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Pete Hayes

Moderator and Host

Iron Workers – IMPACT International Call to Safety webinar

- Chairman and CEO of Red Cedar Steel; with Red Cedar Steel for nearly 40 years
- Began career as an ironworker, remains an active union member
- Oversees long-term strategy and all aspects of company operations
- Leads business development for the company
- Helped grow company from regional Wisconsin steel erector to national presence with offices in Kansas City, MO; Milwaukee, WI; Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN; Phoenix, AZ
- Serves as board member of IMPACT
- Co-chair of the Heartland Region Regional Advisory Board



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Joseph J. Hunt

Book No. 686434

- Third-generation ironworker from St. Louis, Missouri
- Father and Grandfather held union office in Local 396
- Member, Iron Workers Local 396 (initiated 1962)
- Served Local 396 in multiple leadership roles, including Business Manager
- Appointed General Organizer (1983)
- Elected President, Iron Workers District Council of St. Louis (1990)
- Appointed General Vice President (1994) and General Treasurer (1998)
- Elected General President February 23, 2001
- Elected as a Vice President of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) on July 31, 2001
- Served as International General President (2001 - 2011)
- Retired January 31, 2011, and appointed General President Emeritus



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Walter W. Wise

Book No. 939089

- Born in Pocahontas, Virginia; raised in California
- Returned to Virginia in 1969 to study engineering at Virginia Tech
- Began ironworking career in 1973; completed apprenticeship with Local 697 in 1977, worked extensively in the field, locally and as a boomer
- Elected Recording Secretary (1981); Business Manager (1989)
- Appointed General Organizer (1997)
- Served as President, Mid-Atlantic District Council
- Appointed General Vice President, General Treasurer, and General Secretary
- Unanimously elected International General President (2011)
- Retired June 30, 2015, elected General President Emeritus July 1, 2015
- Made ironworker safety a top priority; launched “See Something! Say Something!” campaign



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Eric M. Dean

Book No. 1051885

- Fourth-generation ironworker; began career in 1980
- Completed apprenticeship with Local 63, Chicago; journeyed out in 1984
- Worked throughout Chicago area as journeyman, foreman, and project superintendent
- Served as apprentice instructor and certified welding inspector (1989-1995)
- Held multiple local union offices in Chicago
- Appointed General Organizer (1999), assigned to ornamental, architectural, and miscellaneous metals
- Served as President, Chicago & Vicinity District Council; General Vice President, and General Secretary
- Unanimously elected International General President (2015)
- Retired and elected General President Emeritus (effective January 1, 2026)



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Kevin P. Bryenton

Book No. 1141680

- Born in San Diego, California; second-generation ironworker
- Joined Local 721, Toronto, Ontario in 1987 while completing Bachelor of Education
- Completed apprenticeship as an ironworker generalist; recognized as Outstanding Apprentice of the Year
- Extensive experience in industrial and ornamental sectors
- Served Local 721 as instructor, apprenticeship coordinator, and in multiple elected offices, including President and Business Agent (1999 onward)
- Appointed General Organizer (2009)
- Appointed General Vice President (2015)
- Appointed Executive Director of Canadian Affairs (2019)
- Appointed General Secretary (2024)
- Unanimously elected International General President (effective January 1, 2026)



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Ironworker Member Card

The Iron Workers International *IRONWORKER APPRENTICE TRACKING SYSTEM*, otherwise known as “IWATS” is a database program designed specifically to maintain and track critical information for the Ironworker Local Unions, Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC), Member and Contractor.

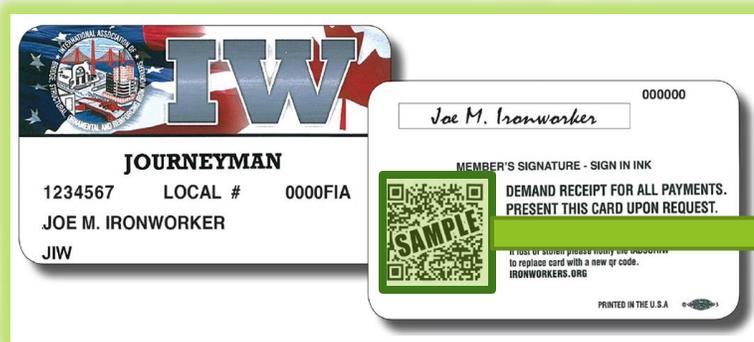
Only individuals authorized by the Iron Workers International can input, change, or delete records in IWATS. Such people may include Training Coordinators and/or their designate. This level of security assures accurate, verifiable, and reliable information. It also maintains confidentiality and secure use of members’ records.

