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WEEKLY WORKFLOW: September 2, 2020

Register Now for the PCA Online Membership Meeting in September



Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions and the overall health and safety of our contractors and guests, the PCA Board has decided to convert our upcoming PCA membership meeting scheduled on **Tuesday, September 22nd** to a "Zoom" online meeting platform. This event (at no cost) is open to all PCA members (and their staff) and PCA Associate members. It will start promptly at 4:00 PM and is anticipated to last about 30 minutes or possibly longer if needed depending on questions and/or discussion by the attendees. PCA President Matt Erickson will lead the meeting on many informative industry topics including a re-cap of our most recent contract with UA Local 130. To register, click the link below.

[REGISTER](#)

After registering, the PCA will verify your information and you will then receive a separate email with the meeting link and option to add the event to your online calendar. If you have any questions in the meantime, call the PCA office at 312-563-9526. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you "virtually" on the 22nd!

If you or any of your staff are unfamiliar with the Zoom online service and would like to schedule a "test," please contact the PCA office prior to September 22nd.

Labor Day Holiday Pay Reminder



PCA contractors who schedule UA Local 130 members to work on **Monday, September 7th (Labor Day)** will be required to pay double the standard hourly wage rate, according to language in the CBA. Please note: The PCA office will be closed on September 7th in observance of the holiday.

UA Local 130 JAC 4th Year Apprenticeship Night Class Schedule for 2020-2021

UA Local 130 JAC Training Director Jim Majerowicz has just released the upcoming 2020-2021 night class schedule required for all 4th-year Local 130 plumbing apprentices. Classes will be held on Tuesday nights for Chicago; mostly Wednesday nights for Joliet; and Thursday nights for Volo. To view the class schedule, [click here](#). Questions? Contact the JAC office at 312-421-1028.

IDOL Certified Transcript of Payroll

All certified payrolls for public works projects in Illinois must now be filed with the Illinois Department of Labor. Public works projects include any construction work funded in whole, or in part, by state or local public tax dollars. The Illinois Department of Labor has archived a recent training session to help contractors become familiar with using the portal by [clicking here](#). The link also provides additional information, including downloadable forms. It is highly recommended that the individual who files certified payrolls for your company becomes familiar with using IDOL's Certified Transcript of Payroll portal.

IDPH Continuing Education Classes

Unfortunately we still do not have a direct answer from the IDPH about extending the Governor's ordered deadline extension for plumbers' license renewals, apprentice plumbers' license renewal, and plumbing inspectors' certificate renewals that has now expired (as of August 28, 2020). In the meantime, we have heard that the IDPH may allow for online C.E. classes, hopefully relatively soon. Once this is confirmed, we will inform all of our PCA contractors. In the meantime, check out all of the available IDPH sponsored C.E. classes being offered throughout the state including several classes being held over the next several months at the Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin by [clicking here](#).

Illinois PHCC Virtual Expo

The Illinois PHCC is offering PCA contractors and their staff the opportunity to connect you with plumbing industry exhibitors in a virtual format this year. The Illinois PHCC virtual Expo will be ongoing throughout the fall with new and updated product information added as it becomes available. Several exhibitors and sponsors will be promoting giveaways during the virtual Expo. In order to be included in the giveaway drawings, you will need to make sure that you create an account and participate in the surveys. The giveaway drawings will begin on **September 8, 2020** and are currently scheduled to continue each day until mid-September. To access the Expo, participants will need to download an app from "AgendaPop" on their mobile phones either from the Google Play or Apple Store. For instructions on how to download the app, [click here](#). You can also download the app on your computer or laptop by [clicking here](#).

Upcoming Industry Webinars

Please click on the event links below to register for upcoming webinars relevant to your business, your employees, and our plumbing industry.

