



UA LOCAL 179 NEWSLETTER SPRING-SUMMER 2022

Business Manager Report

Michael McLean

Hello Brothers and Sisters

It looks like Covid may be finally over, all health emergency measures, and vaccination status rules have been lifted by our government various clients and job sites still have policies in place, but we expect these to disappear over the year.

I am proud to be a Local 179 member and very proud to represent the members of Local 179. Our members continued working through the pandemic, keeping our province running, even in the beginning when everything was shutting down and people were told to stay home, and nobody really knew the severity of the virus. Local 179 members went to work not even realizing what they may be risking.

We have had to adapt with masks, social distancing, and vaccination rules on job sites, that sometimes made the simplest task difficult and Local 179 members worked through all this.

Your Local 179 offices and Sask Piping training centers stayed open during the pandemic but were unfortunately very quiet.

There have been a lot of positive changes for Local 179 members over the last year E-transfer has been set up to pay union dues on your schedule not the halls, making it easier for members out on travel card. Local 179 and Sask Piping have partnered on a new safety certification App for our members, which is in the process of being loaded with members training certs. The App can be downloaded for Android and Apple devices but bear with us while we have it populated.

We were able to reach the membership via Zoom meetings during the pandemic, well not optimum we were able to get information out to the members, thankfully we have returned to live meetings effective March 2022.

Local 179 has ratified three agreements: Commercial, Refrigeration and Industrial. We have seen increases in all our agreements but not without making concessions, to keep us competitive. Don't think we haven't heard and read the negative comments by some of our members over the ratification of the Industrial agreement. Nobody on your Negotiating committees were happy with the agreements that were presented. The contracts that were presented to the membership for ratification were the final offers by the CLR, rather than break off bargaining again, the decision was put to the members. The industrial agreement was accepted there were 784 ballots mailed, 304 returned, 199 were for and 87 against with 18 spoiled, 39% were returned with a 75% acceptance.

We are all seeing the world go crazy and feeling the pinch with inflation, new taxes, fuel prices and groceries, everything is more expensive. There is hope for us with the announcement of some major projects in Saskatchewan, but the reality is most of our work in 2022 will be shut down and maintenance work.



Mike McLean

Business Manager
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Apprenticeship
Training

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The new Saskpower Great Plains power station in Moose Jaw unfortunately has gone CLAC, there was a PLA signed by the Building Trades for this job, PCL has decided to use there Clac side. This is a huge disappointment, there was a lot of effort put in politically, to make sure this was built by Saskatchewan people, and we'll see what plates are in the parking lot when it starts.

We have encouraged Local 179 members to apply with PCL for this job, with the understanding that if there is no certification available to us. When you are called for union work you will quit, any members caught working there without being sanctioned by the hall, will be charged and this also applies to any other non-union or Clac sites.

This may sound harsh but if we don't stick together and control our trades we will continue to be rolled over by our double-breasted contractors. Without solidarity we will lose control of our bargaining power in the future. What I want everybody, that is unhappy with the new contracts, to understand is that our clients want to see signed contracts and a guaranteed workforce.

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Pension, Health & Welfare

The Saskatchewan Piping Industry Pension plan has announced Amendment No.10

For union members on or after January 1st, 2022, monthly retirement benefit increases by 10%, for pensioners in receipt of a monthly pension as of January 1st, 2022, their pensions shall be increased by 10% on or after January 1st, 2017 and prior to January 1st, 2022 after completion of at least 10 years of Bridge benefits shall be entitled to a monthly benefit of \$578.63 on or after January 1st, 2022 after completion of at least 10 years of Bridge benefit eligibility shall receive a monthly benefit of \$635.26. For pensioners in receipt of a monthly pension as of January 1st, 2022, their monthly Bridge benefit shall be increased by 9.8%.

For service on or after January 1st, 2022, a monthly pension equal to \$7.25 for every 100 covered hours of employment any covered hours of employment for which contributions are not made at full rate under the applicable Industrial Collective Agreement will be adjusted on a pro-rated basis. These are some very positive changes and increases for the members of Local 179.

The Saskatchewan Piping Industry Health & Welfare trust fund has also had to make changes to benefits and contribution levels. With the ratification of the new Industrial agreement and the much needed increase to our H&W, hopefully some of these changes can be revised in the future. In an effort to balance financial considerations and long-term sustainability with demographic changes and the continuously increasing cost of benefits.

The trustees felt it prudent to implement the following changes to the plan:

- Effective 2022 a drug benefit cap of \$15,000 per covered person.
- Effective February 1st, 2022, medical and dental benefits shall decrease from 90% to 85%
- Orthodontic benefits will no longer be allowed for members or their spouses, dependent children will continue to be covered.
- Member hour banks will reduce by 140 hours per month, instead of 120.
- Pay direct amounts shall be increased to \$90 per month for single coverage instead of \$50, family coverage shall increase to \$110 per month up from \$90 and eligible retired members shall be required to contribute \$150 per month instead of \$120.



