QUARTERLY UPDATE

Game On!

For golf tournament information, see pages 4-5.

Come for the BBQ/FISH/FRY and Stay for the Annual Camping and ATV Ride

Saturday, July 18, 2020
10 a.m. ATV ride • 6 p.m. BBQ
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Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and social distancing this event may be adjusted to accommodate state and campground mandates. We will post these potential changes on our website and FB page.

Quick Links for Unemployment

You will also find these links and additional information on our website at https://www.bac1mn-nd.org

North Dakota - https://www.jobsnd.com/unemployment-individuals/file-claim
Minnesota Construction Industry Statement Regarding Jobsite Safety and the COVID-19 Outbreak

The Minnesota construction industry is committed to the health, safety and welfare of our workforce and the public. Our respective organizations represent labor and management in the Minnesota construction industry. The purpose of this communication is to describe the specific mitigation strategies that our members – the Minnesota construction industry employers and their skilled workforce – are taking to combat the COVID-19 outbreak.

The following strategies, which are derived from CDC and OSHA workplace recommendations, have been and are being implemented on our construction industry jobsites across the state. Our organizations are promoting the universal implementation of these measures to safeguard Minnesota construction industry jobsites through the duration of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Hand-washing and other hygiene measures are key to preventing the spread of viruses, including COVID-19.

The following measures are being taken across Minnesota’s construction industry:

- Jobsite and equipment cleanliness. Jobsites must be kept clean, with frequent cleaning of any frequently touched surfaces on the site. Any tools or equipment that might be shared by workers must be cleaned before and after use.

- Construction jobsites are not densely populated work areas. Regardless, the following social distancing measures are also being taken across our industry:

  - Workers are being instructed to observe a minimum distance of six (6) feet between individuals to increase physical space between workers at the worksite. This includes pre-work and post-work events of all kinds.

  - Employers are modifying their jobsite communications, planning, and schedules to shrink or eliminate group gatherings. This includes changes to or the elimination of pre-job conferences, communal break locations, and any other activity that would bring a group of people together on the jobsite. Policies for material deliveries and other third-party jobsite visits are being altered. Employers are simultaneously implementing new strategies to ensure ongoing, successful jobsite communications.

These and other measures – which include remote work directives in office settings – have the full support of labor and management. We will continue to support and take the steps necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of our workforce and the public.

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Covid-19 Changes the Landscape of Our Industry

The past weeks have been trying as we deal with the CDC and state regulations from COVID-19. Thankfully, construction has been deemed to be essential and we have an abundance of work. The regulations put forward from state and national government have been changing from day one and we have been diligent at posting these items on our website.

With so many questions centered around unemployment, jobsite regulations, and government assistance, we found it prudent to add links to our website to help the members and their families find the answers they need.

We have been directed by the contractor groups that no third-party visitors can be on site. We will continue to monitor this and when these restrictions are lifted, we will have the agents start to make visits again. Some agents have been able to stop by sites before work starts and visit the members in the street or at off-site parking lots to conduct business.

Membership meetings have been postponed until further notice. This includes all in-person meetings, Gold Card dinners and luncheons, apprenticeship graduation, retiree breakfasts and coffees, and semi-annual meetings. We are working with the International Union for ways to have these meetings in the future if gatherings are prohibited.

Wage addendums went out in April and early May for the local. Please check the website for this information. As a note, there were some areas that have opted to allocate monies to an annuity fund. In most areas this was done and allowed by the negotiating committees. In the metro bricklayers agreement this was not accepted by the contractors. We will keep this item for our next round of negotiations in 2022.

We hope that our membership, their families, and extended families are doing well during this pandemic.

Apprenticeship Update

Classes have been suspended including the pre-job classes until further notice. All graduation apprentices will graduate this year. Future classes will be posted on the apprenticeship center’s website when they are able to resume.
Attention Golfers – Don’t Miss the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

Metro Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 25, 2020, at Pheasant Acres Golf Club, Rogers, MN
Sponsored by the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union 1 MN/ND/SD

Tee Off Time: 7 a.m.; Shotgun Start – Be There to Sign In by 6:30 a.m.

