The completion of NEIEP’s new Video Production Studio was a greatly anticipated day.

Nearly 100 individuals representing various parts of the industry including the IUEC, NEIEP’s Board of Trustees, CEIEP, and company representatives joined NEIEP in a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to commemorate the time and effort spent planning, designing, and constructing an area that nearly doubles the size of NEIEP’s headquarters.

The new studio consists of multiple components, which gives NEIEP more capabilities and options in educational delivery.

- Studio B is a smaller studio containing elements for green screen recording
- A Sound Room where all audio recordings are to take place
- An Equipment Room
- A Control Room from which all visual and audio recordings are monitored and then edited into a final product for NEIEP apprentices and mechanics.

John J. O’Donnell and Joseph Devlin both delivered speeches thanking key individuals including NEIEP’s Board of Trustees for their support for the construction of the studio and Edward Krull who was the project manager for the new addition. Jim Higgins, Assistant General President of the IUEC, also offered a few congratulatory words on a job well done on the completion of the new addition.

Further details and images of NEIEP’s new Video Production Studio will be available in a special edition of LIFT magazine due to come out this summer.
NEIEP AREA COORDINATORS REPORT

James McGoldrick, Region 1, New York City and nearby New Jersey
All is well in Region 1. Thanks to all my instructors and the NEIEP staff. I wish everyone a safe summer.

E Ray Roche, Region 2, Northeast
Attended Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Coordinators Association meeting where we were told the building trades are taking employment hits caused by the economic downturn. Met with Pennsylvania Dept. of Education Veterans Education Advisor to update info on vets in the trade through the Helmets to Hardhats Program. Majority of vets in the trade are qualified and receiving their GI Benefits.

Welding Programs have been created in Local 6, Local 59 and Local 84. Flooring installation classes will be held in Local 59. All classes are winding down for the 2008-2009 season. Recruitments have been suspended as there is no new hiring predicted in the near future.

The dedication of the NEIEP Office addition, in Attleboro, was well attended and each Area Coordinator had a personal hand in the completion. I could not help but imagine Bud O’Donnell and Bill Whitbourne smiling at the front door when the ribbon was cut. NEIEP was created as a valuable educational tool for International Union Elevator Constructors. The great education opportunities that continue to be provided make the Elevator Constructors one of the most valuable work forces in the building trades.

I would like to thank the JATC members of Region 2 for their cooperation with NEIEP to ensure continued success of the Apprenticeship Program. I would also like to thank my fellow Area Coordinators and NEIEP Office staff for their help and support. Have a great summer season and make SAFETY your #1 priority on the job.

E Ray Roche II

Paul Johnson, Region 3, Southeast
As the 2008-2009 school year comes to an end I would like to thank all of the JAC members in Region 3. Their commitment to taking an active role in each Local speaks volumes about our program.

Region 3 will have finished running recruitment in Local #124 Mobile by the time you read this and again it looks like there will be some good prospects.

In May I had the privilege of attending NEIEP’s ribbon cutting for our new Training facility/Warehouse and let me just say the opportunities will be endless to what new products that will come out of the video/recording studio, just as we have access to great resources now on the NEIEP website.

Thanks to all the NEIEP staff up in Attleboro for their hospitality and enjoy your new digs.

Raymond McCann, Region 4, Midwest
Region 4 has not been immune to the economy and suffers the same dismal work situation as others. We hope for a local injection with the award of the 2016 Olympics; however, extensions to the current recruitment lists are certain. As the end of another school year draws near, I extend my thanks to the many dedicated Instructors, Committees, and NEIEP staff. For all your support and contributions, thank you! In closing, good luck to those taking their finals and to those preparing for the 2009 mechanic exam.

David Aranda, Region 5, Southwest
I want to acknowledge all of the instructors and committee members who have worked so hard during the 2008-2009 academic year. Work in Region 5 has slowed to a near stall.

Local 21: Still have ample applicants on the recruitment list with more on the Helmets to Hardhats list.

Local 31: Chair, Co-Chair and the entire JAC committee have again done a great job throughout the school year, especially in regards to the roaming apprentices in the area.
Local 81: Had a great year with apprentices participating and employers getting involved. The new hall and classrooms are really coming along.

Local 131: Leonard Bridge, the new Chairman, has assisted NEIEP in receiving apprenticeship funds from the State of New Mexico, allowing for an adequate class site in Albuquerque. Sam Parks is now the NEIEP Part-Time Administrator and has been excellent at setting forth NEIEP’s guidelines and policies.

