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Dear IBEW Local 48 Member,

First let me say thank you for your patience and cooperation with your Union as we have served you during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people had to quickly learn new ways of doing things during this challenging time, and the staff at Local 48 are no exception. I am very proud of how hard staff members at the Hall have worked to do their jobs safely and effectively.

But the time has come to start getting back to operating as we did before the pandemic. **Effective Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** the Hall will be open for dispatch and other membership services. This means we will no longer be using the Emergency Amendments for the Hiring Hall. This means that emailing, faxing, mail, and text messages will no longer be used for services that were previously done in-person, such as signing a Book, completing the yearly re-sign requirement, picking up a dispatch, and any other process that was changed in response to the pandemic. Any requests sent to Dispatch under the Emergency Amendments will **NOT** be honored on and after August, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

When you come to the Hall, things will look a little different because it is important to provide a safe environment for everyone. Changes include plexiglass barriers at the Membership Services counter and at Dispatch, and a COVID-19 screening questionnaire with a required sign-in sheet in order to enter the building. Staff members will be wearing face coverings when they provide services, and we ask that you also wear a face covering if you are not fully vaccinated for your safety and the safety of others.

I know everyone is eager to get back to having in-person events and meetings and I am happy to share that we will be holding a General Membership Meeting on August 25, 2021. We hope to resume Unit meetings in August as well and are currently working to ensure that we have adequate meeting spaces available. Please continue to check the Local 48 website and Facebook pages for updates on August meetings.

I look forward to seeing you all in-person.

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