Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to give you an update to the situation that is rapidly evolving around Covid-19 and the measures that Local 350 is taking to keep our members and staff safe and healthy.

As of now the JATC committee has suspended all apprenticeship classes until at least April 13th. The coordinators are working on correspondence for the classes where it is applicable, and the committee will decide what to do with the remaining classes. The JATC committee will be monitoring the situation for changes and will adhere to guidelines from the CDC and Washoe County Health Department to help them determine when it is safe for the apprentices to return to school.

Local 350 is also taking extra precautions at the union hall to protect the membership and staff. We are encouraging everyone to do business by either phone, email or mail, unless it is absolutely necessary. The health and welfare office on Apple Street is doing the same. Both offices are locked but doing business as usual.

After discussion with the United Association our President and Executive Board, we have decided to cancel our April union meeting and any officers’ meetings through April. We will evaluate the situation again next month.

You should be receiving a letter in the next day or two from Health and Welfare about our benefits regarding the virus and some helpful information about how to stay safe. Be on the lookout for it.

There are still a lot of unknowns about this virus and until we have better information, we should exercise extreme caution. We will provide you with updates via our website and by mail as appropriate.

We will stand together, UNITED and CALM, and we will get through this.

Stay safe and keep your families safe.

Fraternally,

Chris Doris