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FLOORCOVERING PROFESSIONALS

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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: Start at 6 PM on the 3rd Thursday each month, at the Floorcoverers Apprenticeship and Training Center, 680 Olive St., St. Paul, MN. Food and pop are served. If you have concerns or items of interest please let this office know.

For questions on health & welfare or pension questions contact the Twin Cities Floor Covering Industry Fringe Benefit Fund Office: Website: www.zenithadmin.com.

Zenith Administrators
PO Box 73
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Office Hours
Monday – Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
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SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**ELECTIONS FOR DELEGATES TO THE NORTH CENTRAL STATES REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS & JOINERS AND SPECIAL ELECTION FOR VACANT OFFICER POSITION**

At the May 20, 2010 Regular Membership Meeting nominations were held and the candidates for the upcoming election are as follows:

Nominees for Delegates to NCSRCC

Mike Carhill	Rich Harter	Terry Nali
Scott Walker	Bill Pilger	Kevin Knutson
Mark Linder	Jeff Miller	Mark Allenson
Tom Pilger	Steve Thom	Kelly Bakke

Nominees for President of Local #596

Scott Walker Kelly Bakke

Local # 596 is allotted seven (7) delegates based on recent membership numbers. **Elections will be held June 17, 2010, voting polls will be open from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the TC Floorcovering Training Center, 680 Olive St, St Paul, MN .** Delegates will serve a three (3) year term and will be expected to attend the four quarterly Council Delegate Meetings at locations throughout the Council and any other Special Called Meetings. They will also be asked to serve on at least one of the four committees established by the Regional Council. The person elected to fill the Presidency will complete the balance of the term, which expires July, 2012.

Voters Eligibility Rules are as follows:

(Per Section 42.J, of the Constitution of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America)

- No member shall be eligible to vote for Officers or Delegates unless that person has been a member at least 12 consecutive months.
- You must be in good standing on your dues at time of voting. You can square up the day of the election.
- Employer members are not eligible to vote.
- Must be present at the time of the election (no absentee ballots allowed).
- Retired members can vote for officers/delegates, but cannot vote on contract ratification issues.

NEGOTIATIONS

Due to contract negotiations for the other Carpentry Craft Agreements, the floorcoverers negotiations were delayed. The delay was because our attorney, the contractors attorney, and Regional Council Leadership were all involved in the negotiations for the AGC, the CCA, and the Millwrights. These other contracts have all now been ratified. We will be sitting down with the Floor Covering Contractors Association the second week in June. We will keep you informed as things progress. We will also be negotiating the addendums in the Duluth and Rochester areas, as soon as the Master Agreement is completed.



We are still looking for volunteers to assist with plans for our 2010 Summer Picnic. The picnic is scheduled for July 17th, 2010 at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton. Your input is important and needed. Without membership involvement it is nearly impossible to host these events. Call the Local to offer your help. Thanks!

Saturday, July 17, 2010

11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Food will be served from

11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

**Long Lake Regional Park
New Brighton, Minnesota**

MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES ARE WELCOME

FOOD, GAMES AND FUN FOR ALL

PLEASE CALL LOCAL #596 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, SO WE ARE ABLE TO GET A
GENERAL IDEA OF NUMBERS FOR FOOD ARRANGEMENTS.

651 636 0091

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!

CONGRATULATIONS...

to Anton Korotchuck and wife, Irene on the birth of their third child, Sophia Emily, born June 2nd. She came a little early, but mother and baby are doing well.



WITH SYMPATHY

Our Condolences to retired member Larry Heinz who lost his wife, Diana, on April 25, 2010, after a three and half year battle with breast cancer.

Our condolences also to friends and family of past member Richard Hauglie, who passed on April 20, 2010. Richard was the founder of Hauglie's Floor Covering.

