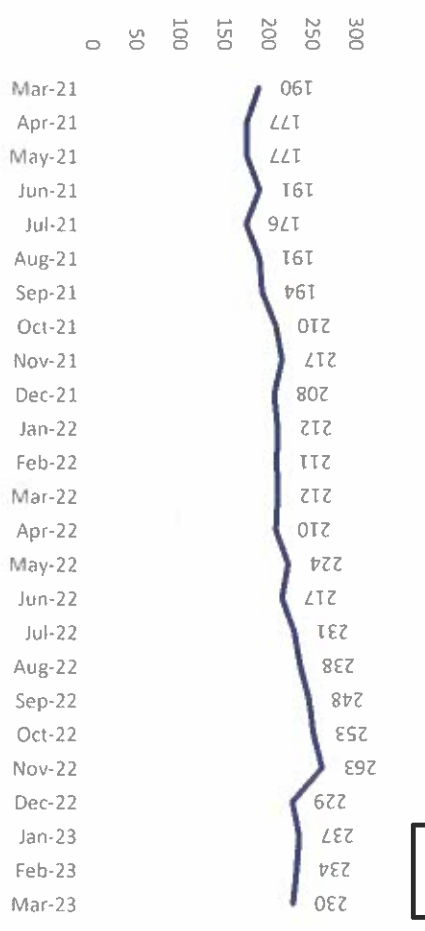


Walter R. Axford, Business Manager
James Poplin, Organizer
Matt Ruff, SOC
JR Cummings, DOC



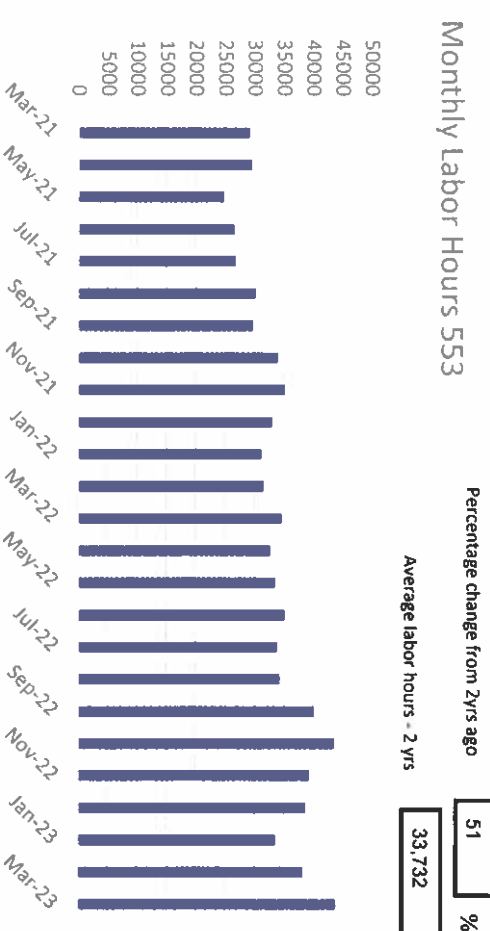
Percentage change over 10 yrs
Average Membership over 10 yrs

212	%
296	



Percentage change over 2 yrs
Average Employed over 2 yrs

21	%
215	



Percentage change from 2yrs ago
Average labor hours - 2 yrs

51	%
33,732	