Convention Calgary 2021

The United Association had its 40th General Convention August 23-27, 2021.

The Convention was held in San Diego, California with Canada meeting in Calgary by live feed, 15 delegates from Local 179 attended the Convention in Calgary.

Covid has changed a lot about how we do business, but we have been able to adapt.

The General Convention approved several amendments to the UA Constitution that provide new and revised rules concerning good standings, dues owed by members, and per capita tax owed by local unions.

- *Monthly dues and the per capita tax rate remain unchanged for the next five years.*
- *Members in good standing with 50 years of continuous service will automatically become exempt from UA and local union dues.*
- *Members who achieve 40 years of continuous membership in the UA and who have retired will pay no more than \$10 in dues to their local union.*
- *Reinstatement and re-initiation rules have also changed when a member goes suspended for owing over 3 months dues, the General office will not accept a per capita payment for the members 4th previously unpaid month unless it is accompanied by the \$50 reinstatement fee.*
- *A suspended member will not return to good standing until the reinstatement fee and all back dues have been paid.*

Pension Health & Welfare ...

The board of trustees, in a meeting March 8th, were presented with different scenarios that would help improve the sustainability of the plan for the foreseeable future. Further to the benefit reduction effective March 1st, 2022, and the increase in negotiated contribution rates to \$1.89 per hour we estimate that the net assets of the plan will continue shrinking by roughly \$1.0 - \$1.2 million per year on average resulting in the plan running out of funds sometime in 2027-2028.

Our plan administrators are advising to immediately increase hourly contributions by \$1.00, contractually we are at \$1.89 in all of our agreements. First of all, any increases to H&W must be voted on by the membership on where to take the money, and it will also have to be done on anniversary dates of our agreements with agreement of the CLR to change wage schedules. The analysis of our H&W was done in October of 2021, when not many man hours were coming in, an increase in work to our members will change their determinations. I invite you to attend the Global Benefits Presentation at the **Regina Hall on June 20th at 7:00 pm** and at the **Ramada by Wyndham Saskatoon on June 21st at 7:00pm**.



We are pleased to announce that Anita, Nicole and Natallia have joined the UA Local 179 Office Team. If you see them around the office or talk with them on the phone, make sure you extend them a warm welcome.

Our offices are fully open including training rooms and the merchandise store

Lianne Office Manager	Anita Bookkeeper	Claudia Training and Merchandise
Lori Dues and Dispatch	Natallia Reception	Shelley & Nicole Saskatoon Office

A summary of all changes to the UA constitution and an electronic version of the new UA Constitution can be found on UANET.org

Maternal & Parental Wellness Program

UA Canada launched the National Parental Wellness Program which is funded by Employer paid premiums provides two benefits:

The Pregnancy Benefit (\$100/week) which provides financial assistance to UA members who are pregnant and unable to work because their work environment is a hazard to the health of their unborn child; and, **Maternity and Parental EI Assistance Benefits (\$100/week)** which provide "top up" benefits to members who are eligible for maternity or parental leave benefits under the EI Act. The National Wellness Parental and Pregnancy Assistance Program is now available online!

For More information and to apply for Pregnancy Benefits or Maternity and/or Parental S.U.B please call: 1-866-238-3013

Or visit www.uacanada.ca/wellness



Business Manager Report

Work Ready:

As your Business Agent and Dispatcher for 6 years prior to becoming Business Manager, one of the most frustrating parts of trying to get our members to work was Work Ready Training. Most of our older members will remember, that these tickets: Fall arrest, AWP and Confined space, were never part of our Industrial Contract and were usually site specific.

The 1996 OH&S regulations speak to safety training being the employer's responsibility and even spoke to the employee being on payroll for the training. This resulted in members carrying numerous tickets from different contractors and clients, with really no standard.

Fast forward to today, with other Building trades affiliates and our direct competition showing up Work Ready, and changes to the 2020 OH&S regulations, employers have to make sure their employees are trained but are not responsible for training.

Local 179 and Sask Piping, by taking advantage of UA and Government grants, has positioned itself to offer Work ready training to our members at no upfront cost but your time. We have accepted Work ready training in our new Industrial Contract so members will now need to be work ready to be dispatched. With Covid the days of 40 people in a trailer for 2 days doing training and orientation are over.

In conclusion, I would like to thank members for there hard work this year and I would also like to thank your officers and office staff for going above and beyond. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. We are here to help!

Mike McLean



MEMBER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PROVIDES MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH IMMEDIATE AND CONFIDENTIAL HELP FOR ANY WORK, HEALTH, OR LIFE CONCERN AT NO COST. IT IS AVAILABLE ANYTIME AND ANYWHERE.

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TTY: 1-877-338-0275

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Industrial Sector Report

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

It's amazing how time flies isn't it. I've been honored to be your Business Agent for a year and a bit now. I can truly say it's been a whirlwind. With everything crazy that has been going on in our world, there has definitely been challenges that all of us have had to deal with.