EMPLOYERS OWING TWO MONTHS OR MORE FRINGES (AS OF JUNE 4, 2010): Integrity Floorcovering, Max Pro, Vaughan

VACATION CHECKS

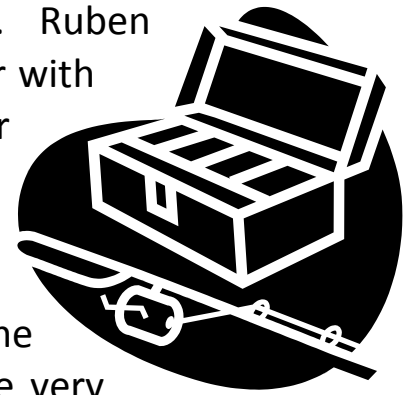
Vacation checks were sent to the last known address of members from the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters' Benefit Funds on June 1, 2010; for hours worked from May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. If you have signed the authorization to have your monthly dues to be withheld from your vacation check, this will be the check with the deduction. If your vacation check statement did not show a deduction for \$264.60 (\$22.05 x 12) your monthly dues were not deducted. The Local has not yet received the dues from the Benefit fund; when we do, the monies will be posted to the individual and the member will receive a receipt from the Regional Council, this receipt will also have a punch out working card that will be good for 12 months, if the member was current at the time the payment is posted. **THIS IS THE ONLY RECEIPT/WORKING CARD YOU WILL RECEIVE.** Please be sure to keep this receipt on you at all times on the job site. As always if you have any questions regarding your dues status feel free to contact the Local. If you believe you should have received a vacation check, and have not, please contact the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters' Benefit Funds office at 1-800-424-3405.

OUT OF WORK LIST

Work is slowly picking up. It is important that you continue to contact the Local on a weekly basis if you are not working. Ultimately it is the wish of all involved to get members back to work, we do use the "out of work list" for other purposes internally. The list starts over weekly, you can call in Friday's anytime after 12:00 PM. If you think of it over the weekend, leave a message on Danielle's voicemail & we'll get you on the list 1st thing Monday. Thank you!

STAFF RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

As many of you know Ruben Stewart retired May 28, 2010. Ruben worked in the field for 27 years before becoming an instructor with the Training Program in December of 1999 and the Coordinator of Training since Wally's retirement in early 2008. Ruben helped to make our Training Program one of the (if not the) best in the country. Ruben served on several educational committees as well as a Local Union Officer and Delegate to the Regional Council. He will be missed and we all wish him the very best in retirement.



TRAINING CENTER STAFFING:

Due to the retirement of Ruben and the lay-off of Brigitte (budget cuts), Chris will be manning the Training Center alone. If you need to contact the center and don't get an answer, please leave a message and Chris will call you back. As he will be multi-tasking, he may not be able to catch the phone every time it rings. If you would like to use the Training Center for skill enhancement (brushing up), or you are an apprentice that needs to make up class time, please call ahead to make sure Chris will be available. The number at the Training Center is 651-221-1304. Chris will be on vacation June 28th through July 7th, as a result the Training Center will be closed this week.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE CHANGE

At the Regular Membership Meeting, May 20, 2010, action was taken to move the October 2010 meetings. The Executive Board will meet on October 13, 2010 and the Membership Meeting will be on October 14th. This is due to North Central Stated Regional Council's staff and Delegate meetings scheduled for the 3rd week of the month.

CARPENTER LOCAL UNION 1644 MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Saturday, June 12, 2010

Meet at Big Steer Truck Stop at 8:00 AM – Ride at 9:00 AM



Intersection of I-35 & MN Hwy 19 (Northfield Exit)

Everyone is invited. No fees.

Questions? Call Ben Miller 651-341-4429

SUMMER OFFICE CLOSINGS

Danielle will be out of the office on the following days:

June 11 & 14, 2010 (vacation)

July 2, 2010 (vacation)

July 5, 2010 (observation of 4th of July)

July 6, 2010 (vacation)

Danielle will be in the training center for one day a week, if you call and don't get any answer, please leave a message or try calling the Training Center. If you need to pay dues on any of these days please you can do so at the 700 Olive entrance of the Regional Council's Saint Paul Offices or by phone on the days someone is not in the office (651) 646-7207. If you need to conduct other Union business please call ahead to ensure someone will be in the office to assist, as the Agents are in the field 95% of the day. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

THE NORTH CENTRAL STATES REGIONAL COUNCIL...

announced Wednesday, June 2nd that they are seeking members to attend a 3-day United Brotherhood of Carpenters evaluation in Las Vegas. This 3-day could lead to possible employment with the Regional Council and is due to the recent retirement of several agents.

