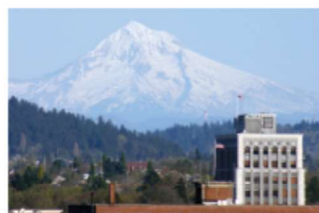
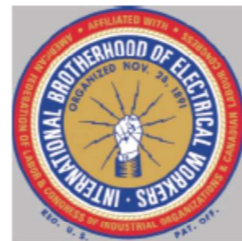


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**Business Manager's
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By Drew Lindsey
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS,
BROTHERS & SISTERS**

Local 280 has a chance to put one of our own into State government. **Mike Ellison**, a 20-year member, is running for State Representative for the 19th District. It is exciting for a member to step forward and take a knowledgeable perspective from our industry into the State House. Working men and women need to have a voice and I hope Mike is successful and gives us that. People who live in the 19th District, please get behind Mike locally and meet him in person at a function, you won't be disappointed. Also, please vote in your primaries and general elections for Mike Ellison!



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The aforementioned service is nothing compared to what one of our fellow IBEW 280 members is stepping up to take on. Mike Ellison is a longtime member and has decided to run for the Oregon House of Representatives for District 19 (South Salem, Turner, Aumsville area). We all talk about the craziness in politics, and no matter your political leanings, I think we all agree that having a real person stepping up to make a difference is the only solution. Mike is doing just that.

Mike has served in many more roles in IBEW 280 than most. He started as a Material Handler, then did a Residential Apprenticeship. After receiving his Residential Electrical License he decided to go into our Inside Apprenticeship Pro-

gram, where he earned an Inside License.

If that wasn't enough, in the middle of doing all of this he earned an associate's degree at Portland Community College. And during his Inside Apprenticeship he also took night classes and earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the Oregon Institute of Technology. That was followed by a master's degree in renewable energy engineering.

Mike is also a project manager and estimator. This is not only a portfolio of an incredible IBEW 280 member, but as someone with the drive to make real change.

Business Manager Drew Lindsey and I attended Mike's campaign kick off event, and it was obvious that I'm not the only one who is excited about seeing him in a leading role in our state. The turnout in Salem for his event was impressive. The house was full. It was apparent that the people who know Mike have a lot of faith in him and want to stand behind a person that is dedicated to making Oregon a better place, not only for his own adorable family, but ours as well.

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Local 280 member Mike Ellison is running for a seat in the Oregon House of Representatives — District 19 covering South Salem, Turner, and Aumsville.

tify with, I think we can all agree that having a fellow IBEW Local 280 member with the character and drive of Mike Ellison in a position to help shape our state is an incredible opportunity.

Please check out Mike Ellison's website at mikeellison-fororegon.com and help support him any way you can.

By Kail Zuschlag
 Membership Development
