2019 Officer Elections

Local 49 congratulates all of our new Union Officers elected by our membership this summer! 294 of our members we able to make it to the polls to cast their ballots, and we appreciate each and every one of them.

Thank you also to all candidates; whether elected or not, your willingness to serve the membership is greatly appreciated.

As we all know, it takes more than voters and candidates to put on an election, and we would like to thank and acknowledge the hard work of our election judge and tellers: Election Judge: Jerry Arms and Tellers:

El Paso: ...................... Jack Martin, Jerry Rincon
El Paso ASC: ............ Sonia Contreras, Ruben Torres
Lubbock: .................... Joe Jimenez, Ryan Sluterbeck
Amarillo: ................. Drew Cox, Eliseo Pena, III
Los Alamos: .............. Jorge Barrera, Russell First
Albuquerque: .......... Joe Giarratano, Larry Lassiter, James Peralta

President.................................................. Charles S. Thomas, II
Vice President ............................................ Charles W. Lees
Business Manager/FST ................................. Vince Alvarado
Business Representative ................................ Isaiah Zemke
Recording Secretary................................. Justin T. Bradshaw

Executive Board Member ......................... Kevin L. Hayes
Executive Board Member ............................ John W. Reed
Executive Board Member ......................... Richard J. Stoltenberg, Sr.
Executive Board Member ......................... Richard J. Stoltenberg, Jr.
Executive Board Member ......................... Joseph J. Valdez
Executive Board Member ......................... Martin (Marty) J. Vargas

Trustee..................................................... Andre M. Lopez
Trustee................................................... Sarah J. Moharter
Trustee................................................... John Pennebaker

Warden/Conductor................................. Jimmy E. Maestas

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Vince Alvarado  
Business Manager/FST

Brothers and sisters.

I am honored and humbled that you have re-elected me as your Business Manager/FST for my fourth term. Under my leadership, we will continue the work and move our Local into the future.

We need to Focus on the Future: We need to continue to move this local into the future... keeping up with the changes in our industry. We need to continue to Focus on our members. We need to Focus on the challenges and opportunities facing our core industries.

We can take, and we will take, our organization to the next level and make our Union an unstoppable force for generations to come. At the end of the day, what matters most is what is in the best interests of the membership of this Union. You are the reason we are here. You have trusted us to make a better world and a better life for each and every one of you and your families. Let’s keep the best interests of each and every member in mind and continue to focus on the future.

United we shall conquer. Here at Local 49, failure is never an option!

Fraternally yours,

Vince Alvarado

Isaiah Zemke  
Business Agent

Sisters and Brothers,

I am incredibly excited for the opportunity to serve you as Business Agent of your Union, the Sheet Metal Workers Local 49.

It is my mission to see that your issues in relation to the Collective Bargaining Agreement are addressed and resolved as quickly as possible. While I acknowledge that I may not be able to solve every issue, it is crucial that you know I will investigate every avenue and utilize every resource to reach a conclusion.

It is my mission to ensure that your voice is carried to the bargaining table and heard through language in your Collective Bargaining Agreement. Furthermore, I will negotiate your contract in good faith so that you and your family are supported.

In order to do our best work and represent you in the best way, your Union needs you. Put the “you” in your Union and attend monthly meetings and take the lead in volunteering in your communities. I can help you do this. Our membership meetings are held at 5:00 pm on the third Friday of every month at our hall. Let’s take it even a step further and plan a project to positively impact our communities through SMART Army.

I look forward to our work together and to what we can achieve through collective action. In doing so, together we can undoubtedly make our Union stronger!

In Solidarity,

Isaiah Zemke

New Office Phone System

When calling the Local office, you will notice a small change in the answering system. In order to better direct calls and serve everyone, you will be greeted by a recorded menu. To reach either Paige or Iris, you simply press 0 and proceed as usual. You may also press 4 to reach Isaiah and 5 to reach Shawn directly.