Local 133: Recently received a compliance review from the Department of Labor. The Texas Veterans Commission also submitted a compliance letter after their annual supervisory visit.

Local 140: Matt Johnson is the new NEIEP Part-Time Administrator and is doing an outstanding job in helping to organize and coordinate the apprentices’ progress.

I visited many classroom sites this year and will continue to do so allowing me to answer any questions you may have. I want to wish everyone continued success in the Apprenticeship program and on their upcoming final exams. We all may not have equal talents, but remember we all have an equal opportunity to develop those talents.

Earl Baker, Region 6, Northwest

In my Area we have two new State Directors for Apprenticeship in Colorado (John Noon) and in Nebraska (Timothy Carson). John was an ATR in Colorado and Tim was an ATR in Iowa before their promotion to the State Directors position.

I had a compliance review in Utah with their ATR, Pat Miller. All went well with the review with Pat Miller. She requested two documents, a copy of a blank Application Form and a copy of the Signature Page for our Affirmative Action Plan and Selection Procedures for our revised Standards for Utah.

I had a meeting with the Nebraska Department of Education Staff person, Brad Dirkken. The purpose of the meeting was to verify training compliance for VA benefits. I did receive notification that we are compliant and our veterans will continue to receive their GI benefits.

In Colorado, Ken Hart and I had a meeting with members of the State Advisory Board to accept our continuing education program for state licensing on May 28, 2009. The meeting went very well and we anticipate the state accepting our program soon.

In closing, I would like to thank the NEIEP staff, Local JAC members, local administrators and NEIEP instructors for their hard work and dedication.

Thaddeus Tomei, Region 7, Hawaii and Pacific Islands
We have completed the NEIEP School Year 2008-2009 in May 2009. We had three YII classes with 35 students, two YIII classes with 24 students, and two YIV classes with 14 students.

For the school year 2009-2010, we will have three YIII classes and two YIV classes. We also expect to have over 40 students who will be eligible to sit for the November 2009 Mechanic Exam.

Work in the area is very slow and we don’t see any improvements in the near future. This being said, perhaps the number of students enrolled in the upcoming 2009-2010 school year will be impacted if work does not pick up soon.

Recruitment List: We currently have 220 on the “pre-hire” list and have dispatched five applicants who are now not employed in the industry because of the work slowdown. We anticipate requesting an extension to our two year time limit through the State Apprenticeship Committee as we reach our two year recruitment period.

Roy Francesconi, Region 8, Northern California
Currently, in Region 8, unemployment is high. The recruitment lists are established in Northern Nevada and Northern California and will not be opened until the end of 2010. We do not anticipate any new hires in 2009.

With the completion of the 2008-2009 school year this month there will be approximately 80 Apprentices eligible for the Mechanic Examination. Additionally, we will have classrooms in San Francisco, Sunnyvale, Sacramento, Reno and Fresno (Distance Learning) for the 2009-2010 school year.

Utilizing funds from the State of California, the Local 8 JATC will be starting a flooring class this August. They will also begin construction of welding booths to start a welding class. They have also purchased a hydraulic simulator from Maxton and purchased the tools and material to have a class on cutting and threading hydraulic piping.

Good luck to all students on completing the school year and on passing the Mechanic Examination.

Ed Lackey, Region 9, Southern California, Nevada
In Los Angeles we have just finished generating a new hire list of 387 people. We’re still in the process of accepting applications and testing those who submit applications; this is required by our standards. Work is slow, all 50% apprentices have been laid off and there are currently 160 people on the out of work list. I am anticipating 20 for classes next year. As for the rest, I will have to see who is still working.

Ron McKay, Region 10, Great Lakes
Greetings from the Great Lakes Region 10! There didn’t seem to be the mad scrambling this year to get attendance corrections and unit exam completions done before June arrived. I attribute this to the hard work of the JATC committees, instructors and students alike.

The committee members have been diligently monitoring student activity at each JATC meeting.

Instructors are getting into the habit of either reporting deficiencies or showing the students their missing requirements on the NEIEP website at the beginning of each class. NEIEP’s IT guru Stan Steliga has added a nice feature to the Instructor home page. After selecting the Instructor drop-down menu, instructors will get a very visible notification of missing requirements that require immediate attention.

Lastly, the apprentices seem to be keeping pace with exams. Also noticeable is less need for make-up attendance. I believe the students recognize the value in being in their assigned class on the scheduled night.