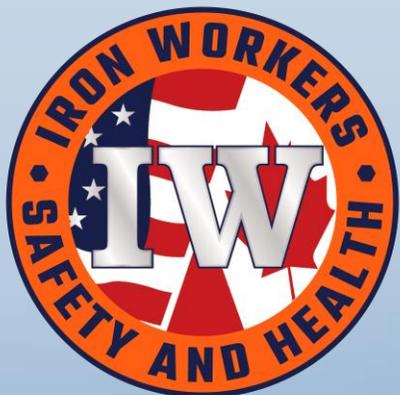
The Quick Response (QR) codes are individual to each membership card.

Simply scan the QR code on Ironworker membership cards to view training, certifications, and membership info.

Contact 1-800-368-0105 for questions or concerns.

Quick Response (QR) Code





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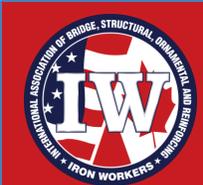
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Wayne Creasap



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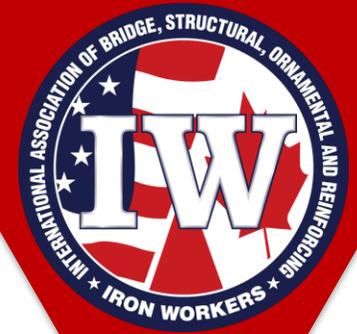
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Pete Hayes
CEO - Red Cedar Steel

Wednesday, May 27, 2026
2:00 PM ET





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TAP INTO YOUR POTENTIAL

FEBRUARY 22 - 25, 2026



Flying Safe, Building Strong: What Aviation and Ironworkers Can Learn from Each Other

1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Chairman's Ballroom 369

Aviation and ironworking require precision and strict safety standards. This session helps show how risk management and teamwork from aviation can improve safety and communication in construction, inspiring innovation among ironworkers.



Ms. Blue Coble

District Representative of Safety & Health
Iron Workers International



Mr. Jeff Norris

Canadian Safety and Education Coordinator
Iron Workers



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Safety in the Auto Industry: An Expert Panel

1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Chairman's Ballroom 354

What does safety really look like on today's auto industry job sites? Join industry experts as they share insights on upcoming products, evolving work opportunities, and the real-world impact of safety innovations. From "no hands on the load" policies to injury-reducing procedures, this session explores how automakers and Ironworkers are collaborating to protect the workforce. Hear success stories, lessons learned, and engage in open discussion about what's working—and what's next. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and lead safer together.



Mr. Wayne Creasap

Safety & Health Representative
Iron Workers International



Mr. Anthony Monte

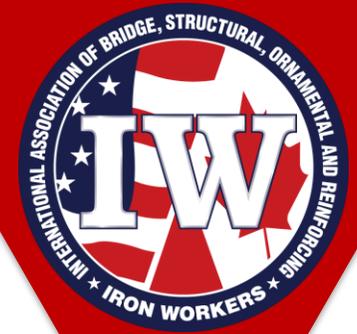
Engineering Group Manager
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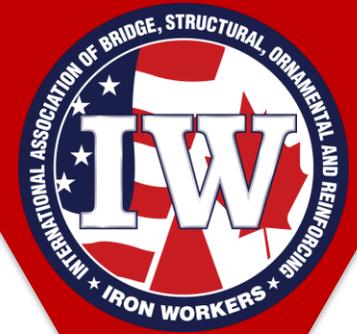
Mr. Eric Grubb

Manager - Manufacturing Project Management
Ford Motor Company

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FOUNDING OF THE IRON WORKERS UNION

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Location of the Iron Workers First Convention

Moorhead Hall – Second & Grant Streets – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Iron Worker Charter Members



Representatives convened at *Moorhead Hall* in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, February 4, 1896, to organize an International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

The *Pittsburg Press* listed the sixteen delegates who attended the organizational convention as:

Boston: Ed Ryan

Buffalo: John T. Butler, Daniel F. McIntyre, M. Hanna

Chicago: George W. Geary, James G. Crowley, Patrick J. Dalton

Cleveland: Emil and Edward Treter, Cornelius Brady

New York: John Brady, William Barry, James W. Kelly

Pittsburgh: David McKelvey, Michael Cronin, William Mullin

Top Row: P.J. Dalton; James G. Crowley (Secretary-Treasurer); John Brady (First General President)

Bottom Row: John T. Butler; J.W. Pryle; George W. Geary (First National Organizer);
Edward J. Ryan (First International President)