Please don’t be afraid to leave a message if you get voice mail; we WILL return your call!

Free SMART Logo Embroidery

Members are encouraged to bring in clothing to be embroidered with the SMART Local 49 logo free of charge! Polo shirts, button down shirts, jackets, ball caps, etc. can be dropped off at the hall, with instructions as to the color and placement of the logo. It takes about two weeks or so, and we will call to let you know when they are ready to be picked up.

This makes a nice addition to the shirts and caps that we have for sale in the Union office!
Shawn Smith
West Texas Organizer

Hello brothers and sisters,

For those of you that may not know who I am, I’m the West Texas organizer. I came on board as West Texas organizer in the early spring of 2018. I’m happily married with one child (so far). I am very passionate about spreading the information of what unionism is about in West Texas, which seems to be an unknown topic amongst the non-union workforce. Let’s discuss about what I’ve done so far as an organizer in West Texas.

While receiving manpower requests from our signatory contractors, I have brought in over 20 apprentices and 15 journeymen to fulfill those requests. I have also been appointed and participate as a delegate in both the Lubbock Central Labor Council and West Texas Building Trades Council. I have also participated with our contract negotiations out at PanTex (A Department of Energy facility) and have been a representative for SMART Local 49 at several conferences held in Texas. Sometimes playing the representative role, I have also helped our members on several issues that have popped up over the last year. Within the last year, I have also created relationships with several competitor contractors in the non-union arena. My goal is to turn those relationships into partnerships, having those contractors become signatory.

Speaking about goals, I would like to share about what my plans for the future are. Before I got in the trade, I had no clue that unions even existed in West Texas. My biggest goal is to turn that around and make West Texas known for being the union capitol of Texas. Some of the ways I plan on achieving this goal is to grow our contractor base by building on these existing relationships I have created and creating new ones. For the contractors that don’t want to have anything to do with us, I want to become the biggest pain in their side, so they won’t want to even bother doing our work anymore. Another way I plan on growing our union is by taking leadership roles in the both the West Texas Building Trades Council and the Lubbock Central Labor Council. Also, with the help of our West Texas members, I would to like to start participating more in community events. The more numbers we can have at these events, the more we stand out and make a statement within our communities.

I look forward to the continued growth of our local and building solidarity among our members. The time is now to turn West Texas around and make it what it needs to be, UNION STRONG!

In Solidarity,

Shawn Smith
Market Representative
SMART LU 49

Lubbock 2018 Christmas Parade - SMART Army Float.

Congrats to our newly Retired!

Congratulations to our retired members – here is a list of member retirements not yet reported:

Marcos Galvan............................. 04/01/2018
John Jones..................................... 04/01/2018
Jesus Colacion............................. 04/01/2019
Maria Diaz..................................... 04/01/2019
Steven Emerson............................ 04/01/2019
Joseph Biedermann......................... 05/01/2019
Delbert Dawson............................ 05/01/2019
Francisco Esquivel......................... 05/01/2019
Joseph Gutierrez........................... 05/01/2019
Tommy Adams............................... 06/01/2019
Hector Medrano............................. 06/01/2019
Carlos Licon................................ 07/01/2019
Robert Maes................................. 08/01/2019
Luz Elena Ortiz.............................. 08/01/2019
Lawrence Yazzie............................ 08/01/2019
Reymundo Arellano......................... 09/01/2019
Steven Hart.................................. 09/01/2019
Lorenzo De Luna............................ 11/01/2019
2019 JATC Graduates

Congratulations to our 2019 Graduates of the Local 49 JATC Apprenticeship Program. We are so proud of your accomplishments and wish you long and successful careers!

