

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HEAT AND FROST INSULATORS AND ALLIED WORKERS 10TH GENERAL PRESIDENT TAKES THE LEAD ON LABOR DAY

On September 7th, Greg Revard officially began his tenure as General President of the Insulators Union. A second-generation Insulator, he followed in the footsteps of his father, Joseph A. Revard. While his father helped influence his decision to become an Insulator, other family members played a role as well. Many members of Revard's family are connected to the union, from uncles Leeman and Tom, to his cousins, nephews, a godson and his son Ryan.

Prior to joining the union, Revard proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1974-1977. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, he bounced around searching for a career. Fortunately, his dad and Uncle Tom intervened on his behalf and sponsored his apprenticeship application. After spending nearly four years as a permit worker, he was initiated into HFIAW Local 47 Grand Rapids on Nov. 10, 1982.

The leadership and dedication he displayed allowed him to quickly rise through the ranks, becoming a Local Executive Board member, JATC trustee and asbestos abatement instructor. He was elected Business Agent in 1991 and four years later, was voted in as the Local 47 Business Manager/Financial Secretary.

Revard's involvement extended past the Local, as he served as President of the Central States Conference and as an Executive Board member for the Michigan State Building and Construction Trades



After 45 years of dedication to the Insulators Union, Emeritus General President, James P. McCourt, was succeeded by current General Secretary-Treasurer Gregory T. Revard.

Council. In 2003, he was appointed by then General President James Grogan to be the union's second Organizing Director, a relatively new position with bright goals for the union.

More than a year later, Central States Conference International Vice President Gary Fujawa retired, and Revard was appointed to the position. During the 2007 Convention, delegates elected him to the position, something they did again in 2012.

When President Grogan retired in 2015 and General President James McCourt was appointed as the union's new leader, the General Executive Board voted Revard to become General Secretary-Treasurer. Now as the new General President, Revard plans to build upon the work started by McCourt. He wants to further promote initiatives to better the union through organizing (adding new members and growing market share), as well as a continued focus on education and training.



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