[The New 2020 ALA Short Form Contracts](#)

Sponsored by Association of Licensed Architects (ALA)
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Cost: Free

[Excavation Hazards in Construction: Virtual Training Class](#)

Sponsored by Construction Safety Council
Thursday, September 10, 2020 from 7:30 AM - 12:00 Noon
Cost: Free

[How to Modify Killer Contract Clauses](#)

Sponsored by ASA Chicago
Tuesday, September 15, 2020 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Cost: \$25 per ASA member and \$40 per non-member

[Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Aligning Strategic Initiatives](#)

Sponsored by ERS/EAP (an All in One Health Company)
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 from 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Cost: Free

PHCC Connect Is Going Virtual in 2020: Registration Now Open

The Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC) will present its national convention online this year from **Wednesday, September 30 through Thursday, October 1, 2020**. Registration is now open by [clicking here](#). Both PHCC member and non-member contractor registration includes up to 4 additional staff registrations this year. Additional discounted registration fees are offered for contractors registering more than 5 staff members. This year's virtual event includes over 20 educational sessions; a virtual product and technology showcase; live Q&A with select speakers; and more.

PCA to Resume Full Drug Testing as of November 1, 2020

As previously reported, we are planning to resume our random & mandatory drug testing program at full capacity as of November 1, 2020. The mutual decision of the PCA and Plumbers' Local 130 UA to temporarily suspend our drug testing program administered by Screen Safe, Inc. as of March 18, 2020 (with the exception of "Reasonable Suspicion," "Accelerated Testing;" or "Return to Duty") was deliberately instituted in an effort to reduce the risk of infection in our industry of the COVID-19 virus during the worldwide pandemic. The start date of the resumption of our drug testing program may possibly be further delayed depending on circumstances that merit our re-consideration – related to the COVID-19 pandemic or other conditions that may arise prior to November 1, 2020. We will keep you apprised. If you have any questions, please contact PCA Executive Director S.J. Peters at the Association office at 312-563-9526 or 630-280-9307 (mobile); or by email to: sj@plumbingcouncil.org. Thank you.

Illinois Compliant Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

PCA contractors have several "free" options to provide their employees with required Illinois compliant sexual harassment prevention training by the state imposed deadline of December 31, 2020 (which may possibly be extended due to COVID-19 although no official announcement has been issued at this point in time). PCA contractors should consider registering their employees to sign up for the following sexual harassment prevention training options:

- [ERS Training](#) (Approximate training time 30 minutes.) You and your employees will need to create your own individual new profile including a username and unique password. The process is simple. Once activated, scroll down to the "Soft Skill Courses" at the bottom of the screen. From there, scroll down to "required training courses" to access the Illinois Sexual Harassment Training course, which includes a quiz and certificate of completion at the end.
- [Construction Education Institute \(CEI\) Training](#) (Approximate training time 10-15 minutes.) You and your employees will need to register on the CEI website for this training course. For detailed login instructions, [click here](#).
- [Illinois Department of Human Rights Training](#)

Industry News You Can Use

The PCA partners with various industry-related associations to bring our affiliated contractors the most current plumbing and mechanical news, legislative updates, and event happenings. Please take the time to read through the latest industry publications by clicking on the links below.

- [Backflow Prevention Journal](#): Summer 2020
- [Northern IL Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board News](#): July-Aug 2020
- [PCA Website: COVID-19 Resources and Information](#)

PCA - UA Local 130 CBA (2020-2024)

The new PCA-UA Local 130 four-year CBA (2020-2024) is now in effect. Please click on the links below for more details.

- [PCA-130 CBA \(2020-2024\)](#)
- [PCA-130 CBA \(2020-2021\) Wage Sheet](#)
- [PCA-130 CBA \(2020-2024\) Synopsis of Changes](#)
- [Schedule A for Residential & Light Commercial \(2020-2021\)](#)
- [Residential Plumbing Service Agreement \(2020-2021\)](#)

For specific CBA questions or industry-related concerns, please contact the PCA office at 312-563-9526 (during regular business hours) or reach out to Executive Director S.J. Peters at any time by email at sj@plumbingcouncil.org or by mobile phone at 630-280-9307.

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