



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

November & December 2016

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE:	TUESDAY, NOV 7TH AT 4:00 PM TUESDAY, DEC 5TH AT 4:00 PM
EXECUTIVE BOARD:	WEDNESDAY, NOV 9TH AT 4:00 PM WEDNESDAY, DEC 7TH AT 4:00 PM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:	THURSDAY, NOV 10TH AT 8:00 PM THURSDAY, DEC 8TH AT 7:00 PM
*Coughlin will be attending meeting for Health & Welfare and Pension questions	
REFRIGERATION MEETING:	TUESDAY, NOV 22ND AT 5:00 PM
SPRINKLER MEETING:	WEDNESDAY, NOV 23RD AT 5:30 PM
BRANDON MEETING:	THURSDAY, NOV 24TH AT 7:00 PM
<u>Canad Inns Destination Centre</u> 1125 – 18th Street Brandon, Manitoba	

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

As a reminder, the Children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday December 11th, 2016 at noon. Please ensure you send your cards back to the hall no later than October 31, 2016 so your child is not left off Santa's list. Letters will be going out to all registered children in early November. If you are registered but do not receive a letter, please call our office.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS #478

With deepest sympathy we inform you of the passing away of the following UA Local 254 Member:

Brother Alfred Hackenschmidt – A Journeyperson Plumber and Life Member, passed away September 25, 2016, at the age of 88.

WORK SITUATION

We anticipate the work situation to pick up spring 2017.

GENERAL NEWS

Reminder all members are able to log into the Local 254 website at www.ualocal254.ca to update their information, view the Health & Welfare booklet, Pension booklet as well as print off claim forms for dental and medical. To log-in simply open the website and click the "member login" at the top right corner. If you find your card number is not working, you may need to add '00' before your membership number.

Attached you will find a form to update your current information.

MEMBERSHIP

- The Election ballots for Business Manager and Vice President have gone out and will be counted November 18th. **Every vote counts, so please send in your ballot!**
- **Effective December 1st, 2016 all members will be charged the \$30 death benefit for 2017.** Please ensure you call or send in your payment by January 1st, to ensure your dues do not fall behind. NOTE: This benefit is self-paid and will not be sent in by your employer!
- Income Tax season is quickly approaching! Do we have your most current address and phone number? Please fill out the attached member update form or call the office to update any changes that have occurred in 2016.
- New membership cards will be arriving early 2017, ensure your account is in good standing and that we have current information, so we can mail out your card when it arrives.

GOOD AND WELFARE

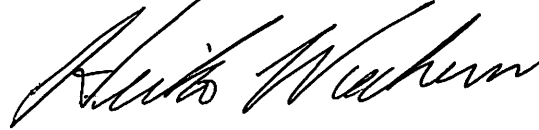
I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to represent Local 254 as Business Manager for the past 10 years. I have been fortunate to have the support from my staff and team of officers, in moving this Local in a very progressive direction. Many positive changes that I could not have done without my support staff. I feel confident that Brother Kyle Kalcsics will continue to move Local 254 forward.

During my tenure as Manager, I have seen the membership grow by almost 40%. I can leave knowing our Pension and Health & Welfare plans, as well as our training sector is in better shape today than when I first started in 2007. The purchase of our land and implementation of our Building Fund creates a very bright future for this Local. I will be leaving this position to take on new challenges, in the UA, as the new International Representative for Western Canada and Pipeline.

Once again, it has been a true privilege to represent you as the Business Manager of Local 254, and I will continue to serve you in a different capacity as your new Western International Representative.

With best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heiko Wiechem". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Heiko Wiechem
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary**

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MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE

Please fill out this form, print clearly and send back to the office to update our files.

MEMBER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **SUITE #:** _____

CITY: _____ **POSTAL** _____

PHONE: _____ **CELLULAR:** _____

WHICH NUMBER SHOULD WE USE FOR DISPATCH?

PHONE OR CELLULAR (CIRCLE ONE)

EMAIL: _____

- **If you would like to update your beneficiary for the death benefit fund, please call or stop by the office to fill out a new card.**

Mail back to 34 Higgins Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0A5



Course Schedule for September 2016 to June 2017

September 2016	
	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
October 2016	
11	Inspections, Testing and Maintenance for Sprinkler fitters (ITM) Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends Nov 9
November 2016	
14	AWWA Backflow tester's certification
December 2016	
5	AWWA Backflow tester's Recertification.
21-Jan 4	No Classes
January 2017	
16	Fire Pump Course runs till Feb 15
**	B Gas Trades Qualification course (to challenge Red Seal for B Gas)
February 2017	
8	Canadian Foreman's course. Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends March 9
8	NAUSC certified Shop Stewards Course Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends March 9
March 2017	
**	Plumbing Trades Qualification course (To challenge Red Seal for Plumbing)
	Preparing Apprentices for UA Western Region Apprentice Competition
April 2017	
11	Inspections, Testing and Maintenance for Sprinkler fitters (ITM) Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends May 9
16	AWWA Backflow tester's certification. Date tentative
May 2017	
3	Canadian Foreman course starts. Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends June 2
14	CSA certified Medical Gas certification. Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends June 2
June 2017	



Course Schedule for September 2016 to June 2017

	Online courses (can be taken anytime of the year)
	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
	<u>CPR/AED Level C</u> 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
	PITC BlackBoard E-Learning (Start Dates to be Determined)
	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

NEW: There are Red Seal Prep classes for B Gas, A Gas, and Plumbing. Please contact Steve 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