

At this writing, the November midterm election was up in the air. The Local 34 conference room has been a beehive of activity. Phone banking and member-to-member walks have been underway nonstop for three months. We have worked hard to get out the union vote. Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time. You are the backbone, the heart and soul, of this union. I hope and pray that when I read these words in The Electrical Worker, Illinois will have re-elected Gov. Pat Quinn. **[Editor's Note: On Nov. 4, Gov. Quinn lost his bid for re-election.]**

*Paul Flynn, B.M.*

## Work Picture Gains

L.U. 38 (i), CLEVELAND, OH — Picketing will continue at the Strongsville Middle School, since Hammond Construction decided to award the electrical contract to an out-of-area, non-IBEW contractor. We will continue to inform the taxpayers and voters that workers are being shuttled in from the south to take jobs away from local area residents. We have attended school board meetings to let elected officials know how we will vote next time they are up for re-election and how we will vote for the next school levy.

Work will pick up for local members, as the 2016 Republican National Convention will be held in Cleveland. Several hotel projects have started construction, including the 600-room Hilton being wired by Lake Erie Electric, and the Kimpton Hotel being wired by Gateway Electric. Others such as the Le Meridia and Drury hotels are working to complete their financing.

Work has started at the Crocker Park Complex, which includes the American Greetings company. Several electrical contractors are on-site including Lake Erie, Zenith, Ullman and Contemporary Electric. Herbst Electric and Lake Erie recently were awarded sizable sewer district projects.

*Dennis Meaney, B.M./F.S.*

## Calif. Film & TV Job Retention & Promotion Act of 2014

L.U. 40 (em,i&mps), HOLLYWOOD, CA — Thanks to the hard work of so many within the motion picture and television industry, as well as support from the public and business owners throughout the state, the California Film and Television Job Retention & Promotion Act of 2014 was enacted and will help bring back production to the Los Angeles area and many other parts of the state. The bill was introduced by state Assembly Members Mike Gatto and Raul J. Bocanegra.

One week after an Aug. 20 rally at the State Capitol, where hundreds of workers from within the industry — including actors, producers, crew, business owners, vendors and public supporters — converged to support Assembly Bill 1839, an announcement was made.

On Aug. 27, Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. and state legislators announced a deal to expand, extend and improve California's Film & Television Tax Program, providing substantial tax credits for five years and a major boost for the industry and California jobs.

With amazing support from our IBEW Local 40 members in signing petitions and spreading the word about how important AB 1839 is to our communities and this industry, we acted in solidarity with the basic crafts unions of Hollywood and all the guilds and crafts to make our voices heard as one.

Unity and communication are strength! Thank you to all involved! Now is the time to prove once again that we are the best at what we do! Production should come home where it belongs so we can evolve into the industry of tomorrow, together as one!

*Don Easy, B.R./Organizer*



Local 38 members picket at the Strongsville Middle School.



California Assemblyman Mike Gatto (at podium) addresses rally at State Capitol.

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