COURSE REQUIREMENT: ALL GOLFERS MUST WEAR SOFT SPIKES!

SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT – A “Scramble” is a competition among foursomes, not individuals. Everyone in the foursome tees off. The best drive is selected, and everyone hits his/her second shot from this location. This procedure is repeated on every shot, including putting, until you putt out. The foursome will have only one score on each hole.

COST IS $75 PER PERSON / RETIRED MEMBERS IS $60 PER PERSON – DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JULY 17, 2020. This includes green fees, golf cart, dinner, drink tickets and prizes. Entrants will be limited to the first 128 golfers. You may make up your own foursome, or we will place you in one.

Any questions concerning the tournament can be directed to Doug Schroeder at 612-379-2966.

Because each person must be on a cart, the deadline for golf reservations is July 17, 2020. No exceptions! The golf tournament is open to all members of BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and social distancing the tournament may be adjusted to accommodate state and course mandates. We will post these potential changes on our website and FB page.

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITH RESERVATION – Payment by card or a check is accepted. Please note there is a 3% processing fee for all card payments. Make your check payable to BAC Golf Day. Send to BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD, 312 Central Avenue SE, Room 328, Minneapolis, MN 55414.
Attention Golfers – Don’t Miss the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

Duluth Golf Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, at Grandview Golf Links, Duluth, MN
Sponsored by the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union 1 MN/ND/SD

Tee off Time: 8 a.m.; Shotgun Start – Registration 7 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT – This is an 18 Hole Two-Person Scramble Tournament (We will play the 9 hole course twice). A “scramble” is a competition among twosomes, not individuals. Everyone in the twosome tees off. The best drive is selected, and everyone hits his/her second shot from this location. This procedure is repeated on every shot, including putting, until you putt out. All levels of golf skill are welcome. You may make up your own two-person team, or we will place you into one.

COST IS $65 PER PERSON – This cost includes green fees, refreshments, lunch, prizes, cash prizes, golf shirts, and balls. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS AUG. 31, 2020.

Any questions concerning the tournament can be directed to Doug Schroeder at 612-379-2966 or Stan Paczynski at the Duluth office at 218-724-8374 or cell 218-393-9406.

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and social distancing the tournament may be adjusted to accommodate state and course mandates. We will post these potential changes on our website and FB page.

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2020 RESERVATION ANNUAL DULUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT

NAME ____________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________

PHONE (H) ____________________________ (W) ____________________________

NAME OF OTHER PERSON IN YOUR TWOSOME:

________________________________________

*Note* If you do not have a partner, we will place you on a team*

Please RSVP on or before Aug. 31, 2020!
Many BAC Local 1 members have retired in 2017, 2018 and 2019. We are grateful for your dedication of work and we wish you a great future in your retirement years!
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Key IMI Activity Highlights

Minnesota IMI Director Mark Swanson promotes the use of masonry and skilled union craftworkers by providing masonry education and consulting to the design and construction community. The main goal is to create more job opportunities for signatory contractors and members of BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD.

Recent IMI Seminars

Structural Coalition: Webinar to MBJ
Sam Rubenzer, consulting structural engineer, delivered a 2-hour webinar to MBJ Engineering on March 19. Twenty nine attendees participated in the series from multiple MBJ offices. MBJ has offices in Rochester, Minneapolis, Duluth and Phoenix. Rubenzer demonstrated over and over that masonry was a viable option for lintels, shear walls, and storm shelters. MBJ is working on Rochester public schools and with Minnesota going to the 2018 IBC from the 2012 IBC, where storm shelters were not a requirement, making this a timely presentation. He showed that masonry can and is being prefabricated.

