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Eighty-four delegates, 14 alternates, eight fraternal members, staff members and guests had the privilege of attending the 40th General Convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, held August 16-19 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Aside from committee reports, clarifications to the UBC Constitution and the making of resolutions, I hope what most people took away from the meeting were less tangible things: inspiration, pride, a sense of tradition and hope for the future.

The prevailing message of the week was that we will continue to fight every day for more work and more opportunity for our members. We can accomplish this through training, organizing, supporting area standards, building market share, facing challenges head on and being willing to change when change is necessary.

Although unemployment among the trades is currently at 30 percent across the nation, we talked about the need to be prepared when the economy turns around. This includes, as stated in a slideshow that helped open the convention, that we “run lean, stay flexible and keep moving forward.” This includes recruiting and preparing the next generation of our membership to work hard, stay focused and take on positions of leadership.

Most importantly, we talked about attitude. We have the skills and the training to outwork any trade out there — our attitude toward the job, toward the contractor, and toward what we do on a daily basis is what is going to make the difference in the work we get, and the work we keep.

As a group of more than 1,700 delegates from all 50 states and Canada, we talked about having courage and the willingness to take a risk. We talked about doing the right thing, even when it’s hard. We talked about the globalization of the world economy and discussed the importance of fair trade vs. free trade. We discussed how to expand relationships with our partners, including becoming more involved with alternative energy industries.

We know there is still work to do. We know there are goals that have not yet been met. But, we also know it is important to renew our commitment every day to our membership, to our contractors and to ourselves.

I hope everyone who attended the Convention left with a real feeling of Brotherhood. With the recent additions of five Locals from Iowa and Nebraska to the North Central States Regional Council, it was a pleasure to see members and staff from all six states in our jurisdiction interacting, collaborating and making each other feel welcome. I look forward to our Council becoming even more unified as we learn more about each other and work together in the coming months and years.
The North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters welcomes 2,695 members from Iowa and Nebraska to its ranks. Under a regional restructuring of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, central and western Iowa and Nebraska were merged into the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters in late July.

This merger created a 20,158 member-strong organization across six states. “We were very happy to welcome members from Iowa and Nebraska into our Council,” said Regional Council Executive Secretary-Treasurer James E. Moore. “We have attended meetings for all of the new Locals and we continue to meet with contractors.”

The members come to the Regional Council from five Local Unions, including Carpenters Local 106 in Des Moines, Iowa (1,131 members); Carpenters Local 948 in Sioux City, Iowa (247 members); Carpenters Local 444 in Omaha, Neb. (951 members); Carpenters Local 1055 in Lincoln, Neb. (152 members); and Millwrights Local 1463 in Omaha, Neb. (216 members).

“Partnerships with union contractors in central and western Iowa and Nebraska will continue and be strengthened,” said Moore. “Our union is committed to ensuring that signatory contractors in all six states have the highest-skilled, productive and competitive workforce in the construction industry.”

The Regional Council is now comprised of 31 Local Unions and boasts 14 training centers, including those in Des Moines, Sioux City and Omaha.

Business representatives from our new Locals include Juan Alvarado, David Arias, Steve Mulcahy, Robert Nawrocki, Pat Nilsen in Omaha; Curt Arey, Brian Ewing and Joe Kline in Des Moines; Steve Banys in Sioux City and Richard Marshall in Lincoln.

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Support our members in Nov. 2 elections

Mert Summers Jr., LU955 member and a Business Representative in Kaukauna, Wis., is running for a seat in the 5th District in Wisconsin’s State Assembly.

“We need a representative who will fight to bring economic recovery to the businesses and families of the Fifth Assembly District,” said Summers. “My focus will be on keeping jobs we have and bringing new, family-supporting jobs to our communities.”

The following will vie to keep their seats in the Minnesota Legislature:
• State Senator Ken Kelash (DFL), LU1644, District 63
• State Senator Tom Bakk (DFL), LU606, District 6
• State Representative Mike Nelson (DFL), LU851, District 46A
• State Representative Debra Hilstrom (DFL), spouse of Joel Hilstrom LU851, District 46B

Vote Mark Dayton for Minnesota Governor

The North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters is endorsing former Senator Mark Dayton (D) in his November 2 bid for Governor of Minnesota.

“Mark Dayton has the leadership and experience that is going to put people back to work in this state,” said Kyle Makarios, Regional Council political director for Minnesota. “We are excited to be a part of his campaign.”

