

## MAY & JUNE 2011

Dear Sir & Brother:

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: MONDAY, MAY 9<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00 PM  
MONDAY, JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00 PM

EXECUTIVE BOARD: WEDNESDAY, MAY 11<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING regarding the 38<sup>th</sup> UA Convention will be held on Thursday, May 12, 7:00 PM. The regular General Membership meeting will follow immediately after.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: THURSDAY, MAY 12<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00 PM  
THURSDAY, JUNE 16<sup>th</sup> AT 8:00 PM

SPRINKLER FITTERS: MONDAY, MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> AT 5:30 PM

REFRIGERATION: TUESDAY, MAY 24<sup>th</sup> AT 5:30 PM

BRANDON MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 26<sup>th</sup> AT 7:30 PM  
Canad Inns Destination Centre  
1125 – 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Brandon

*There will be no meetings during the months of July and August, 2010.*

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS: #426, 427 & 428

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

## **DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS – Cont'd:**

**Brother Ernest Gardner** a Journeyman Steamfitter and a Life Member of 56 years, died March 3, 2011, at the age of 79.

**Brother William Hirschak** a Journeyman Plumber and a Life Member of 57 years, died March 22, 2011, at the age of 84.

**Brother Stephen Kempa** a Journeyman Plumber and a Life Member of 56 years, died April 9, 2011, at the age of 88.

## **GENERAL NEWS:**

The Western Canadian Apprenticeship Competition was held on April 6 & 7, 2011, and was a total success. For all their hard work I would like to thank:

Jean Ducharme	Welding Trade Chair
Alain Rivard	Sprinkler Fitting Trade Chair
Brent Peterson	Steamfitting Trade Chair
Barry Straub	HVAC Trade Chair
Brian Munro	Plumbing Trade Chair
Craig Williamson	Event Facilitator
Daniel Spurr	2010 Sprinkler Fitter National Winner

Thanks also to the Local 254 judges:

Steve Evecsyn	Judge
Rick Carvalho	Judge

The four apprentices who represented Local 254 were:

Spencer Beazley	Plumber
Ryan Faulder	HVAC
Adam Lachuta	Steamfitting
Nick Lucko	Sprinkler Fitting

They are a great example of our future journeymen. Adam Lachuta and Nick Lucko were regional winners and will be at Kitchener, Ontario June 13 – 17, 2011 to compete at the UA National Apprenticeship Competition. Good Luck to them.

We will be having nominations and a secret ballot on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. before the regular General Membership Meeting for delegates to the 38<sup>th</sup> UA Convention.

**GENERAL NEWS Cont'd:**

There will be eight (8) delegates and two (2) alternates going to Las Vegas for the Convention which starts August 8 – 12, 2011.

At our General Membership Meeting Thursday, April 14, 2011, a motion on the floor was passed to have a Special Called Meeting for the By-Law change in September. Originally we were going to conduct it in May, but due to the large number of members working in Saskatchewan, we felt it would be more appropriate to have those members have a say on the new By-Law changes. We will have a Special Called Meeting for Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. The Special Called Meeting will be before the General Membership Meeting.

Refrigeration negotiations are ready for a ratification vote on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. I would like to thank Dave Peterson, Barry Straub and Hendrik Mills for participating in negotiations.

Again, we are asking our members who have updated their qualifications in the last few years to notify us and produce their tickets or certification of completed courses. We are updating our records in the office.

**WORK SITUATION:**

We have over 120 members away on Travel Cards who are working in Saskatchewan and Local 179 should be taking more in the near future.

Enclosed are a couple of bid prices that our contractors have given to me just for general information that the competition for securing jobs is very strong.

With best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Heiko Wiechern  
Business Manager and  
Financial Secretary

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