



**MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE PIPING INDUSTRY'S  
FIRST CHOICE BY FOSTERING AND PROMOTING  
PROFESSIONALISM THROUGH EXCELLENCE AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY.**

**May & June 2017**

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

The meetings listed below will be the only scheduled meetings for the period indicated. All United Association members must present their UNION CARD to attend the General Meetings listed below. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT 34 HIGGINS AVENUE

<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>MONDAY, May 8 AT 4:00 PM MONDAY, June 12 AT 4:00 PM</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD:</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, May 10 AT 4:00 PM WEDNESDAY, June 14 AT 4:00 PM</b>
<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:</b>	<b>THURSDAY, May 11 AT 8:00 PM THURSDAY, June 15 AT 8:00 PM</b>
<b>REFRIGERATION MEETING:</b>	<b>TUESDAY, May 23 AT 5:30 PM</b>
<b>SPRINKLER MEETING:</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, May 24 AT 5:30 PM</b>
<b>BRANDON MEETING:</b>	<b>THURSDAY, May 25 AT 7:00 PM</b>

**\*\*\*Canad Inns Destination Centre\*\*\*  
1125 – 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brandon, Manitoba**

WORK SITUATION

Keeyask and Keewantinook projects are manning up. Station work in Cromer will begin in May. The Koch shutdown is expected to start early to mid-June. There are some upcoming digs in Manitoba and Ontario, more details will be provided when available.

GENERAL NEWS

Thank you to the members that sent a message to their MP in regards to "Don't tax my Health Benefits". The Federal Government has stated no new taxes on health and dental benefits for Canadians!

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- Negotiations are under way for the Refrigeration Agreement. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) Agreement has been ratified.
- The Death Assessment is now **overdue** and this is a self-pay item which is required to be paid before a referral will be issued. If you have not paid, this \$30 charge, please call our office or pay online at [www.ualocal254.ca](http://www.ualocal254.ca).
- Please remember to come in and **sign the Out of Work Book** as soon as you are laid off from your employer. You will not be eligible for dispatch if you have not signed the book.
- **On-line Payments**  
Our website has been updated and is now capable of accepting payments on-line. Follow these simple steps to pay monthly dues and/or your death benefit:
  1. Log on to [www.ualocal254.ca](http://www.ualocal254.ca)
  2. Click Payments Portal (top right corner)
  3. Your username is your 9 digit membership card number. If you do not have 9 digits, add 2 zeros at the beginning.
  4. Your initial password is your birthday MMDDYYYY
  5. Once logged in, you will be able to select outstanding payments you wish to pay.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Skills Canada Competition is taking place at the RBC Convention Centre May 31-June 3, 2017. Good luck to our Sprinkler Fitter Apprentice, Jeremy Legall.

Thank you to our members who volunteered their time to help our Apprentices: Nikki Furlong, Steven Gray, Jeremy Legall and Brendan Luff prepare for the UA Western Region Apprentice competition in Victoria, BC, April 2017.

The Local 254 golf committee has secured Bel Acres for July 27, 2017 for the UA Local 254 golf tournament. Details will be provided closer to the date.

With Best Wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,



Kyle Kalcsics  
Business Manager and  
Financial Secretary

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## Course Schedule for September 2016 to June 2017

<b>September 2016</b>	
	AWWA Backflow tester's certification runs evenings
20	CSA certified Medical Gas certification. Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends Oct 12 tentatively
	Tutoring for Sprinkler Fitters, Refrigeration. Days to be determined and will run year Sept to June
<b>October 2016</b>	
11	Inspections, Testing and Maintenance for Sprinkler fitters (ITM) Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends Nov 9
<b>November 2016</b>	
14	AWWA Backflow tester's certification
<b>December 2016</b>	
5	AWWA Backflow tester's Recertification.
21-Jan 4	No Classes
<b>January 2017</b>	
16	Fire Pump Course runs till Feb 15
**	<b>B Gas Trades Qualification course (to challenge Red Seal for B Gas)</b>
<b>February 2017</b>	
8	Canadian Foreman's course. Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends March 9
8	NAUSC certified Shop Stewards Course Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends March 9
<b>March 2017</b>	
**	<b>Plumbing Trades Qualification course (To challenge Red Seal for Plumbing)</b>
	Preparing Apprentices for UA Western Region Apprentice Competition
<b>April 2017</b>	
11	Inspections, Testing and Maintenance for Sprinkler fitters (ITM) Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends May 9
16	AWWA Backflow tester's certification. Date tentative
<b>May 2017</b>	
1&2	AWWA Backflow Re-Certification course
14	CSA certified Medical Gas certification. Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends June 2
<b>June 2017</b>	

**Course Schedule for September 2016 to June 2017**

	<b>Online courses (can be taken anytime of the year)</b>
	Pipeline Safety (PCST) required for working pipeline, expires every 5 years
	SCOT safety training required for work in Saskatchewan expires every 5 years
	R&R safety training required for work in Saskatchewan expires every 5 years
	Aerial Lift training expires every 3 years
	Fall Arrest training expires every 2 years
	WHMIS training expires every 1 year
	Confined Space Awareness expires every 2 years
	<b>CPR/AED Level C</b> held in class on a needed basis, evenings, or days, or weekends expires every 3 years
	CSTS09 is now available to members looking for work in Alberta
	<b>PITC BlackBoard E-Learning (Start Dates to be Determined)</b>
	Math for the Trades Refresher
	Rigging Prep Class
	Related Science
	Drawing Interpretation (Drafting)
	Soldering and Brazing
	Basic Electricity

*Any member interested in instructing a course or has a course idea, please contact PITC at 204 947-1511*

Or [info@pipingindustrytechnicalcollege.ca](mailto:info@pipingindustrytechnicalcollege.ca)

**NEW: There are Red Seal Prep classes for B Gas, and Plumbing. Please contact Steve Ducharme for more information**

**Confined Space Entry is now being offered as a full day class, and will run as members register.**

**Please contact 204 947 1511 to register for classes or email [info@pipingindustrytechnicalcollege.ca](mailto:info@pipingindustrytechnicalcollege.ca)**

**\*\*Apprentices please remember to sign the Out of Work while in School\*\***