Dayton toured the Twin Cities Training Center in early September and spoke with members of the Regional Council Political Committee. He talked about the need for job creation and said he feels this can be accomplished through building infrastructure.

“If you spend a public dollar, you want it to be for a public purpose,” he said. This would include a potential Vikings stadium and expansion of the Mall of America.

“It’s not a Vikings’ stadium — it’s a people’s stadium,” Dayton said. “The people of Minnesota will benefit by the 8,000 jobs that are created.”

Dayton noted the November 2 election will be a close one and he asked for the support of every member of the carpenters union.

“I want an economy that puts people to work and treats them with dignity and respect,” he said. “That’s my vision of a greater Minnesota.”

Council supports candidates in important races across the region

The Regional Council is supporting a number of candidates across our six-state area, including:

**Iowa**
- Incumbent Chet Culver (D) for Governor
- Incumbent U.S. Representative Leonard Boswell (D) in the Third Congressional District

**Nebraska**
- State Senator Tom White (D) running for the Second Congressional District

**North Dakota**
- Incumbent U.S. Representative Earl Pomeroy (D)

**South Dakota**
- Incumbent U.S. Representative Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D)

**Wisconsin**
- Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett for Governor (D)
- Incumbent U.S. Senator Russ Feingold (D)
- Incumbent U.S. Representative Steve Kagen (D) in the Eighth Congressional District
- Incumbent U.S. Representative Ron Kind (D) in the Third Congressional District
- State Senator Julie Lassa (D) running for U.S. Representative in the Seventh Congressional District

By and large, these candidates support the same issues that are important to the trades — contractor reform/misclassification of workers, Davis-Bacon/prevailing wage, transportation and infrastructure, economic stimulus and health reform legislation, among others.

The Council prides itself on the fact that 75 percent of its members are registered to vote. If you are not yet registered to vote, there is still time to do so before the November 2 elections. To find your polling place, go to the Secretary of State office’s webpage for your state.
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“There was good energy at the conference,” said Pecks. “People were glad to be there. It makes you feel more motivated in your daily life and on the job.”

Her hope is to possibly recreate that energy and motivation on a smaller scale at home, perhaps by hosting a regional women’s conference in the future.

“This is exciting being part of a future that’s changing for other women,” she added. “It’s important to be an influence on the younger gals.”

If you would like to get involved with the NCSRCC women’s committee, contact Pecks at 651-379-0227 or bpecks@mncarpenter.org.
New Sioux Falls Training Center to benefit membership

Construction of a new 5,184-square-foot training center at 4208 North Hainje Avenue in Sioux Falls, S.D., began in April 2010 and was completed in September 2010.

The training center was built by the NCSRCC with the help of a grant from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. It will be used to train apprentices in their craft and help current journey-level workers advance their skills in the latest technology and industry practices.

“The benefit of having a training center in our area is two-fold,” said Field Service Director Toby Biegel LU1074. “It benefits our membership by not asking them to travel for training, and we are able to offer more upgrade classes to our journeypersons, thereby being able to react more quickly to changing market needs.

“It would be virtually impossible to make an impact in this market without the support of the Council and the UBC in building this new training center,” he added. “It gives us the ability to grow in a city of 180,000 people and its outlying areas. When we create partnerships with new signatory contractors, we need to be able to train their people locally.”

Borton Construction of La Crosse, Wis., was the primary contractor on the project. The center was designed by Anderson Architecture PC of Fargo, N.D.

Eight apprentices taking welding certification classes at L.J. Shosten Union Training Center in Saint Paul, Minn., all passed with two qualifications for stud work on the first try. They received certifications in shield metal arc welding (SMAW) and semi-automatic flux core arc welding (FCAW). The course was taught by instructor Steve Stocker LU1847. Pictured, from left: Jared Cizinsky LU87, Matthew Larson LU1644, Derek Fedderly LU87. Back, Justin Erickson LU87, Cory Washington LU87, Nathan Ball LU87, Jon Reyler LU87, Sheldon Sailer LU851.

Green roof on Fire HQ open to the community

Stock Roofing, a roofing contractor recently signatory to the Regional Council, built a green roof for the recently completed Saint Paul (Minn.) Fire Department Headquarters and Station 1. A grand opening and dedication for the 58,000-square-foot new building was held September 10.

