

**Keystone Mountain Lakes Council Reorganization-** Bill Sproule assistant EST of the Keystone Mountain Lakes Regional Council presented an overview of the reorganization of the council and council objectives for 2019 at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> DISCA membership meeting.

Sproule said the council is projecting 20M ft<sup>2</sup> of construction in 2019 in NJ, Philadelphia and the four counties surrounding Philadelphia. He stated the council is increasing its focus on utilization of pinpoint dollars to help union contractors compete for smaller jobs, and noted successes in construction of CVS, Walgreens and Starbucks stores.

Sproule reported that council representatives had met with NJ Department of Labor to discuss misclassification of workers, and noted they had a very positive response.

In response to a question about provisional journeymen, Sproule stated there were approximately 125 provisionals in NJ, but there were problems with them moving up to full pay, causing issues with assembling a blended rate. He noted that contractors could use a combination of journeymen, provisionals and apprentices to develop a competitive rate, and augment that with pinpoint money. He stated the council would continue to work with contractors to develop creative solutions for blended rates.

Sproule stated the council was working with HFMA and the legislature to create a prevailing wage for residential construction.

In response to a question about manpower availability, Sproule noted there were approximately 200 journeymen in each local that were unemployed. He stated the council was working on revising its referral procedure to ensure that the right person was sent to the right job. He noted that contractors can ask for specific skill sets when requesting carpenters.

Following is an updated contact list for the locals in NJ:

Send Pin-Point Requests to the following Team Leads according to what county the project is located in:

**Local 253** - Passaic, Bergen, Essex and Hudson - **Pete Gowing** - [pgowing@kmlcarpenters.org](mailto:pgowing@kmlcarpenters.org)

**Local 254** - Sussex, Warren, Morris, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union, Middlesex and Mercer: **Anthony Abrantes** - [aabrantes@kmlcarpenters.org](mailto:aabrantes@kmlcarpenters.org)

**Local 255** - Monmouth, Ocean, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Atlantic, Salem, Cumberland, Cape May - **Bruce Garganio** - [bgarganio@kmlcarpenters.org](mailto:bgarganio@kmlcarpenters.org)

Always cc: Melissa Lund at [mlund@kmlcarpenters.org](mailto:mlund@kmlcarpenters.org). You can also contact Melissa for forms.

After you've been awarded a project, please send the Request for Contract to Melissa Lund.

**NEW JERSEY REGION – CONTACTS**

**Local 253**

**Hackensack Team Room**

36 Bergen Street  
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601  
Telephone: 201-457-9232

Peter Gowing, Area Manager  
Telephone: 732-966-5443

George Schreck, Team Leader  
Telephone: 201-306-7829

Joe Elmo – Local 253 President – 609-381-6289

**Local 254**

**Edison Team Room**

Raritan Plaza II, Suite A18  
91 Fieldcrest Avenue  
Edison, New Jersey 08837  
Telephone: 732-417-9229

Anthony Abrantes, Team Leader  
Telephone: 732-589-3014

Anthony Verrelli – Local 254 President – 908-482-2924

**Local 255**

**Mullica Team Room**

3000 White Horse Pike  
Mullica Township, New Jersey 08037

Bruce Garganio, Area Manager  
Telephone: 609-468-3158

Edward Hagaman, Team Leader  
Telephone: 609-226-0213