Masonry Wednesday Seminar Series at the BAC Training Center

Masonry Wednesdays are always the third Wednesday of the month. At our last in-person session in February at the BAC Training Center, Dekton porcelain tile demonstrated their porcelain exterior cladding rainscreen. IMI MN met Michelle and Morgan from Cosentino at Facades Plus in Minneapolis where IMI had a booth and Swanson delivered a rainscreen seminar. To demonstrate the durability of their product, Morgan poured nail polish on the tile sample and lit it on fire at the IMI tabletop. Perfectly normal, right? Swanson, a fan of flaming porcelain, then invited them to present at Masonry Wednesday, to build a mockup with a rail system to let the audience know this is ALL BAC work, and push BAC installed rainscreen into the market.

Training Center Masonry Coordinator John Slama built and coordinated the mockup panel build with Cosentino and their rail supplier out of Canada. Fifty nine architects, contractors, and suppliers registered for the event. Grazzini Bros, Advanced Masonry Restoration, and American Masonry Restoration were some of our signatory contractors in attendance. Kraus Anderson GC was there as well as St. Paul Public Schools. Meghan Bittner, IMI admin assistant, greeted attendees, coordinated the food, and did the introductions for the speakers.

Masonry Wednesday Seminar Series now a Webinar Series

Things can certainly change quickly in our world. Swanson hosted Mike Granatowski from Mapei to deliver a webinar on gauged porcelain tile in March. Participants learned how to use the proper gauged porcelain tools, troweling, lippage control, and dry installation methods. They also gained an understanding of the importance of having qualified installers that have gone through a certified training program like BAC offers.

On April 15, Swanson hosted Roy Ingraffia, IMI’s national director of Strategic Partnerships, for our 2020 Restoration Day. Ingraffia delivered a webinar on Coatings on Historic and Existing Masonry Buildings to 206 attendees. This was the largest attendance for a MN Masonry Wednesday event. The webinar generated some excellent questions and project inquiries.

JBC Masonry Innovation Competition

The competition challenges current and budding designers to answer the question: What will masonry’s design and construction delivery experience look like in the future? Swanson traveled to the IUBAC in February to review the judged submissions at the IUBAC with Past President Joan B. Calambokidis, (whom the competition is named after), IMI President Caryn Halifax, and IMI Marketing Manager Elizabeth Keeris. Also present were the jurors for this year’s competition;
IUBAC President Tim Driscoll, Mike Schmerbeck of Back Brook Masonry, Architect Alan Feltoon, and Stephen DeSimone of DeSimone Engineering. There were had 34 submissions this year and some very compelling designs and ideas.

Expanded Online Learning Opportunities for Signatory Contractors and AEC Professionals

IMI has expanded online learning opportunities to support signatory contractors and AEC professionals amidst shelter-in-place and quarantine measures as a result of COVID-19. Our Contractor College program is now offered as a weekly webinar series with topics designed to help employers grow their businesses and succeed. Topics covered include project management, financial management, developing QA/QC plans, and more. The contractor webinar series was launched in late March and regularly draws between 30-50 attendees, with numbers continuing to grow each week.

To continue educating design professionals about the benefits of using union masonry and tile, IMI has also added more webinars to its popular series with new topics each week, including timely information like using structural masonry to save money and get a quick start on projects. These webinars, which offer AIA LU/HSW credits, draw hundreds of attendees each week.

If you haven’t already, now is the perfect time to join our mailing list and add “teamimi2@imiweb.org” to your verified/safe sender list to be sure you’re receiving our latest communications.

Training Programs for You

Training, quality, and safety are what set the BAC apart from our competition. To learn more about training programs available to BAC members, visit www.IMTEF.org and www.bactraining.org.

