

# Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

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## Brothers & Sisters

Work is picking up and we are back to relying on travelers and organizers to help us fill some of the calls rolling in. We are expecting a good spring and summer based on the conversations with the contractor manpower departments. The contract extension vote passed overwhelmingly for a 6-year extension to the Local Building Trade CBA. The 6-year extension includes \$1.80 per year to the total package starting July 1, 2022 and covers up to 56 hours of paid sick leave within the state mandate requirements. We currently have 1 existing year on the CBA with \$1.60 increase to the total package July 1, 2021. The membership will vote in the May 19, 2021 meeting to allocate these funds to the wage and benefits as they choose with a membership vote. (See Attached Special Notice). In the March membership meeting there was a motion on the floor to change the optional death benefit fund to a mandatory death benefit fund. The approved motion would require a change to the Local 58 By-Laws and this will require Article V, Section 1 of the By-Laws to be exercised. The proposed language would read (In the event of the death of a member in good standing of Local 58, each Building Trades member shall have \$10.00 charged to their windows dues for the beneficiary of the deceased). This proposed By-Laws amendment shall be read at 3 regular meetings, following the third reading a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present shall be required for a favorable vote. (See Attached Special Notice). Principal Financial Group acquired the Wells Fargo Institutional Retirement & Trust business on July 1, 2019. Members that have active annuity accounts will see a transition of their fund management, from Wells Fargo to Principal Financial Group. The blackout period for the transition will take place May 20<sup>th</sup> and will be complete and open

for full access May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. You will no longer have access to your account with your Wells Fargo log in, but will need to set up a Principal Financial log in account to access. The information to support this move has been mail to plan participants and new information will follow, so look closely in the mail for details or call us for more information. Calls for manpower are expected to increase in the near future. The reports from the 5 States Business Managers show we are looking at a massive need for Plumbers Pipefitters & Service workers in Arizona, Nevada and Utah this summer. The ability to access manpower from our neighboring Locals will be limited due to the need in their own Locals, so expect to see an extreme organizing campaign in all these areas including our own to try to fill calls. Keep informed and access the [Local58.org](http://Local58.org) site for Local and Benefit information.

Ron Lenz

### **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://pipeindustrybr.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 Spring finally here work is picking up and our out of work lists are getting shorter. Here is what is going on in the area:

- Olson, PLS Mechanical and AMS are telling us that they have quite a bit of work on the books for this summer and should need to hire to meet their manpower needs.
- US Engineering has opened an office in Colorado Springs and plans on being a presence in our jurisdiction going forward.
- Precision Mechanical has started on the long-term project they have at the Air Force Academy and told us they are looking at more work in our jurisdiction. They plan to be here for some time.
- ICM is ramping up their job at Cheyenne Mountain, they have been hiring for other projects at Comanche and KMG Chemicals in Pueblo.
- Murphy Co is currently looking at work around our jurisdiction and is currently working a crew on the maintenance contract they have at UTC in Pueblo.

Due to the limitations and restrictions that we would have to abide by for the annual picnic, we have decided to cancel again this year. We are currently working to book the picnic for next year, we are just trying to finalize the date and time. As soon as everything is set we will share the new updated information with everyone.

Even though we have had the regular scheduled monthly meetings since February we have not been charging non-attendance. Going forward, we are planning to start charging the non-attendance fee in July of 2021. We will also open the out of work books to in person signing starting July 1, 2021. At that time instead of phoning in to get on the out of work list as we have been doing under the COVID-19 protocols, any member who needs to get on the out of work list will need to come to the office and sign in person as we have always done.

In Solidarity,  
Dale



## URGENT SPECIAL NOTICES

**IMPORTANT**

### Special Notice: July 1, 2021 wage Increase

The Meeting to allocate the negotiated July 1, 2021 wage and Benefit increase of \$1.60 will take place at the May 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 membership meeting. This vote will take place at 6 o'clock PM at 2870 Janitell Road and will require a majority vote for ratification.

### Special Notice: By-Laws Change

There was motion to make a By-Laws change to the Local 58 death benefit fund from an optional membership contribution to a mandatory membership contribution. This proposed change would read. (In the event of the death of a member in good standing of Local 58, each Building Trades Member shall have \$10.00 charged to their window dues for the beneficiary of the deceased). This would require a \$20.00 initial startup contribution from each building trade member, active and retired, for the fund to make benefit payments as the current benefit members already have. This by-laws proposal requires 3 membership meeting readings prior to a ratification vote. These readings will take place at the regular membership meetings at 2870 Janitell Road at 6 O'clock PM on May 19<sup>th</sup> 2021, June 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 and July 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 with a required 2/3rds majority vote in the July 21<sup>st</sup> membership meeting.



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

- ❖ *Jeremy Mares passed away on 3/4/2021, Jeremy was initiated 2/24/1997.*