

L.U. 108 (EES, EM, ES, MT, MAR, RTB, RTS, SPA, T, U) Tampa, Florida.

Florida AFL/CIO Convention.

Several members attended the 1999 Fifth District Progress meeting and the Florida AFL/CIO Convention. Topics presented at the meetings included safety, pending legislation, distribution of wealth, employee rights, organizing, labor history, labor law, and the upcoming 2000 elections. The importance of the 2000 elections cannot be overstated. Special recognition was given to Mr. J.W. Strickland. He was inducted into the labor hall of fame and honored for his lifelong efforts in helping the labor movement.

The OSHA investigation into the Gannon Explosion is on-going. Results are expected in early October. Our union leadership is committed to a heightened awareness of safety. Union and company representatives are currently involved assessing our safety program.

Our organizing efforts have again been successful. "No Cuts" has elected to be represented by IBEW LU 108. We welcome our new members and look forward to serving them.

Congratulations to Mr. Floyd Suggs, BM/FS and to Mr. Jimmy Connatser, assistant B/A. Mr. Suggs was elected to district Vice President at the Florida AFL/CIO convention. Mr. Connatser has recently received a

BA degree in Labor studies from the George Meaney Center at Antioch  
University.

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