

I'd like to thank the Business Manager and Eboard of LU204 for allowing me to attend the International Women's Conference in Washington DC September 7-10, 2022. This conference has been going on since 1997. This year there were about 600 attendees. Several workshops were available each day. Lobbying 101, Mentoring, Getting involved, Leadership and Women's committees in our locals. There were three or four every day along with the entire group meeting each day. Lonnie Stephenson (International President), Ken Cooper (International Secretary), Liz Shuler (President AFL-CIO), Jamie Raskin (Congressman Maryland), Jennifer Granholm (Department of Energy), and Stacie Abrams (candidate for GA governor), were just a few of the speakers.

The greatest benefit of attending this conference was meeting women from all over the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada that are also IBEW. Inside wire women, line women, gas and electric utilities, telecommunications, railroad, substation, water, and many more.

I was proud to represent our local as a retiree. I'm not sure when the last women's conference was attended by one of our own 204 women but I hope this isn't the last. We have a business manager and team that support our women workers. I feel blessed to be a part of a local so progressive.

In solidarity,  
Sue Kingsbury  
IBEW since 5/7/1979