I want to say thank you for all your hard work and dedication to 179. From last years Co-op shut down to work in the potash mines, power plants and uranium mines and work in other union halls. You've all faced battles, hurdles, and new rules. It's been a challenge and you've all rose to it, faced it head on and got the job done. For that all I can say is Great Job and Thank You.

There's been a lot of great news coming about the work prospects in Saskatchewan. I think the corner has turned on the slow times and soon the good times will be here for the industrial sector. It almost seems like every other week there announcing new projects.



Brandon Faul
Business Agent Industrial Sector

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They range from a straw pulp mill by Regina and the pulp mill in Prince Albert, to 3 canola crushing plants, a new potash mine, 2 carbon capture projects and a bio diesel unit for FCL along with shut down work at PRPS (Coronach), Coop, Yara and Husky in Lloydminster. News that Cameco is reopening MacArthur River and Key Lake mines. There also is lots of work in other parts of Canada. So, the prospects are looking up for us.

I'm used to writing blurbs for our apprentices and usually go on rants when I did that. So, I figure ahhh why not. I think the main rant I could still run on would be mentoring and training. As Trained Red Seal Journeymen, I believe it is up to us to help our apprentices. Trade school only does so much. If apprentices ask questions answer them, explain to them; It's the best way to learn. It is up to us 179 members to pass along our years of experience to our future. If we don't, the end result will be something none of us want. As for training Sask Piping has lots of great course but little sign ups, which does nothing to progress our membership. When there aren't many calls take a course, it's better than watching Oprah. We say we're the best, let's be the best. Let's be the leaders and lead in all aspects of the Piping trades. Rant over

As many know we just sent out a package to be voted on. There are some good things and there is some heart burn. As a member of the negotiating committee, after much debate amongst ourselves we felt the offer that we had needed a vote. If it was a no, then we had a mandate to go on. If it's a yes, then we have a contract and some increases that are long overdue. Regardless of the outcome we are a brother and sister hood. We need to stand together and be there for one another. I know some are happy with the outcome and some are not. There was close to 800 ballots sent out and around three hundred came back. Again, regardless of the outcome GET INVOLVED this is your hall, it is your right, it is your career. Be involved come to meetings and ask us questions. We are here for you. Hopefully with this new app it will be easier to have quicker access to info, but again if you need call me anytime. I will answer or find out what you need to know.

At the end of the day, better days are coming. Hopefully covid goes away sooner then later and life gets back to normal. We've got a great team working for you in the hall, we will always work hard for you and do our best to secure work for the UA brothers and sisters. I wish all members of UA Local 179 all the best, be safe, be a mentor, don't ever hesitate to call if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, and donate blood you can save a life.

Brandon Faul

Commercial Sector & Organizing Report

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Commercial

This has been a very long year. It started out slow coming out of 2020, but in the New Year, we jumped right in with Commercial negotiations. We met with plumbers in the north and south and put together actionable items to be negotiated. In these first couple of meetings members were nominated and voted on to be part of the Bargaining Committee. The finalized committee included Shane Callaghan from P.A. "Thorpe Brothers", Cory Perry from Moose Jaw "Discount Plumbing", Chad Aldworth from Regina "Christie".

The Commercial plumbing negotiations before being ratified had four meetings with the C.L.R., March 11th, April 6th, May 4th, and June 1st. Both parties came to a mutual agreement. We sent out notifications for ratification for all plumbers to vote in Regina on June 23rd and in Saskatoon on June 24th. The Commercial Contract was accepted and implemented in July 2021 for an end date of July 31, 2024.

Refrigeration

The union during the month of April 2021 also started the ball rolling on meeting with Refrigeration techs; we had our first meeting June 25th and had the members present actionable items for negotiations. They also elected a Bargaining Committee, Dave Danielson from Regina "Ainsworth", Darryl Haas from Regina "Edco Plumbing", Dale Jessome from Saskatoon "Ainsworth".

Our Refrigeration negotiating meetings started on July 16th; we also met August 6th and finally again on October 15th. This contract had definitely taken a lot longer to negotiate before reaching an agreement between both parties. The union sent ballots out for voting and on November 12th was when the union counted all the ballots which was ratified by the membership. This agreement was implemented in December 2021 with an end date of July 31, 2024.

Organizing

This has been an extremely busy year in regard to organizing. Without the help of some of our members and also newly initiated members, these contractors wouldn't be part of our organization today. A special thanks to the following:

Certification with
Premium Fire Protection
March 17, 2021
Member Trevor Pauls

Certification with Paramount Services
June 9, 2021
Members Hudson Sjodin &
John Wambululu

Certification with KTI Ltd.
August 24, 2021
Member Tyler Fehr

Certification with Breck Construction
October 19, 2021
Member Cade Lucak

Certification with Ainsworth
Members – All Ainsworth employees

December 17, 2021
National Rep Cody Summers

So far this year I have filed more Certifications for Bargaining Rights. One is JLG Inc., they are an Industrial company based out of Alberta, doing a bunch of work out at Yara. I wanted to say without the help from Brandon Faul, who met up with one of our Local members to get the Cert cards signed, filing this Cert just wouldn't have happened.