It’s still very quiet in this Region in terms of recruitments. With a poor work picture and several journeymen currently unemployed, I’m getting more calls regarding our continuing education courses. This phenomenon is seen by most “higher learning” education programs during bad economic times. NEIEP welcomes and encourages anyone who wants to further their education. We have many in-class and online courses designed to sharpen your skills and keep you ready to go. Additionally, NEIEP is committed to creating more courses to keep IUEC elevator constructors the most educated in the business.

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Contact me at: (248) 451-9266, or any Area Coordinator, for a list of our NEIEP courses. We will be happy to help get you started right away!

L. Thomas Breindel, Region 11, SEC

The school year is coming to an end; I would like thank all of the LOCAL JAC committee members and instructors of Local 32, Local 80, and Local 135 for their hard work and support.

A special thanks to all the NEIEP STAFF.

To all of the apprentices, good luck on the year-end finals, and to all the apprentices who are sitting for the mechanics exam. All four years and the mechanics review are on CBT (Computer Based Training). Log on to the NEIEP website www.neiep.org and go to the Student Gateway. It is your website and I encourage everyone to participate. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Compliance reviews in Local 80 Greensboro, Winston-Salem with Robin Odom (NC. ATR) and Local 135 Charlotte, NC with Sarah Jones (NC. / SC. ATR) have been completed.

There is no recruitment scheduled for Region 11 in the immediate future. The current lists at Local 32, Local 80, and Local 135 are new.

Have a safe and fun summer to all!

Edward Krull, Region 12, New England

Other than administering finals and unemployment, nothing new is happening. There are no plans for any recruitments anytime soon.

Tim Daly, Region 13, South Central

Once again the school year will be ending. Thanks to all instructors. I know that this can be very rewarding and a very painful endeavor. To the wives of all NEIEP instructors who put up with the long hours of not having their spouses with them—thank you for helping make our industry the best. Without your patience, we would not have our instructors.

The addition to the NEIEP building has been completed. We have the best training around and it just got better with this new addition. Remember to check out the website. There is a lot of information for apprentices and journeymen. Remember the task at hand and know where you are at all times. Work safe, 8 for 8. We all need to be safe and go home.

Frank Lopez, Region 14, Miami

I would like to give a special thanks to all of my instructors for their hard work and dedication, the JAC for their grueling job in maintaining order in our local program, and the NEIEP staff for putting everything together from beginning to end. Last but not least I would like to thank our apprentices, the future of our program. Continue with your education in class and at home. As President Obama said in his address to Congress, “I ask every American to commit to at least one year or more of higher education or career training. This can be community college or a four-year school; vocational training or an apprenticeship.”

All of that is at your fingertips at NEIEP.org. I would like to end with a special thanks to those locals who opened their doors for our local apprentices to continue with their employment and education.

Sonny Yeatman, Region 15

Washington, DC

The 2008-2009 school year is winding down. The Individual Distance Learning finals will be given on June 18 and the Year 1 through Year 4 will be given from June 22 – 25. I want to thank Tom Breindel for helping out in this endeavor. I need to again thank my instructors for doing a great job!

On June 3 we will be starting a class of 12 for the Hydro Controller Theory and Troubleshooting. This class is being taught by George Pugh, a long time instructor for Local #10. Thanks George for your time and knowledge.

On February 7 we had our second annual graduation ceremony celebrating the passing of the Mechanics Exam by 66 of Local #10 apprentices. I want to thank John O’Donnell, Joe Devlin, and John Spinella for taking time out of their hectic schedules and attending this event.

Besides attending my regular monthly meetings, Union Meeting, Elevator Safety Advisory Committee, Maryland Apprenticeship Council, Tri-County Cope, JATC, Building Trades Apprentices Directors meeting, I have been working on Licensing for Elevator Mechanics in the District of Columbia. Local #10 now has 10 members actively working on their Associates Degree from Ivy Tech. Good luck to all.

On December 18 Local #10 accepted applications because the old list expired. On January 16 Bailey Dowdy assisted me in administering the EIAT test. On March 20 all interviews were given. After all of the processes were finished we ended up with an active list of 108. We also have an active list of 25 Helmet to Hardhat candidates. On January 30 I administered two bypass tests, Years 1 and 3, to an organized member and he passed both.

July will be my first official meeting with the Maryland Apprenticeship Council since being appointed by the Governor.

