

Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

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You will see the formal notice for nominations for delegates to the 40th Convention in San Diego, California from August 22 through August 27, 2021 in the body of this newsletter. The General President will select one of 3 foregoing formats for conducting the convention and inform all affiliates of his selection by June 15, 2021. The options for the convention will be 1. A fully in-person Convention. 2. All affiliates may select a certain number of delegates to attend in person and the remainder participate virtually or remotely. 3. A fully virtual convention. After nominations you will receive a notice for a secret ballot election in the month of March to vote for the delegates of your choice. No member shall be eligible as a delegate or alternate unless they have been a good standing member for 2 continuous years. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the election shall be declared the elected delegates and alternates. The Executive Board has reviewed the contract extension proposal offered by the Southern Colorado MCA, and deem it worthy of discussion in the February membership meeting. The new proposal is a 6-year extension to the current contract with a \$ 1.80 increase to the package each year. The offer also would give Local 58 the 56 hours of Federal mandate of paid sick leave instead of the State mandate 48 hours of paid sick leave, regardless of the work location in this jurisdiction. If this proposed discussion is acceptable to the majority, a special notice will be sent to each and every member of the date and time of a vote on the offer. These next couple meetings will be monitored to meet COVID mandates and outside meetings may be required. Pipe industry is now our self-administered fund and we are no longer under contract with a third-party administrator. Pipe Industry Administration Company (PIAC) is Denver based and faster to respond to the members benefit needs. PIAC mailed out a Benefits Pipeline flyer with medical updates and an information index on the back or you can access

fund information at Local58.org and click on the benefits tab. PIAC self-administers our members HRA accounts and requires federal mandated documentation for HRA use. If you're unsure of a qualifying expense, feel free to call the fund office and inquire prior to use. Stay safe and call if you have any questions.

Ron

IMPORTANT NOTICE

SPECIAL NOTICE

Nominations for delegates to attend the 40th UA Convention will be held at the regular membership meeting in February.



**Nominations for Delegates
Wednesday February 17th, 6 PM
2870 Janitell Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80906**

URGENT: H&W and HRA INFORMATION

Cigna should be contacted for Medical/Rx/Dental ID cards (digital cards are available on the MyCigna mobile app or <https://my.cigna.com/web/public/guest>). Cigna should also be contacted for any health, prescription, dental, or vision benefit questions. Cigna can provide the most accurate benefit information as well as track and estimate card arrival.

As you know, PIAC now administers the HRA benefits via the WEX Health platform. Any HRA inquires/issues are to be handled by PIAC, but utilizing the self-help tools is where we would like to guide participants first. Participants can check account balances, review activity (contributions and expenses), upload substantiation documents, remit manual reimbursement requests, and even request a new WEX Health HRA card via the WEX Health HRA portal or app at <https://pipeindustrymbr.lh1ondemand.com/login.aspx> or App Name: Pipe Industry H&W of CO HRA. The best part about both websites/apps is that no card information is required (only name, SSN, birthday and address are needed) and these services are available 24/7! These self-help tools are the fastest and best way to get participants what they need, when they need it.

Brothers and Sisters,

With 2020 finally behind us, 2021 is looking to be a busy year. Our local contractors have said they have quite a bit of work on the books and continue to bid more work all around our jurisdiction. ICM has started hiring for the project they have at Cheyenne Mountain. They said they will be needing to hire a few more for that project in the near future. Most of our other contractors say they will hold steady with the manpower they have for now and expect to start hiring in early to mid-Spring. PMI is a contractor from Denver that will need to hire quite a few of our members in early March for a long-term project they have at the Air Force Academy. US Engineering told us they have a couple of projects in Colorado Springs and expect to be working in our jurisdiction for a while. We have also been contacted by some out of state contractors looking for wage rates for various projects they are looking at in our jurisdiction. One of the contractors is Jarrell Mechanical Contractors out of St. Louis, Missouri. The project they are looking at is an 88,000 SF facility at Peterson AFB. We are still waiting to hear from our signatory contractors that have been going after work at Everaz on the new rail mill expansion. They should be letting us know soon as to how much of the piping work (if any) they were successful in getting on that project.

Our 2020 Old Timers dinner and picnic were canceled by the venues at which they were to be held due to state mandates on large gatherings. Those events have been rescheduled for 2021. The venues will be the same as in 2020. The Old Timers Dinner will be held at the Hotel Elegante on Saturday April 10, 2021. **We do ask that if you are planning to attend please call the Local 58 office at (719) 633-4052 ext. 10 and RSVP for you and your guest.** The picnic will be held on Saturday June 26th 2021 at the Mandari Picnic Shelter at the Pueblo Zoo. We will keep in contact with both of these venues as the event dates get closer and keep the membership informed as to the status of these events.

Dale

TEMPORARY HIRING HALL PROCEDURES

If you are in a situation that you need to sign the out of work list you will need to call (719) 633-4052 Ext. 14 and leave a voice mail if no one answers. All calls to be put on the out of work list must be to ext. 14 to be put on the out of work list. We will be on normal hours of operation with limited access to the office. Local 58 office hours are 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 5pm Monday thru Friday. If anyone has any questions please feel free to call the office at (719) 633-4052 Ext. 0 this will ring the front desk and someone will answer your questions.

Local 58's web page

Local #58's web page is – local58.org – there is a lot of information on this page.

✚ Important Phone Numbers, calendars for the Hall and JATC, upcoming events, benefits (including dental) information, helpful links and photos of events.

Dues Payment Reminder

Keeping track of your union dues is as simple as marking a calendar and it prevents a lot of needless trouble for members and the union office staff alike.

All too often, members fall into dues delinquency and incur additional costs upon themselves – not because of long term financial difficulties but simply through poor record keeping.

UA DELINQUENCY

But whatever the reason, falling behind on your monthly dues is bad news; and members have to follow the rules of the United Association to return to good standing.

Any member who falls more than three months behind in dues payments automatically becomes delinquent. No notification is required. Delinquent members are not entitled to any union rights, privileges or monetary benefits. **(See UA constitution booklet page 103, SEC. 157).**

\$50.00 REINSTATEMENT

A delinquent member returns to good standing by paying all back-dues through the current month, plus a \$50.00 reinstatement fee. The reinstatement fee cannot be paid until the back dues are paid in full.

A reinstated member is immediately entitled to full participation in local union meetings but must wait 90 days after paying the reinstatement fee before being entitled to monetary benefits.

So, keep careful track of your dues payments. It helps keep the union's books up to date, and it maintains your status as a good union member.

Please note, you can now pay your dues over the phone with credit or debit card, by calling the hall at (719) 633-4052, ext. 10



Members who have passed away

❖ **Brian Lowe** passed away on 12/24/2020, Brian was initiated 2/22/1990.