Also a special thanks to Marcel Marcotte for assisting on this Certification.



Mitch Grenier

Business Agent Commercial Sector

8th UA Local 179 Golf Classic

UA Local 179 is hosting its
8th Annual Golf Classic
in Saskatoon

August 13, 2022, at 1:00 PM

The tournament will be held at:

Holiday Park Golf Course.
1630 Avenue U South in
Saskatoon.

Anyone wishing to participate in the tournament is welcome to do so. The registration cost is \$70 (subject to change) Includes green fees, golf cart and dinner.

We hope to see you there.



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Lastly, another Contractor that has been working with Local 179 the last couple of years, but have not been signatory to the hall is Berg Refrigeration Ltd. With the support and help of our Local brothers, I had Cert cards signed and have filed the Application for Bargaining Rights between the two of us. There has been a mailout, ballots have been sent out to be returned by March 23 to finalize this Cert.

I wanted to just make a note that a lot of time and effort goes into a Certification and also that none of these are ever easy. There have been many times over the past 8 years that I have spent in the office mentioning how many hours are required for a Certification process. Our biggest adversary is of course the Provincial Government.

Labour Relations have put up so many roadblocks that it gets to the point of wanting to quit filing Certification for Bargaining Rights. This of course can't happen because no matter what, we always have to adjust, change direction, change tactics, work with the current regulations, as flawed as they are and as biased as they are, to accommodate the rights of the non-union employee to have that legal option to choose a union to represent them.

The Employers with the current government always get the upper hand, which means we work twice as hard. If the Labour Relations Board see a loophole that seems to assist local unions, they just change the laws and/or modify the Certification for Bargaining Rights documentation.

I do again want to thank all of those mentioned for your help in growing our membership and market share for Local 179 in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Troy Fire Life and Safety are looking for a Journeyman Sprinkler fitter and I am still looking for four Journeyman Refrigeration Techs. SEC is looking for a Journeyman Refrigeration Tech and K + S and Paramount are in dire need for 2-3 Journeyman Refrigeration Techs in both Saskatoon and Regina.

There have been a few layoffs in our commercial sector due to shortage of work from the weather; this always happens in the winter as projects get held up due to the cold. The spring and potentially the rest of this year are looking extremely promising for lots of up-and-coming work for our members.

The Weyburn Hospital has not been announced as of yet who the Mechanical Contractor will be, but I believe Pow City is in the top two companies running for that project. P.A. Hospital will start getting some traction this spring and we could potentially see this job take off by fall of this year.

There are a few other major projects to mention – Bedo Developments are building two twenty-five story condo buildings with underground parking, of which the mechanical hasn't been released as of yet. This project will be over a two-year span. Also, we have thirteen schools yet to be tendered this spring with a hopeful start of summer and fall on these jobs.

I will be working with Cody Summers this year on growing our Commercial industry within our Plumbing, Refrigeration and Sprinkler Fitter sectors. There are a few companies that I will be looking at to add to the rest of our Unionized contractor base. We will be reaching out to Boss Mechanical and Absolute Fire Protection, Gateway, Marquart, All Rite, Interwest, Town and Country, Walton Mechanical, Bronco Plumbing, Westside Refrigeration, Resolve Premium Fire, Tempest Fire Protection, HVAC Services, Suer & Pollon and Andritz Hydro. We have already had talks with Revolution Plumbing and are close to getting them on board. We should know in the coming weeks if we will be filing a cert on them. We will be continuing open talks with Fusion; as of right now they have some internal dilemmas amongst their partners. I believe once this gets resolved, they did say they wanted to be signatory with the local. We will be opening discussions with T.J.'s Plumbing in the coming weeks as well.

I wanted to say that Local 179 is currently doing some housekeeping with one of our Contractors in the province. It was brought to my attention that we didn't have an official Certification for Bargaining Rights with the LRB on Ainsworth Inc. I received an email from the Labour Relations Board to be a scrutineer on behalf of the Local for counting the returned ballots from all the eligible members from Ainsworth. The Certification filed with the LRB is finally finalized with a 65% YES vote. Surprisingly enough, this was actually a lot of work to clean this one up. A special thanks to Dave Danielson and Dale Jessome; a huge amount of assistance from both gentlemen.