After attending the Grand Opening of the new extension on the NEIEP building, I realize just how fortunate we are to be part of the best trade union in the world. The possibilities for educating our membership and the capabilities of staying abreast of the ever changing material in our industry are limitless. Even though all of the Directors gave him a lot of grief for so much praise and thanks, Ed Krull did do a great job and is worthy of all of the recognition. So, BIG ED, thanks.

I want to thank all of the NEIEP staff for putting up with my dumb questions and harassments. I appreciate all of your help. Without the support from NEIEP this job would be just that much tougher. A special thanks to Ms. Gail DeRoy, Ms. Jan, and Diana who between the three of them keep me on the straight and narrow. A special welcome to the newcomer Ms. Bonilla, brace yourself. Good luck to everyone from Region 15.

Sonny Yeatman Jr.

Bailey Dowdy, Region 17, Dominion

Hello to All, From Region 17 Locals 20, 34, 48, 51 & 52

We are about to wrap-up another year of school. With June upon us, I hope we have made up all missed hours and any unit exams that were not successful the first time. It is the responsibility of our apprentices to see that these are done in order to be eligible to take the year-end final on the scheduled exam date. You may check your information in the Student Gateway portion of the NEIEP web site.

Wish the best of luck to all the apprentices this school year. Keep in touch with your union hall as we approach the new school year for the date of orientation, which should be in early September for the 09/10 school year.

I would like to express my appreciation to the instructors who have given much of their time in order for the elevator industry to have a better qualified work force.

As for work conditions in Region 17, we have no recruitments planned for the
foreseeable future due to the reduced demand for new hires.

Bailey Dowdy

**Kris Katz, Region 18, Minnesota**

Greetings from Region 18

School is moving well right now, students as well as the instructors are busy preparing for finals. Thanks again for all your hard work this year.

I have gotten many positive comments on CBT; the work at your own pace schedule was well received this year.

Work is slow in the Local 9 area with many mechanics and apprentices laid off; however, classrooms are full weekly, and several mechanics have enrolled in continuing ed. classes online. This new enthusiasm for education is refreshing. Hopefully work will pick up soon. In Local 33 work is steady and school is on track for finals in the first week of June. Good luck to all on their final exams.

No news on recruitments at this point; both Locals 9 and 33 have full lists, each less than a year old.

Congratulations to everyone at the NEIEP offices on the new building expansion project and a BIG thank you to all NEIEP support staff for all your help this year.

**Arthur Rodgers, Region 19**

**Philadelphia, PA and Baltimore, MD**

Greetings from Region 19

Local 5 Philadelphia, PA & Local 7 Baltimore, MD

The work situation in Philadelphia is very slow right now. Local 5 has fifty (50) mechanics and twenty-nine (29) apprentices out of work. There are a few new buildings on the books waiting to be built or modernized but nothing will get started until the money situation changes and lending begins. Our last recruitment was in June, 2007, and Local 5 has hired only 9 from its list of 372 since August, 2007. With no work coming up, Local 5 has asked its ATR for a one year extension to its active recruitment list.

Local 5 had seven (7) Year 2 classes, four (4) Year 3 classes and two (2) Year 4 classes during the 08-09 school year.

Work in Local 7 Baltimore had been steady up until the middle of April when things started to slow down and unemployed members began to hit the bench. Local 7’s next recruit-

ment is scheduled to be held at the end of 2009.

Local 7 had two (2) Year 1 classes, one (1) Year 2 class, one (1) Year 3 class and one (1) Year 4 class.

I hope things improve for the next edition so we can all have a more positive work outlook and report.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Work safe,
Art Rodgers

**Dan Larzalere, Region 20, Nevada and Southern California**

Las Vegas: We have been very busy here in Las Vegas the past year and as this school year comes to an end we have 267 apprentices sitting for final exams. We completed our recruitment in March. We had 798 applicants and 259 passed the oral interview. The Mechanics Exam will be held in September when 30 apprentices will sit for the Exam. The work picture in Las Vegas is not good and several jobs were put on hold; hopefully the economy will turn around soon.

San Diego: Work is steady right now through 2009 and into 2010 if everything goes as planned. The Mechanics Exam will be in September and we should have 38 apprentices sit for the exam.

As this school year comes to an end I would like to take the time to thank all of the Instructors and JAC committees for all the hard work they do. I would like to thank everyone at NEIEP for all the help and support you have given this past year.