The 9,000-square-foot green roof, which includes a vegetable garden for the fire fighters, will be accessible to the public, serving as a living classroom for students and may also be used for community meetings.
Looking for an event hall for a wedding, reunion, graduation, retirement or other event? Consider

710 Olive

Our event hall, located at 710 Olive Street in Saint Paul, Minn., seats up to 350 at tables or 450 theater-style. Our lobby is an excellent space for receptions or cocktail parties. Our kitchen has stainless steel appliances and countertops and includes a stove, oven, dishwasher and ice machine.

New hotel to be constructed at MOA

The pieces are finally starting to fall in place for the long awaited Mall of America Phase II expansion with a 12-story, $130 million hotel that is expected to break ground by the end of this year.

The Radisson Blu hotel will be located along the south side of the existing mall between Macy’s and Bloomingdale’s on Killebrew Drive in Bloomington, Minn. It will feature a fitness center, spa, restaurant and 20,000-square-feet of meeting space above three levels of public parking. It will connect to the second floor of the mall via skyway.

The project is being moved forward with help from $40.3 million in tax exempt bonds, made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus bill) of 2009. Financing was also made available via the 2010 state jobs bill which enabled the City of Bloomington to use $15 million in excess Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to fund the 509-space parking garage and allowed for a special mall tax with monies going toward Phase II development.

Mortenson Development is behind the 501-room hotel, which is pegged to open in 2013. Mortenson Construction is the general contractor. Work on the hotel is expected to create up to 250 construction jobs over the 18-month life of the project.

Other Phase II expansion plans include 5.6 million-square-feet of additional mixed use space north of the existing mall. That proposal includes a Mayo Clinic health care facility, a Bass Pro Shops store, ice rink, indoor water park, and other retail, restaurants, hotels and entertainment venues.

“We are excited to move forward with the construction of this new hotel at Mall of America,” said Kurt Hagen, senior vice president, Mall of America. “The 501-room Radisson Blu hotel will be the perfect fit for us. This project would not be moving forward today without the strong support of the carpenters and our partners in the trades. They really went to bat for this project — and, as a result, hundreds of new construction jobs will be created. The best part is that this is only the first step in our Phase II expansion plans.”

We also have smaller meeting rooms available for rent. For more information, contact Tracy Madden at 651-379-0235 or tmadden@ncsrcc.org.
Seventeen million dollars in upgrades to the Rhinelander Wastewater Treatment Plant in Rhinelander, Wis., began in March 2010. Completion of substantial work is expected in July 2011. General contractor is Miron Construction Co., which has some 18 employees working on the 12 different structures on site.

“Miron Construction is running a highly productive, highly motivated and safe crew,” said Business Representative Pat Smith LU646. Several classes were taught on-site, including confined space, CPR and First Aid.

**Evergreen Manor**

Carpenters are also doing renovation and reconstruction work on Evergreen Manor, independent senior living apartments in Rhinelander. Subcontractor on the project is Cardinal Construction. One challenge of the project is completing the work while the facility is occupied.
Saint Cloud Hospital is undergoing a $225 million, multi-phase addition and remodeling project. This includes the addition of a nine-story East Tower as well as parking ramps, a north loading dock and access ramps.

Driving factors of the expansion include patient safety and comfort and new technologies, including single rooms with river views and adding lifts to rooms to help nurses do their jobs more safely. McGough Construction is the construction manager. Subcontractors include CECO Construction, Donlar Construction and Custom Drywall Inc.

End date for the project is May 2012 with an additional 12 months of interior remodeling. The project is enrolled in the OSHA SHARP program, which recognizes employers who operate an exemplary worksite in regard to safety and health. It currently has more than 750 no lost time days due to injury.

Additional area projects include:
- A $40-$50 million addition to the existing Saint Cloud Wastewater Treatment Plant, which will provide services to Saint Cloud as well as five surrounding cities. Knutson Construction Services is the general contractor.
- The Highway 23 Paynesville Bypass Project began in April 2010 and completion is expected in August 2012. The work includes grading, construction of eight bridges, surfacing and lighting. The new alignment will meet the design standards for a 70 m.p.h. rural expressway. Redstone Construction Co., Inc., is the general contractor. Entire cost of the project is estimated at $32.2 million.