Commercial Sector & Organizing Report

CURRENT WORK	CONTRACTOR
SASK POLYTECH IN MOOSE JAW	Pow City
ASSINIBOIA CIVIC CENTRE	Pow City
REGINA – SASK POWER OFFICE RENO	Christie - 5 months
SASKATOON – MONTAGE CONDO COMPLEX	Pow City
REGINA – DARK HALL	Christie - 1 month
REGINA – GLOBE THEATRE – 2 YEARS RENO	Christie
REGINA – PRAIRIE SCHOOL SERVICE WORK	Christie
EXL BEEF RENO INTO A PORK PROCESSING PLANT MOOSE JAW	C & E
BIG RIVER SCHOOL	Pow City
SASKATOON SRC LABS – UNIVERSITY	Pow City
SASKATOON VIDO BIO LAB – UNIVERSITY	Pow City
REGINA RUH & GENERAL HOSPITAL RENO	Pow City
REGINA WASCANA POOL	Pow City
REGINA RCMP BARRACKS	Pow City
LA RONGE WELLNESS CENTRE	Thorpe
BUS ARENA – BIG RIVER	Thorpe
P.A. WATER TREATMENT PLANT	Pow City
NIPAWIN WATER TREATMENT PLANT	Balzer's
SASKATOON – 15 STORY APARTMENT BUILDING (4 STORY COMMERCIAL, 11 STORY APARTMENT "BROADWAY")	Pow City

New Projects Coming Up

Sask Power Warehouse/New Office	<i>20 Million or more this supposedly went to Suer & Pollen</i>
Weyburn Hospital Design Building Currently Being Tendered	<i>40 Million or more, not released yet who is getting the mechanical on this</i>
P.A. Hospital Starts Tendering in October	<i>60 Million or more</i>
Yorkton – MH Facility	<i>40 Million or more</i>
P.A. Aquatic Centre	<i>60 Million or more</i>
BEDO Towers Downtown Saskatoon – Still Waiting to Hear Which Commercial Contractor Will Be Awarded the Job	<i>60 Million or more (2 x 25 story Towers) Vanderstelt awarded sprinklers on that project,</i>
15 Story World Trade Centre, Downtown Saskatoon	<i>40-6 Million</i>
P.A. Red Leaf Pulp Mill – Wheat Straw to Make Pulp –	<i>700 Million job starting soon</i>
Regina Canola Crushing Plant	<i>300 plus Million job</i>
Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Plant	<i>200 Million plus job</i>
OSB Plant In P.A.	<i>250-350 mill, looking at starting soon</i>

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Schools

St. Francis, Saskatoon	25.7 Million / winter 2021
City Center, Saskatoon	21.1 Million / winter 2021
Ducharme, Laloche	18.6 Million / winter 2021
Yorkton Regional	13.0 Million / up and coming 2022
Regina, Argyle St.	23.0 Million / up and coming 2022
Blaine Lake	7.3 Million / up and coming 2022
Lanigan	15.2 Million / up and coming 2022
John Paul, N. Batterford	7.5 Million / up and coming 2022
C.D.E.F. Regina	10.6 Million / up and coming 2022
South Hill, Moose Jaw	70.0 Million / up and coming 2022
Hague, Sask.	1.4 Million / up and coming 2022
Moose Jaw Joint Use School	50.0 Million / up and coming 2022



The Convention was very professionally done from both parties, with a mass amount of effort and an amazing group of smart, technical people.

I wanted to also mention that in August 2021 I had the privilege and pleasure of participating at the International Convention, which if any members don't know, only happens every 5 years.

Due to all the health regulations at that time, all the Canadian Delegates were not allowed to participate at the hosted event location in San Diego. It was upsetting to say the least as all the Americans were still allowed to be there as one unified group. The decision that was made was for all the Canadian Delegates to participate at this event via zoom with the Americans, based out of Calgary, Alberta. Surprisingly enough, it went off without a hitch. The Convention was very professionally done from both parties, with a mass amount of effort and an amazing group of smart, technical people. Between sound and audio and all the camera crews, it was something to be seen. I think most of us who were there won't forget it.

I wanted to throw out a special thanks to all the members who voted for me to participate. Thanks for that! I also wanted to thank our Host Union Local 496. They had a very short timeline to put everything together and I wanted everyone to know that Trevor Robertson and all of his staff or team did an outstanding job.

The last thing I wanted to mention was I had been asked to be a Sergeant-at-Arms for this entire event. I was very proud to represent all of our Brothers and Sisters of Local 179 to take on this task that was asked of me. There were very long days, but it was a great personal experience for me, one that I probably will not forget.

Mitch Grenier



Calgary, Alberta

August 23-27, 2021



4 Workers Rights

Fifty years ago, on April 11th 1972, Saskatchewan passed the Occupational Health Act, becoming the first province to do so and cementing our place in Canadian Labour history.

The Occupational Health Act was the first to make health and safety a joint responsibility of employer and employees, while also requiring the establishment of joint health and safety committees.

The Act enshrined three fundamental rights of workers:

- ♦ **The right to know** about the hazards in the workplace;
- ♦ **The right to participate** in health and safety discussions at work; and
- ♦ **The right to refuse** unsafe work.

Over the years, the act has also been expanded to include a *fourth, fundamental right: the right to avoid reprisals for reporting workplace health and safety hazards.*

Speaking up about workplace health or safety hazards doesn't mean you have to be an expert or have all the answers. It simply means sharing the experience of those working in your workplace – this includes the physical, mental and organizational aspects of the work.



