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### GEORGE MEANY AWARD CELEBRATION TO HONOR JOHN SPIROS JR.

The Boy Scouts of America Pathway to Adventure Council will recognize **Mr. John Spiros Jr.** with the George Meany Award on Tuesday, December 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via a virtual celebration.

John Spiros Jr. is the Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer for Painters District Council #14. He started his career in August of 1967 when he was first initiated into the District Council #14, Local union #147, as an Apprentice.

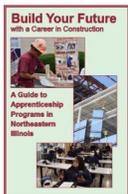


He completed the apprenticeship

program and accepted a Teaching/Painting Instructor position at Washburne Trade School in 1981.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in Occupational Education, he continued as an instructor until 1990, when he accepted a position as a Business Representative. In June of 2015, John was elected Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of District Council #14 and currently holds that position. To register for the virtual meeting, go to [www.tinyurl.com/Meany2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/Meany2020).

### UPDATED APPRENTICESHIP GUIDE



CISCO has received a new batch of updated Apprenticeship Guides. This 90-page booklet is loaded with information about each of the building trades apprentice programs, and how to apply for entry into one of the programs. To view and download the Guide, go to [www.cisco.org/apprenticeship/](http://www.cisco.org/apprenticeship/)

### PROJECT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM: DEADLINE - DEC. 4TH - APPROACHES



CISCO has begun accepting applications for its Project of the Year Award to recognize the best construction projects of the past 18 months. (June 2019 – December 2020).

The award gives general contractors, owners, engineers and architects a chance to submit projects in six different categories that include the areas of new construction, renovation/rehabilitation, residential construction and infrastructure.

Deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 2020. **The application form is online - [www.cisco.org/projects-of-the-year/](http://www.cisco.org/projects-of-the-year/).**

For more information, contact Gary Karafiat, 630.472.9411; email: [gary@cisco.org](mailto:gary@cisco.org).

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UNDERWAY FOR 2021 AWARDS



CISCO has begun to accept applications for its Annual Scholarship Awards Program.

Applications for this program are available by choosing one of the three types of scholarship awards below.

The three scholarship program categories are: 1) Four-year college scholarships for high school seniors; 2) Two-year awards for seniors planning on attending a community college; and 3) Two-year continuing education awards to union members or contractor employees. For more info., call CISCO at (630) 472-9411.

### FIRST AMENDMENT PROTEST RIGHTS UNDER ATTACK

When union trades and contractors protest the use of non-union workers at job sites, they use various forms of visual displays to protect a level playing field from companies that don't exercise safe working conditions, don't reward workers with fair and equal pay, and illegally use misclassified workers.

The NLRB recently issued an order to invite public comment to determine if the use of visual protest forms, including inflatable characters such as Scabby The Rat, is a violation of the National Labor Relations Act.

Unions argue this action would be a violation of First Amendment rights. People not directly involved in the case can file comments by Dec. 28 at the agency's website ([www.nlrb.gov](http://www.nlrb.gov)).

### WCPT 820 AM AIRS FIRST EVER VIRTUAL LABOR PANEL

Last week, the progressive talk radio station aired local labor leaders who shared their perspectives on the positive benefits the election of Joe Biden will potentially bring to the union construction industry. They expressed excitement in his appointing 27 labor leaders to his transition team. They are confident in his ability to pass a long overdue national infrastructure & capital bill, greatly helping our industry.

### BE SAFE THIS THANKSGIVING



CISCO extends our heartfelt thanks to the thousands of contractors, and women and men of the building trades and their families. To our members: be safe, stay healthy and gather wisely!