1) Bridge #2, Andy Pihlaja LU1176, Jeremy Pihlaja LU930
2) Wastewater treatment plant, Justin Wimmer LU930
3) St. Cloud Hospital, Dave Ashfield LU930
4) St. Cloud Hospital, Lonnie Langreck LU1382
5) Wastewater treatment plant, Cole Hinkemeyer LU930, Tom Schmidt LU87
6) Bridge #1, Kevin Pihlaja LU1176
The Brainerd Wastewater Treatment Plant, which services Brainerd and Baxter, is undergoing a $35 million expansion. The expansion will allow for an increase in wastewater capacity from 3.6 million to 6 million gallons per day. General contractor is Gridor Construction Inc. with subcontractor CECO Concrete Construction, LLC. Construction began in Spring 2009 and will be complete Spring 2011.

A new, 30,000-foot SuperValu grocery store was erected in Pequot Lakes. Construction on the $3 million project began in November 2009 and was completed July 2010. Subcontractors included St. Cloud Acoustics and Capital Wood Products. This is the first SuperValu store to be built from the ground up in 18 years.

Robert Schroeder Construction began replacement of an Aitkin County bridge on the North Soo Line Trail over the Willow River in Spring 2010 and completed the $1 million project in early September.
Madison members volunteer to ‘Hammer with a Heart’

Members of Local 314 participated in the 10th annual Hammer with a Heart event, which provides free home repair for lower income homeowners as part of Project Home. In the last nine years, 64 houses have been repaired in 27 communities in Dane County, Wis.

Ten to 12 houses are selected each year and are headed up by skilled crew leaders in projects like roofing, siding, wheelchair ramps, doors and more. Local 314’s crew leaders included Randy Rietmann, Laurel Randall and Matt DeJaynes.

Most of the labor and at least half of the building materials for each project are donated. The average investment in each house is $8,000, with value of the work done at each home ranging from $5,000-$20,000.

Annual Portage levee cleanup

The Portage Volunteer Organizing Committee, part of Local 314, has volunteered to pick up trash on the city’s levees each spring for the past 15 years. Pictured, from left, Sam Lundgren, Randy Rietmann, Savanna Hanko, Greg Leckwee, Gary Hammerly, Steve LaFave, Larry Coon.
UBC 40th General Convention

Standing Strong, Building Tomorrow

The 40th General Convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America convened in Las Vegas, Nevada, August 16-19, 2010. The main items on the agenda were to elect a General President and Executive Board and to establish a five-year business plan for the UBC.

General President Douglas J. McCarron presided over much of the week, and delegates were treated to spirited speeches from a number of UBC partners and guests. Committees reported on their work, changes and clarifications were made to the UBC constitution, and delegates voted on a number of resolutions and several grievances and appeals.

A number of multi-media presentations were made detailing the history and traditions of the UBC, the training and programs in place that make us strong, and the obstacles we have yet to overcome. They discussed the importance of setting area standards, building market share, and using political action to strengthen prevailing wage laws.

The work was hard, but the convention was interesting and much of it was fun. The nomination and re-election of McCarron and his slate of officers (including Doug Banes, General Vice President; Andris Silins, General Secretary-Treasurer; Vice Presidents Frank Spencer, Eastern District; Bobby Yeggy, Midwestern District; Danny Maples, Southern District; Mike Draper, Western District; Jim Smith, Canadian District) was met with chants of “Five More Years”, cheers and celebration.

Throughout the week the 1,735 delegates from 35 state and regional councils and 635 Local Unions took photos, traded pins and cemented friendships.

Douglas J. McCarron,
General President

McCarron gave a rousing speech to kick off the convention, setting a tone of both achievement and opportunity. “At the start of this 40th General Convention, our Brotherhood is standing strong,” he told the assembly. “We are organizing, we are training and we are educating the next generation of our members.”

He spoke of the 37th General Convention that took place in 1995, noting delegates at that time gave UBC officers a mandate. “You told us to look at every operation and measure it by one simple rule: ‘Does it help us grow, or hold us back?’”

In order to achieve the successes of the past five years, McCarron explained, the UBC merged and consolidated to ensure it had necessary resources and eliminated the duplication of services. “Change is never easy, and the work was hard and long,” he said.

“But, when we were done, you had built a foundation.”

Five years ago had a much different economic outlook for carpenters, McCarron said. “The economy was booming. We were on a path of sustained growth and the forecast was rosy.

“That was a dangerous time for us,” he added. “It would have been easy to relax, turn a blind eye to the non-union working jobs we didn’t think we needed.”