Training Report

Hello Brothers and Sisters

Hope the new year has been well for all of you and your families. It has been a busy year in both our training facilities with the work ready programs in full swing along with other programs that we run year-round. We have been running the work ready program twice a week with Fall Protection, AWP, and Confined Space. We have been trying to run these programs as much as we can to suit the demand for the training before shutdown season starts. Kudos to my team to make this happen! It has been very stable as we have put out 359 certifications in 3 months. We have been running these programs steady online to be able to deliver to members around the province. The practical's and exams are held in person in either facility following the theory portion of the course. If members have problems with computers or do not have a smart phone or a tablet you can come into either of our facilities on the days training is scheduled for you and we will set you up with a smart board or IPAD, in both Regina and Saskatoon.

With that being said, we have run a fair number of different programs. We have been updating our calendar on our website weekly and update to suit the demand for the training that is needed. We have held the following training programs such as the Steamfitter Upgrader Course, Plumbing Upgrader Course, Cross Connection Certification and NAUSC programs since things have opened back up. The NAUSC Courses we have held are NAUSC McElroy Fusion, NAUSC Controlled Bolting, NAUSC Supervision Level 1, NAUSC Cold Cutting, and NAUSC CSA Medical Gas Systems Installer. These programs are very well laid out and give you specialty certifications that are recognized with our contractors, Saskatchewan Apprenticeship, and clients of our contractors.



Skilled Trades Ontario

The government has established **Skilled Trades Ontario** as a Crown agency to replace the **Ontario College of Trades** to simplify and transform the skilled trades and apprenticeship system in Ontario. Skilled Trades Ontario responsible for issuing industry recognized certificates.

For more information and to answer any question you may have please proceed to website listed below www.skilledtradesontario.ca

Training Report

The next couple of months we are holding General Gas and Domestic Gas. These programs are also recognized by Saskatchewan Apprenticeship. For some trades this is a prerequisite before writing the Domestic Exam and the General course is required by all pipe trades prior to writing the General Gas please book online if you are interested.

Now for some Apprenticeship information. At the moment we are sitting at the 171 Apprentices. We have 62 Steamfitters, 52 Plumbing Apprentices, 23 Refrigeration Apprentices, 30 Sprinkler Fitter Apprentices and 38 Probationary Apprentices in all pipe trades. Our numbers are very low in the Steamfitter Trade compared to what they have been in the past and we are seeking out apprentices for all pipe trades, especially the Steam Fitting apprentices at the moment. If you know of any individuals that are mechanically inclined send them over our way.

Some of the different programs that are working on is our lab in Regina we received AWWA certification as a testing center in Saskatoon last April 2022 and are almost completed the lab in Regina to obtain status as a testing center.

In March 2022 we received Trimble Scanning Equipment from UA Canada with program seats for Auto-Cad. With this scanning equipment, we are being trained with this over the next couple of months and plan on offering a BIM modelling and CAD program to the to the membership in the near future. Next up we are looking at setting up for fiber glass training as there is a fair demand for this type of training, but we do have to make some changes to our buildings to accommodate for proper ventilation.

In closing these training facilities are here for you and our membership take advantage of the training we are offering. We will be continuing to increase the number of these programs and certifications to set up our membership for success.

Fraternaly Yours
Brad Funk
Director of Training



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In the notes section, please include: your full name and UA member number.
If you have any questions, please call the office @ 306 569 0624



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Dutchak, John
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Engle, Sheldon P
Fleming, Harvey
Hilligweg, Erich
Humenny, Garry W
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Kokott, Ken
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McKinnon, Don
Ringer, Judson
Schnell, Gary
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January 19, 2022
April 7, 2022
March 18, 2022
August 21, 2021
August 8, 2021
February 6, 2021
January 10, 2021
April 7, 2021
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August 6, 2021
May 13, 2021
December 9, 2021
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In Memoriam



