

James (Jay) Rhodes



Summary

Prior to my retirement on January 3, 2020 I was employed by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547 involved with community relations and labor affairs prior to that, 27 years of experience as a heavy equipment, marine and powerhouse mechanic.

Employment History

2/2010 to 1/2020 **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547**
Ketchikan, Alaska
Assistant Business Manager and Community & Membership
Development Coordinator

Duties include building and strengthening relationships between the union, its members and the community. Promoting a positive image through community involvement and activity sponsorships. Dispute and conflict resolution. Labor contract negotiations.

1/95 to 2/2010 **Ketchikan Public Utilities**
Ketchikan, Alaska
Journeyman Powerhouse Mechanic

Responsibilities included maintenance and repair of hydro and diesel generators from 1,000 to 15,000 HP and associated equipment. Other duties were welding and machining, building and vehicle maintenance, operation of backhoe, dozer, dump truck and small forklifts. In addition to my normal job duties I was shop steward for 12 years and served on the negotiation committee for four contract negotiations.

12/83 to 1/95 **Boyer Towing**
Ketchikan, Alaska
Head Mechanic

Responsibilities included maintenance, repair and troubleshooting of company vessels and equipment including tugboats, barges, lift-trucks, tractors, trailers, gen sets, miscellaneous smaller equipment, building maintenance as well as parts ordering and inventory. During my eleven years with Boyer Towing, I gained extensive knowledge of hydraulics, power generators, refrigeration, welding and fabrication, repair and overhaul of diesel engines.

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Education

Volunteer Management Training at **The Volunteer Center of Northwest Suburban Chicago**
January 25-27, 2011

Collective Bargaining Training provided by **Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations**
August 4-6, 2010

Labor Law & Labor Arbitration Course by **The Labor Arbitration Institute**
June 21-22, 2010

Attended the **Alaska Vocational Technical Institute** in Seward, Alaska,
from March 1978 to September 1978, completing a course in **Diesel Mechanics**.

Graduated and awarded **High School Diploma** from **Ketchikan High School**,
Ketchikan, Alaska in 1977

Public Service

Southeast Alaska Power Agency Board of Directors
February 2011 to December 2013

Ketchikan Public Utilities Advisory Board
May 2010 to June 2012

State of Alaska Workers' Compensation Board Labor Seat
September 2001 to March 2006