Jacob L. Adams
Cesar Carlos
Christopher F. Castanon
Mario M. Garcia
Nicholas A. Garcia
Ricardo Gonzalez
Evan A. Gurule

Andrew R. Mancuso
Brian Martinez
Jesus Ramos
Timothy Valdez
Eugene Vigil, Jr.
Gabriel Washburne

2019 Pin Awards

60 Years
Joe V. Roybal

50 Years
James E. Avent
Antonio P. Fraire
Salvador Quintanilla
Lee Sharpnack
Antonio A. Valencia
Bill R. Wall

40 Years
Thomas R. Chacon
Toby E. Cruz
Keith R. Dalrymple
Darryl L. Erwin
Kenny King

25 Years
Paul W. Franklin
Kevin L. Hayes
Ruben Torres
James Yellowman

15 Years
Noe Becerra
Charles E. Blomberg
Ricardo Carbajal
Francisco J. Cedillos
Kenneth R. Fuller
Donald E. Naranjo
Lucio Rivas
Richard Stoltenberg, Jr.
Guillermo Villarre

Featured Speakers

Many thanks to our featured speakers at the Awards Banquet: Bill McCamley, State of New Mexico Cabinet Secretary, Depart of Workforce Solutions and Shasta L. Erickson, Vice President, Finance, Miller Bonded, Inc. and Local 49 JATC Trustee. They did wonderful job and we appreciate their warm and thoughtful words.

NEMIC Award for Local 49

The National Energy Management Institute Committee (NEMIC) presented Local 49 with an award at the 2019 International Constitutional Convention in “recognition of exceptional commitment to passage of Fire Life Safety legislation and promotion of ICB/TABB certifications.”
In Memory of
Please take a moment to remember our Brothers who have passed away since January 2019

Adam Aguilar, Jr. ..............................................01/01/2019
Timothy J. Wilson..............................................01/20/2019
Antonio Negrete ..............................................01/26/2019
Antonia O. Lujan ..............................................02/27/2019
Billy R. Brewer ..............................................03/03/2019
Robert B. Ryan ..............................................03/20/2019
Raul L. Reyes, Sr. .............................................03/23/2019
Jesus Lopez ...................................................05/06/2019
Lorenzo R. Hernandez, .........................06/11/2019
Donald L. Davis ..............................................09/21/2019

Local 49 401(k) Informational Meeting by OneAmerica

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce an educational meeting to be held in conjunction with OneAmerica to address participant information and questions regarding retirement planning as well as managing your retirement account.

A special membership meeting will be held to discuss the importance of early investing, the benefits of participating in your retirement plan, Plan highlights and how to access your account.

Saturday, November 23, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Sheet Metal Workers Local 49
2300 Buena Vista SE, Ste. 110
Albuquerque, NM 87106
(505) 266-5878

Representatives from OneAmerica will be on hand to go over the Plan and discuss investment changes and information as well as retirement. You and your spouse are highly encouraged to attend. Following the meeting, OneAmerica representatives will be available for individual questions and counseling regarding the Plan.

Off work due to Health?

Remember to check with the local and the health insurance office (Southwest Service Administrators) if you have to be off work or off the Available for Work List for health reasons. You may have a short-term disability cash benefit available to you from the Health Fund, and also reduced union dues if you are unable to work.

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New Mexico Sheet Metal Workers Local 49 Family Health Plan

Do you have questions about your health care coverage?

Do you have problems with a claim not being paid?

Are you receiving bills from your Provider but don’t know why?

We’re here to help!

Call the Trust Fund Office at 505-265-8422 and select Option 6 to speak to a Customer Service Representative

OR

Access your information on our website: www.ssatpa.com

Miller Bonded, Inc. UNM PAIS Project, May 2019
Mission
To provide a better quality of life for the men and women and their families in the Sheet Metal Industry

SMW Local 49
Children’s (of all ages) Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14, 2019
11am – 2pm
Lunch Served from Noon – 1:00

2300 Buena Vista SE, Ste. 120, Albuquerque, NM 87106

Come join the fun at the Union Hall . . . bring the whole family!

Bouncy Houses • Music • Food • Drinks • Cookies
• Games • Gifts • Friends • Fun & Family