LOCAL 179



8Th Annual UA Local 179 Golf Classic



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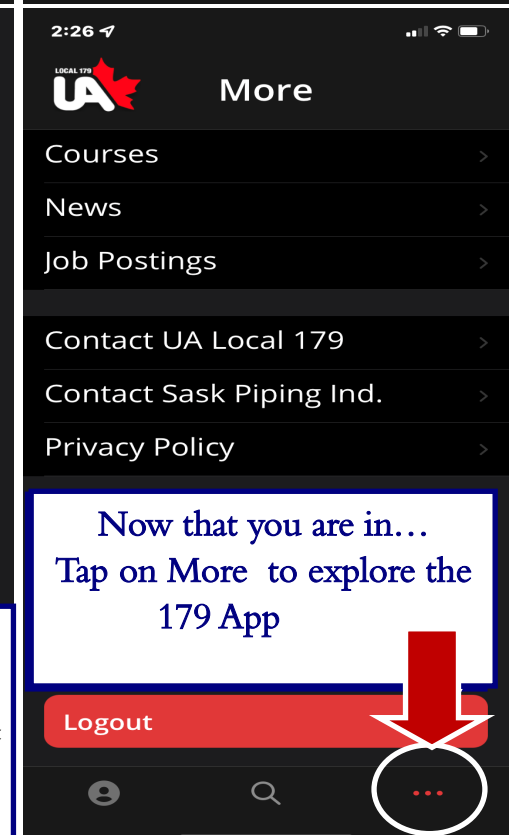
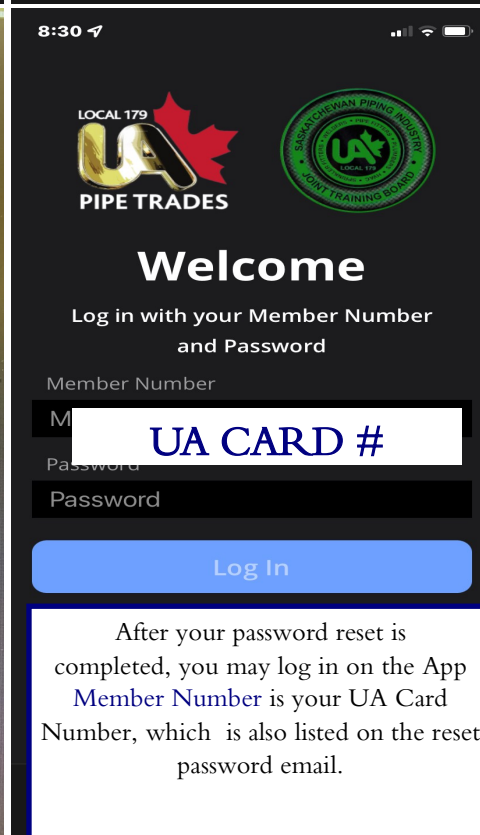
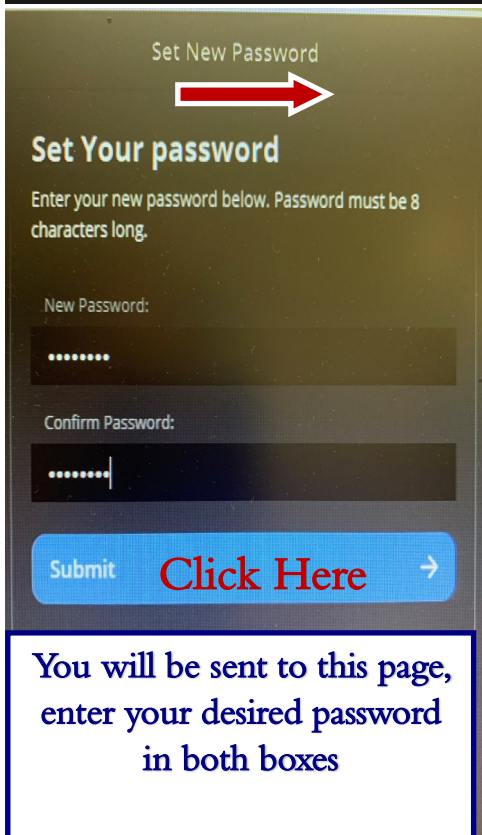
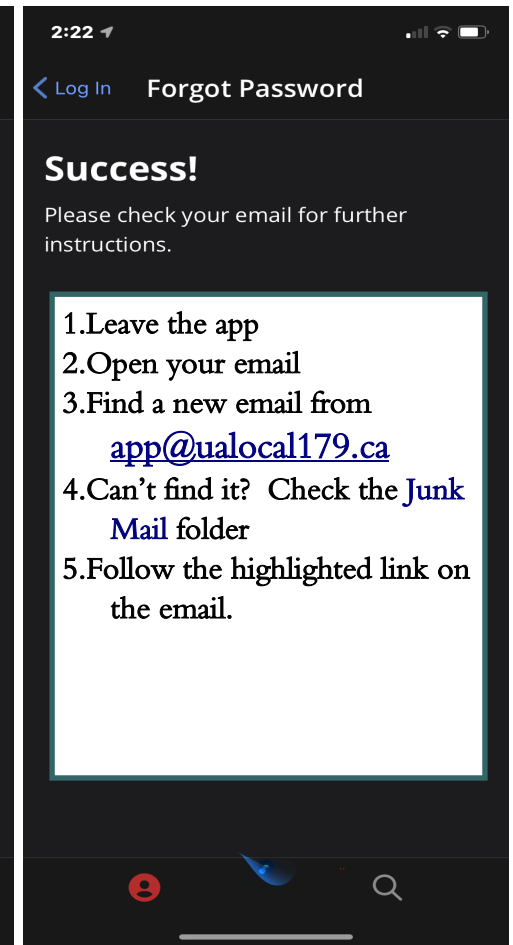
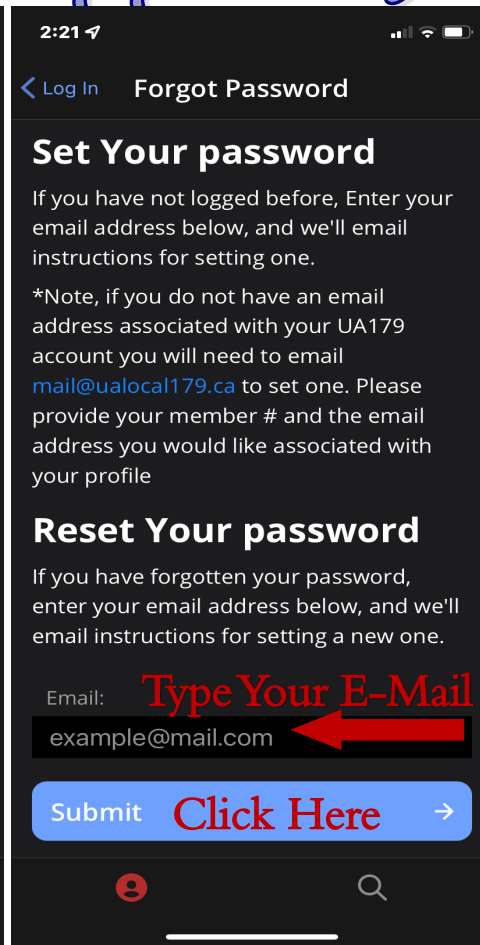
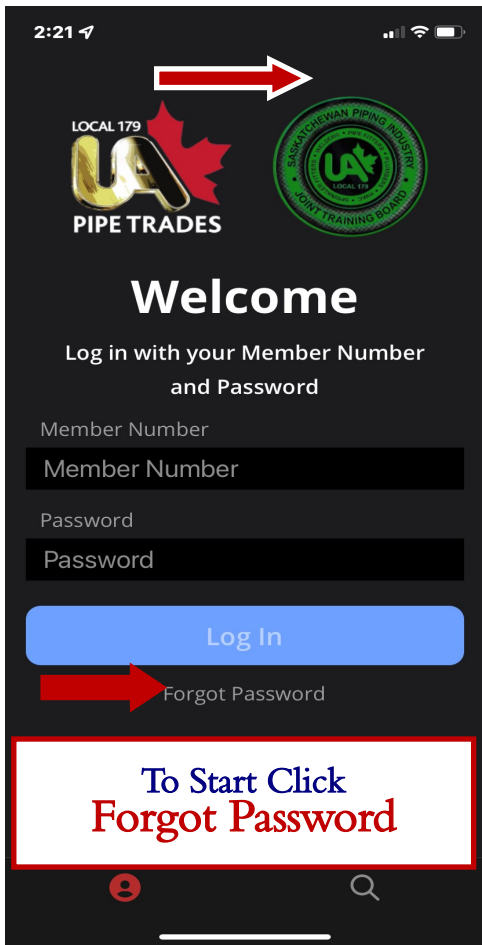
\$70.00 per person
(subject to change)