The Regional Council will screen the top 10-12 applicants based on their application and resume. They will then conduct interviews of the 10-12 applicants and further screen the number down to 5 or 6 who will attend the 3-day evaluation in September 2010.

Interested parties should contact us at the Local or stop in to receive an application and additional information.

FORBO ASSOCIATE MECHANIC

A Forbo Associate Mechanic Class will be offered at the Floor Coverers Training Center July 12th-15th 2010. This Certification class is recommended by the manufacturer when installing their floors. The course consists of class room presentations and instruction combined with hands on training. You will be graded on the hands-on projects; also there is a written test at the end. The hands-on projects include Pattern scribing, direct scribing, heat welding and inset work. This work is all flat lay work, no flash coving. This is a pass/fail class. You must have a minimum of two years experience in resilient floor covering to participate. Call 651-221-1304 to sign up, class size is limited.

TOOLS FOR SALE

Roberts Stretcher with speed pole. Interested parties contact Bill 763-286-9289

UPGRADE SCHEDULE

June				
6/7/2010	Monday	Blue Print Reading	Following Duluth Mtg	Get familiar with Title Books, components, abbreviations, and symbols used on prints
6/8/2010	Tuesday	Blue Print Reading	Following Rochester Mtg	Get familiar with Title Books, components, abbreviations, and symbols used on prints
6/14/2010	Monday	Customer Relations	4:30PM	Pride and professionalism in the work Place
6/17/2010	Thursday	Turf Installation overview	Following Metro Mtg	Power point pictorial of sports turf installation methods currently being used
6/21/2010	Monday	Moisture Testing	4:30PM	Covers different methods being used and proper steps needed for accuracy
July				
7/12/2010	Monday	Seam Cutting Techniques W/Forbo	4:30PM	Forbo's Own Ray Gettelman will be here to instruct on Manufactures recommendations
7/12-7/15 2010	Mon-Thurs	Forbo Associates Mechanic Certification	8:00AM-4:30PM	Limited space, call to reserve your spot 651-221-1304
7/15/2010	Thursday	Resilient Refresher	After the Metro Union meeting	Skills needed to pass the INSTALL Resilient certification
7/19/2010	Monday	Upholstered Step W/ Baluster	4:30PM	
7/26/2010	Monday	Layout	4:30PM	Build Control lines, Swing Arcs, Square rooms and build 45's
August				
8/2/2010	Monday	Direct Scribe	4:30PM	Learn how to fit three walls without Patterning
8/9/2010	Monday	Why Floors Fail	4:30PM	

Classes that are up to 4 hrs count as ONE UPGRADE Classes that are 4-8 hrs count as TWO UPGRADES
 Classes that are more than 8 hrs count as THREE UPGRADES

Floor Coverers Training Center – 680 Olive Street, St. Paul, MN 55130

651/221-1304 or 651/221-1305

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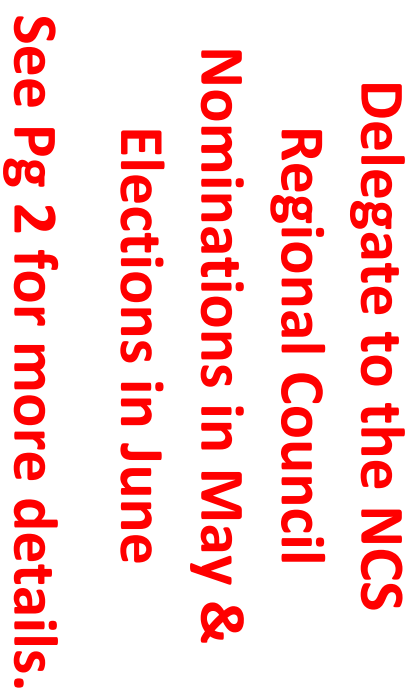
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**Delegate to the NCS
Regional Council
Nominations in May &
Elections in June
See Pg 2 for more details.**