Mark Swanson can be reached at mswanson@imiweb.org, 612-332-2214 or on his cell at 612-840-8695.
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Chapter 1-Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis:
4:30 p.m. June 8, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Nov. 9, Delta Hotels-Mpls. NE, Minneapolis: All Metro members 7 p.m. Dec. 14

Chapter 1-Fargo, ND
Dillworth Hi Ho Tavern: 5:30 p.m. Sept. 22, Dec. 8
Glyndon Rod & Gun Club: 5:30 p.m. June 25

Chapter 1-Sioux Falls, SD
101 S. Fairfax Ave., Sioux Falls Labor Temple: 6 p.m. July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

Chapter 2-Minot, ND
Minot VFW: 7 p.m. Nov. 11

Chapter 2-Yankton, SD
209 Cedar Terrace, Yankton VFW: 7 p.m. July 10, Sept. 11, Nov. 13
Butch’s Tavern: 7 p.m. June 12, Aug. 14, Oct. 9, Dec. 11

Chapter 3-Duluth-Hibbing-Iron Range, MN
Duluth, Duluth Labor Center: 5 p.m. June 10, Sept. 9, Dec. 9
Hibbing, Crown Ballroom: 6 p.m. Aug. 12, Nov. 11

Chapter 3-Grand Forks, ND
E. Grand Forks American Legion: 7 p.m. June 22, Sept. 23, Dec. 9

Chapter 3-Aberdeen, SD
617 S. 15th St., Aberdeen Central Labor Union: 7 p.m. July 20, Sept. 21, Nov. 16

Chapter 4-Rapid City, SD
922 E. St. Patrick St., Rapid City Labor Temple: 6 p.m. June 5, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Dec. 4

Chapter 4-St. Cloud-Brainerd, MN
St. Cloud Labor Home: 7 p.m. Aug. 5, Nov. 4
Brainerd American Legion: 7 p.m. June 4, Sept. 3, Dec. 3

Chapter 5-Watertown, SD
808 S. Broadway, Watertown VFW: 6 p.m. Nov. 20

Chapter 6-Rochester-Faribault, MN
Rochester, Rochester’s Eagle Club: Cancelled

Chapter 8-Rochester-Faribault, MN
Faribault, Eagles Club: 7 p.m. Aug. 3, Nov. 2

Chapter 11-Mankato, MN
Mankato, Mankato Eagles Club: 7 p.m. June 3, Sept. 3, Dec. 3

Chapter 15-Bemidji and ND
Bemidji, Elks Club: 5 p.m. June 11, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

GOLD CARD DINNERS
Letters will be mailed.

Chapter 3-Duluth-Hibbing-Iron Range, MN
Duluth area: Holiday Inn, 6 p.m. Oct. 9
Iron Range: Valentini’s, 6 p.m. Oct. 10

All meetings are canceled at this time.
Refer to our website for the most up-to-date information.
In “Reopening,” Worker Safety Must Come First

Workers shouldn’t have to take drastic action to win basic safety protections. Workers must have a say and have their safety concerns addressed in any viable plan to save lives, defeat the coronavirus, and revive the economy. The AFL-CIO has proposed eight conditions for reopening the economy in Minnesota and across the country:

1. Workers must have a say in these decisions at every level: workplace, industry, city, state and federal.
2. Decisions must be based on worker safety and sound science.
3. Strong, clear, and enforceable workplace health and safety standards must be in place.
4. Workers must have stronger protections against retaliation.
5. There must be a massive increase in adequate levels and types of personal protective equipment for workers currently on the job—and then for those returning to the job.
6. There must be a massive increase of rapid and reliable coronavirus testing.
7. There must be a comprehensive system of recording, reporting and tracking worker infections.
8. Employers, in coordination with local and state public health departments, must trace the contacts of infected workers and remove exposed workers from work with pay and without retaliation.

Without properly addressing worker safety, before lifting or relaxing preventive measures that are currently reducing the number of cases and deaths due to COVID-19, will result in more workers falling sick and dying and even more economic damage.

Minnesotans want to get back to work, but we need to do it the right way. While some have been loudly clamoring to “flip the switch” and reopen all businesses at once, a clear majority of Minnesotans in every area of our state understand how irresponsible and dangerous such a decision would be. They understand that our economy cannot rebound unless workers are protected. They support Governor Walz and our state government’s measured approach to protect workers and overall public health.

Minnesotans’ strength comes from us being there for one another. This crisis shows that when we face adversity, we join together to protect our neighbors and our co-workers. It’s by working together that we will get through this crisis and emerge stronger than before.