

## UMCA State Plumbing Board Nominations Confirmed by Governor Herbert

As reported earlier this year, the UMCA amended SB-23 during the 2020 legislative session, which added three additional board members to the Utah State Plumbing Board—two of those members must be union-affiliated. After months of work with the Department of Commerce and the Governor's Office, the UMCA secured three appointments to represent the signatory plumbing and mechanical contracting industry. Harvey Hansen of KOH Mechanical, Jason Warner of UA Local 140, and Seth Roth of CCI Mechanical have all been appointed to serve on the State Plumbing Board effective immediately. These three gentlemen will do an outstanding job representing the UMCA and UA Local 140!

## MCAA Update

By Patrick Lynch

MCAA remains committed to providing members with the best resources and education in the industry despite the challenges of 2020, so we have responded to these challenges with creative thinking when it comes to program delivery. While the Field Leaders Conference will still be held in Toledo on October 7–9, we have begun offering several programs online.

### Virtual Education

In addition to moving some courses online, we now deliver completely new virtual experiences:

- One of these, the Best from MSCA, has tapped into members' knowledge to create short interviews highlighting a novel idea or innovation.
- Virtual MSCA dispatcher training and Sales Basecamp courses are also new. While the dispatcher course has sold out, you can still sign up for the latter, which provides entry-level service sales personnel with foundational skills and knowledge needed for a successful career.
- Likewise, the new MSCA Sales Reboot Webinar on October 21 will equip sales teams to deal with the new reality of COVID-19 and understand what it takes to achieve high performance.
- During each of its seven weekly sessions, the PCA Virtual Education Series—hosted by JPG Plumbing & Mechanical Service, Inc.—will highlight a different workstation. A 15-minute video on the workstation will be followed by a 45-minute discussion of operational costs and a Q&A between attendees around the country.
- The new Preparatory Institute for Project Management (PIPM), a 12-week online course, is designed to help flatten the learning curve for those new to the world of mechanical project management.
- The Career Development Committee kicked off MCAA's GreatFutures Virtual Fall Program with seventeen presentations to help students navigate the proposal and bid process for the annual MCAA Student Chapter Competition.



### Online Resources

In addition to education, MCAA provides valuable resources. One of these, our "COVID-19 Resource Center," on [mcaa.org](https://mcaa.org) is dedicated to helping you navigate these uncertain times. We regularly update it with important information, including:

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- Administrative and regulatory actions
- Information and analysis of the PPP
- Emergency funding
- Letters and forms for contractors to customize
- Safety information
- Legislative reports and analysis

In the resource center, if you were unable to join a live webinar on a COVID-19-related topic hosted by MCAA, you'll find recordings of the twenty-plus webinars presented so far.

We encourage you to watch these recordings, check out other online tools, and sign up for our educational programs, and we'll continue to explore creative solutions in an effort to deliver the best programs and resources in the industry.

### Plumbers 911

UMCA and our Labor partners are exploring the exciting idea of creating Plumbers 911, a unified residential plumbing service. This joint effort will include training on residential service, united marketing efforts, and a shared call center. The idea is being carefully thought out and researched, with lessons learned from the successes and challenges of other states that have similar programs. For more information contact Jeremy Haslam at [jhaslam@ua140.com](mailto:jhaslam@ua140.com).

### COVID-19 Updates:

#### Congressional Pandemic Relief and Paycheck Protection Program

With the defeat of the U.S. Senate's COVID-19 relief package last week, it is generally assumed that Congress will not pass another significant relief package before the election. While the prospect of another broad bill is dim, a bipartisan group of House members has introduced the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Small Business Enhancement Act to extend the PPP and enact significant improvements to the program.

#### DOL Posts Revisions to Paid Coronavirus Leave Regulations

The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) posted revisions to regulations that implemented the paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). These revisions clarify workers' rights and employers' responsibilities in light of the August 3, 2020, decision of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York that found portions of the regulations invalid. Read more:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/16/2020-20351/paid-leave-under-the-families-first-coronavirus-response-act>

## Save the Date

All UMCA events (except education) are cancelled for 2020.  
We look forward to seeing everyone in 2021!