

# Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

Newsletter - Fall 2021

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The work forecast from the last report is still accurate but timelines are shifting. Materials and equipment are being delayed and COVID mandates are affecting the availability of manpower. Dale's section always covers current and upcoming jobs but members may need to stay in touch for the new requirements or restrictions the pandemic has added to the projects. We are in constant contact with our legal team to comply with these mandates to the best of our ability within the limits of the Local 58 CBA. The By-Laws addition making the Death Benefit mandatory for all Building Trade members passed on the meeting room floor so it is being revised for all members as they pay dues. There was a motion passed on the floor for the Local to cover the death benefit fee for all retirees with 35 years of service and 65 years of age. Retirees in this group will still receive a death benefit card for the deceased member but no assessment will be charged to them. With the increased population in the death benefit fund, the benefit paid out to the family of deceased members should increase from the past \$1,800 amount to around \$4,000. The new Collective Bargaining Agreements with the extended dates and wage rates have been delivered to the hall and available for pick up if you want one. We also have the CBA electronically and can e-mail it for anyone that prefers it that way. Make sure to read the special notice for upcoming nominations and elections for all officers of the local union. Nominations will be in November and elections in December, prior to the active members Christmas party. The retiree Christmas party is back on schedule for the third Thursday in December so be sure to call in and get your name on the list so we have a head count for food and door prizes. The forms for paid sick leave and COVID-19 vaccination HRA credit can be found on our web page "Local58.org" in the Health and Welfare section under the [www.copipeindustryfunds.com](http://www.copipeindustryfunds.com) link. This link is also the best route to follow for HRA, Cigna, Principal financial,

pension and unemployment services. Stay warm and informed.

Ron Lenz

## Local 58 Nomination Notice:

Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Business Manager/Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Inside Guard, 4 Executive Board members, 3 Finance Committee members, 7 Examining Board members and 4 Building Committee members will be accepted from the floor at the November 2021 Membership meeting at the date, time and place listed below. The term of office will run for three years beginning January 19<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 6:00 P.M.

**Place:** 2870 Janitell Road Colorado Springs CO 80906

Nominations may also be made in writing and must be received by Recording Secretary Theresa Rasmussen at the Local 58 office, 2870 Janitell Road Colo. Spgs. CO 80906 no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Candidates must accept nomination at the nomination meeting or, if not in attendance, submit a written acceptance to Recording Secretary Theresa Rasmussen by 5:00 P.M. on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## Local 58 Election Notice:

A secret ballot election for the offices of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Business Manager/Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Inside Guard, 4 Executive Board members, 3 Finance Committee members, 7 Examining Board members and 4 Building Committee members will be conducted by Local 58.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 6:00 P.M.

**Place:** 2870 Janitell Road Colorado Springs, CO 80906

**In the event of a tie vote, a runoff election will be held immediately following the primary election.**

Brothers and Sisters,

With fall in the air and the holiday season right around the corner our contractors are telling us they have plenty of work on the books, some starting in the near future, quite a bit of it starting after the first of the year. Some of the larger jobs scheduled are the Air Force Academy Convention Center and a new hospital on the north end of Colorado Springs. We have even heard talk of a large building in downtown Colorado Springs. With the work that our contractors have, we will probably have a shortage of licensed plumbers as well as certified med gas installers with a braze Cert. If anyone is interested in med gas certs, give the JATC a call and see when the next class is.

We are pleased to announce that we have partnered with the Union Strong App. Our members who have downloaded the App on their smart phones will be able to receive push notifications with information from the Union hall about upcoming events as well as notifications from the training center about upcoming classes. The App is easy to download, just scan the QR code below with the camera on your smart phone and it will give you step by step directions to get it installed. If anyone has any questions about the App call the office.



Christmas parties are back on schedule this year! The active members party will happen immediately following the regularly scheduled Union meeting at 6pm on Wednesday December 15th, the retiree Christmas party at 12:00 Noon Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Make plans to attend, we look forward to seeing you there!

Dale



### **URGENT: H&W and HRA INFORMATION**

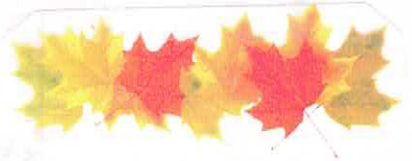
Cigna should be contacted for Medical/Rx/Dental ID cards (digital cards are available on the MyCigna mobile app or <https://my.cigna.com/web/public/guest>). Cigna should also be contacted for any health, prescription, dental, or vision benefit questions. Cigna can provide the most accurate benefit information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

### [Local 58's web page](https://local58.org)

Local #58's web page is – [local58.org](https://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.



### **Members who have passed away**

- ❖ **Charles Cash** passed away on 3/24/2021, Charles was initiated 11/16/2001.
- ❖ **Jesse Ortivez** passed away on 7/19/2021, Jesse was initiated 6/13/2003.