

Communications Committee:

Our goal until the next District 142 Convention will be improvement in the communications with our members. We were seeking means which to implement this. Face-to-face can't be replaced. When we talk one-on-one with our members it is very personal and very powerful, but in this day and age of electronic improvements we feel that we need to be moving forward in that direction. Email drive. Get the personal email addresses of as many members as possible. We do not want the addresses that are filtered through companies. We would like to have a monthly letter from our President of the District that will be posted on the website to all our members. We would like to have human interest stories about our members and by our members, the things that members do, not just on the job, but off the job and in their communities. We would like a section with general information from the AFL-CIO which would keep us up-to-date and open our eyes to situations that occur across the Nation and in our industries.

We would like to have areas that will cover contractual benefits that our members may not be aware of. Very often there are benefits that are hidden in our contract that many members do not avail themselves of. We would also like a 'link' to other locals in our District as well as the International and other Districts.

To encourage participation of using the website have contractual questions, photos around the Country, the world, where are you?

The next thing on our agenda was how to encourage member participation at our local lodge meetings: guest speakers, raffles, and recognition of our members, maybe with commemorative pins for years of service.

We would like a blackboard set up where the local lodge representatives from across the nation can communicate with each other, whether it is information that they become aware of or questions that they may have. We feel that this is obtainable between now and two years from now.