Saturday, August 13, 2022.

Start 1:00 PM

Holiday Park Golf Course.
1630 Avenue U South
Saskatoon.

179 App Easy Guide



Global Benefits App



1. To start ,download the Global Benefits Mobile App from your app store.
2. Complete "Register User" section and check your email for Login Information
3. Now you are ready to submit your claims using the app.

Create a Claim

Click on **Create a Claim**

Select Plan:

Extended Health Care

Dental Plan

Claim Amount: Full amount paid

Claimed by: Choose a name from drop down list.

Incurred Date: Date when service was provided.

No **Comments** are needed unless there is additional information you would like to provide (i.e.: already submitted to primary provider)

Click on **Upload** to attached a picture of your receipt and **Submit** your claim.

Enter **Direct Deposit** information:

Take picture of Void cheque or bank letter. Global will enter the information from the picture



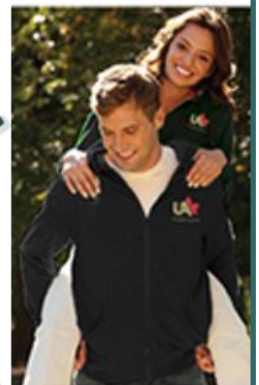
PENSION, HEALTH & WELFARE PRESENTATION:

Regina Hall, June 20th at 7:00 PM

Ramada Saskatoon, June 21st at 7:00 PM



*Spring Sale!!!
Vintage Collections.
Hoodies \$20
T-Shirts \$10
While Supplies Last.*



Who we are:

United Association of Journeyperson and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada or "UA" as it is commonly known is a multi-craft union whose members are engaged in the fabrication, installation and servicing of piping systems. There are approximately 326,000 highly-skilled United Association members who belong to over 300 individual local unions across North America.

The United Association has been training qualified pipe tradespeople longer than anyone else in the industry. The UA boasts the premier training programs available in the industry today, including four-year apprenticeship programs, extensive journeyperson training, organized instructor training, and certification programs.

Founded in 1906, UA Local 179 is the local representing those union members working in the pipe trades in Saskatchewan. Our members include journeyperson and apprentice: plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters, welders, refrigeration mechanics, sprinkler fitters, instrumentation techs and quality control.

If you have moved, please contact the Union Hall with your new address at 306-569-0624.

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