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WEEKLY WORKFLOW: November 11, 2020

PCA Contractors Gather Online at Annual Membership Meeting in November



Over twenty-five (25) PCA contractors, associate members, and guests participated on a "Zoom" online meeting platform to hear Chicago Fox 32 sportscaster and restaurant owner Lou Canellis (*pictured above*) speak at our PCA annual membership meeting on Tuesday, November 10th. This "virtual" gathering allowed everyone the chance to talk one on one with Lou about his experiences on and off camera in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. As a 6-time Emmy winner, co-owner of Avli Taverna restaurant, and a proud Chicago "South Sider," Lou shared the lessons he learned from how professional sports franchises have adapted to the COVID-19 crisis and he revealed insights on he has been complying with health and safety protocols at his restaurant. In addition, Lou spoke candidly about the Bears current offensive struggles and his reaction to the Chicago White Sox hiring of Tony LaRussa as its new team coach. This meeting was recorded for the benefit of any PCA member unable to attend. To request a link to view the recording, please contact the PCA at 312-563-9526 or send an email to PCA Communications & Public Affairs Director Jeff Weiss at jeff@plumbingcouncil.org. Our next PCA membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th, although this date is subject to change. If we can not meet safely in person due to the pandemic, we will once again conduct it virtually on "Zoom." Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the event.

IMSCA Post-Election Day Update



Our legislative partners at the Illinois Mechanical Specialty Contractors Association (IMSCA) have prepared a complete analysis of the Illinois General Election results, which included all 118 House seats and 22 of 59 Senate seats on the 2020 ballot. The post-election update also includes a report on the graduated income tax constitutional amendment which was handily defeated by ten percentage points in large part because it was tied to the anti-Madigan message. To read the complete IMSCA post-election report, [click here](#).

Note: The PCA is a member organization of IMSCA, and our Executive Director, S.J. Peters, serves on its Board.

Local 130 JAC Apprentice Night School Classes Cancelled Until Further Notice

As we reported last week, as a result of the rising number of COVID-19 cases and in an effort to keep everyone safe, all UA Local 130 JAC night school classes for both 4th year classes and supplemental classes have been cancelled until further notice. Reviews for the License Exams will still be held, but students will only be able to attend if they are signed up to take the exam. Day school classes will remain open. Daytime apprentices will continue to follow safety protocols and attend day school by wearing their masks and maintaining social distance as well as washing their hands often. The JAC office will send out an alert by email once night classes can resume.

Plumbing Contractor Registration Renewal

Concerns at IDPH

If you have been experiencing technical difficulties renewing your Illinois Plumbing Contractor Registration on the IDPH website, you are not alone. The IDPH system will lock out the user and not allow completion of the renewal process if the information is entered incorrectly. If this happens, the IDPH advises these users to send an email to dph.plumbing@illinois.gov and explain that they have been locked out of the renewal process and provide them with the name of the plumbing business and the plumbing contractor registration number (055 number). The IDPH asks that people allow up to 5 days for a response to these emails. Also, we suggest that once the renewal has been processed and is shown on the IDPH License Verification site that PCA contractors take a screenshot/photo of the verification page as proof that their registration is valid. In the meantime, if any PCA contractor needs available IDPH approved C.E. classes being offered throughout the state, [click here](#). Note: the PCA has temporarily refrained from conducting in-person classes due to Illinois' COVID-19 restrictions and for the overall health and safety of our membership.

PCA-Local 130 Drug Testing Program Has Resumed as of November 1, 2020

The PCA has resumed our random & mandatory drug testing program at full capacity as of November 1, 2020. It is advised that all PCA contractors continue to inform their Local 130 plumbers of this change to lessen the likelihood of an increase in positive tests if they were using marijuana (which became legal in Illinois as of January 1, 2020 but remains a prohibitive substance in our drug testing policy) during this time. 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 Mandates Sexual Harassment Prevention Training by December 31, 2020

PCA contractors have several no-cost options by virtue of your affiliation with your association to provide their employees with required Illinois compliant sexual harassment prevention training by the state imposed deadline of December 31, 2020. PCA contractors should consider registering their employees to sign up for the following sexual harassment prevention training options:

- [ERS Training](#) (You can create your own company code or use our PCA's access code: pcaeap. 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](#)
- [Illinois Department of Human Rights Training](#)

ASSE 12080 Legionella Water Management Specialist Certification: Dec. 14-16, 2020



PCA contractors and/or their staff are invited to get certified as a Legionella Water Safety and Management Specialist during a three-day live virtual course on December 14-16, 2020. Special Pathogens Laboratory is officially approved by ASSE to provide certification training for the ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI 12080 Standard: Professional Qualifications Standard for Legionella Water Safety and Management Personnel. This Legionella training will equip attendees with the requisite knowledge, understanding, and competency to serve as a member of a facility's water safety team to manage risk and help protect against Legionella outbreaks and react to one appropriately should it occur. At the conclusion of the training, the ASSE 12080 certification exam will be administered. Passing the exam will result in becoming professionally certified Legionella Water Safety and Management Specialist. The price of this certification course is \$1,299 per person. For more details and how to register, [click here](#).

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.

- [CISCO News Briefs](#): November 6, 2020
- [UAC E-Messenger](#): November 2020
- [IAPMO Online](#): November 2020
- [Vista Safety Consulting Brief: Face Coverings vs. Respirators](#)
- [Vista Safety Consulting Brief: Incident Investigation](#)
- [OSHA COVID-19 Guidance on Ventilation in the Workplace](#)
- [IL Dept of Labor Certified Transcript of Payroll Portal](#)
- [Illinois PHCC Virtual Expo](#) (2020)

Construction Education Institute Online Classes

In response to COVID-19, the Construction Education Institute® (CEI) is conducting online-only classes. The CEI classes are complimentary to all PCA contractor members and their employees as an extra benefit of belonging to our Association.

[Excel Lists and Reports with Pivot Tables](#)

November 19, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

[Diving Into Formulas and Managing Multi-Tabbed Workbooks](#)

December 2, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

PCA - UA Local 130 CBA (2020-2024)

The PCA-UA Local 130 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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