Dan Larzalere

**Scott McGinty, Region 21, North Northwest**

The Report for Region 21 has changed considerably since the last report published in December 2008. Then we were boastful of the workload in the Pacific NW, but as of late it is a different story. The out of work list has grown, and at the present time both Local 19 and 23 have many apprentices waiting to go back to work.

Some of the apprentices (mostly Year One and Probationary) have stopped attending school and Local JATCs have been taking action to maintain the integrity of our program.

Most of our apprentices (Years 1-4) have been attending class regularly, achieving good grades on unit exams, and preparing for finals. Region 21 is proud of all the students who had perfect attendance throughout the 08-09 school year; there were too many to list individually but you know who you are.

The Welding program in Local 19 has had great success, and I would like to thank the NEIEP Trustees for making it possible to continue. We look forward to another chance to enable our membership to add another tool to the toolbox in the form of a welding certification.

The recruitment list in Portland 23 is in place and will continue to be used for new hires should the opportunity arise. Local 19 Seattle is looking at a possible outreach for recruitment later in the year. Compliance review will take place in Helena, Montana late in June.

My first year as Area Coordinator is coming to an end. It has been a challenging, tiring, and exciting experience. With the help of a great staff at NEIEP headquarters, I look forward to doing it all again in the 2009/2010 school year. I am proud to be working to improve an industry and educational program that has been very good to my family and me.

Scott McGinty

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**FROM THE WAREHOUSE: LAB COMPONENTS REQUEST & REPAIR FORM**

A new electronic form is available to report missing components or needed repairs for all classroom labs including:

- Hoistway Lab
- Motor Lab
- Circuit Tracing Lab
- Meter Accessory Lab
- Door Operator Lab
- Solid State Lab
- Mini Electra Lab
- HCL Lab

The form will be available in late June on the NEIEP website [www.neiep.org](http://www.neiep.org) under “Area Coordinators” and “Committee Support.” Please contact Rob with any questions at extension 6130 or via email at warehouse@neiep.org.
NOTE TO ALL INSTRUCTORS:  
RE-ACTIVATING THE INSTRUCTOR SUPPORT MATERIAL SOFTWARE

After July 1, 2009, the “Instructor Support Material” you loaded on your computer from the DVD that was sent out will become inactive. This is part of the disc’s built-in security. To re-activate this information after July 1, 2009, open the Instructor Support Material program as normal. The software will prompt you to reenter your user name and password. The program will then check in with the NEIEP website, so you must be connected to the Internet when you do this. The re-activation login only needs to be done once and the material will be good until July 1, 2010.

The leases have expired on all Gateway computers. If you have a Gateway computer, you will need to install the support material onto your new HP computer. If you no longer have the Instructor Support DVD, please contact your administrative assistant for a new one. There will also be updates to some of the PowerPoints and to the Course Calendar. These updates will be made available for you to download from NEIEP’s website before the start of the new school year. If you have any questions or suggestions please email Lester at lwhite@neiep.org.

ATTENDANCE AND YEAR-END EXAM RESULTS

Please assist us by making sure all 2008/2009 class attendance and grades are submitted to NEIEP on or before the June 30, 2009 deadline. Year-end results will not be released until all class attendance and grades, including make-up attendance, have been received by NEIEP. Part-time administrators, this is a good time for you to review all submitted grades and attendance. Notify any instructor who has discrepancies to correct them immediately.

FROM THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Direct Deposit of Instructor Pay
If you had your instructor pay direct-deposited last school season, your direct deposit will remain in effect. If any information has changed since your last deposit, please notify the Accounting Department at NEIEP immediately. Examples of such changes include a change in your account number, a bank change resulting in a new routing number, or perhaps you closed the account used last season. We strongly encourage you to enroll in the Direct Deposit program as it cuts down on lost, stolen, or misplaced checks.

Instructors and P/T Administrators who are not currently signed up for Direct Deposit may do so by requesting the enrollment form from our Accounting Department.

Leases, Lease Affidavits and W-9s
NEIEP Chairmen should be in receipt of the 2009/2010 Pre-registration Packages at this time. We must remind you that it is extremely important to adhere to deadline dates regarding your lease materials. A memo from the NEIEP Accounting Department has been sent to you regarding these dates. We will be sending the Lease Affidavits to you, and W-9s (if new site) directly to the landlord, for signatures, upon receipt of the Lease or Rental Agreement.

NEIEP CALENDAR Important Dates for Summer 2009

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