Back in the 1960s and ’70s, he reminded, the UBC allowed jobs to disappear virtually overnight. “We laughed at the non-union because we knew they could never be a real threat to our hold on the market,” he said. “We ignored our own contractors when they asked for help.”Meanwhile, non-union contractors were getting better at their business and building a base of clients and owners who were tired of the UBC attitude.

“In 1995, at the 37th General Convention, the delegates sent their message loud and clear: Stop the bleeding, clean up the mess and get our work back,” said McCarron.

Since then, the UBC has trained 600 new organizers, built the International Training Center (ITC) to provide comprehensive and cutting edge training for members, staff and union leaders, coordinated multi-state
campaigns and let contractors know about our commitment to change.

He said the UBC is creating programming to foster leadership skills in many of its members, including a program begun in 2008 geared toward third-year apprentices and designed to give the next generation of UBC members a real understanding of our union and our industry.

“It is important that they understand how much their attitude and approach to the work is going to determine their own success, as well as the future of their union,” McCarron said. As part of the program apprentices are invited to the ITC to learn about Union goals and history, have a chance to talk with UBC staff and learn about the industry from a contractor point of view.

“It’s a program that allows participants to take real ownership of their union and their union membership,” said McCarron. “It helps insure when their union calls on them for support they understand what’s at stake.” The UBC is currently developing a similar program for journeypersons.

He spoke of the efforts the UBC has made to control costs and make good use of member dues. The executive board’s highest priority, he said, was to reduce the expenses of our health and welfare programs without reducing member benefits. This resulted in merging trusts and entering into a nationwide prescription benefit program that made good use of our collective buying power, saving members approximately $400 million dollars.

Although much progress has been made, he said, there is still work to do. The UBC continues to have a goal of one health and welfare fund per Regional Council and renewed its commitment to get members the best possible benefits at the best possible price.

“We have been building for 15 years, and we’ll continue to build,” said McCarron. “We are in shape for the job ahead because of the work we’ve done restructuring our union, rebuilding our training programs, and reaching a new generation of members.”

He spoke of those who would detract from the successes of the UBC, including the AFL-CIO and Building Trades. “Carpenters will do what’s best for carpenters,” he said. “We changed. They stayed the same, and looked for someone to blame.

“We are going to protect our work,” he added. “If they want a fight over jurisdiction, the carpenters stand ready. We’re gonna be there, proud of the work we’ve done, representing our members’ interests.”

To drive home his point he tailored a quote from President John F. Kennedy’s inaugural speech, noting “Let every trade know... that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.” A heartfelt “Give ‘em hell, Doug!” was heard from the crowd.

He acknowledged the 25 percent nationwide unemployment of the trades, noting people have lost homes, cars and everything they’ve worked for. “The reality is that our industry won’t recover tomorrow,” he said. “We’ve lost good people — some who won’t come back.”

To that end, he said the UBC will continue reaching out to build new members, particularly through Helmets to Hardhats, Sisters in the Brotherhood and partnerships with Native American tribes. It will look at new industries, including solar and wind power, and will continue to focus on training and leadership.

“We’re in shape for the job ahead because of the work we’ve done,” he said. “We are organizing and we are fighting. We are not just defending ourselves, we are winning back what we’ve lost.”

**Guest Speakers**

Though the membership was most interested in hearing what McCarron had to say, a number of other speakers captured the hearts and minds of the audience. Guest speakers included Vince Giblin, general president of International Union of Operating Engineers; John Wilhelm, international president of UNITE HERE (hospitality industry); Ted Kennedy Jr.; California Attorney General Jerry Brown; Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nevada); and political consultant Paul Begala.

Giblin expressed open admiration for the UBC and said he considers our organization light years ahead of any other construction union/field in terms of training. He spoke of the struggles the Operating Engineers have faced and noted the two groups have similar goals for the future. “I saw the caliber of this organization and I wanted to face the future with you,” he said.

Ted Kennedy Jr. spoke on behalf of his father, the late Senator Ted.
1) Taking the oath of office, from left, Western District Vice President Mike Draper, Midwestern District Vice President Bobby Yeggy, General Vice President Doug Banes, General President Douglas McCarron.

2) Malachai Wunderlich LU464 spoke out on the delegate floor regarding the ability of apprentices to run for office.

3) George Schroeder LU955 (left), Joel Laskey LU587 (center) celebrating the nomination of Douglas McCarron and his leadership team.

4) General President Douglas McCarron gave a rousing opening speech.

5) The Helmets to Hardhats program has provided opportunities to 4,000 veterans throughout the UBC, including to more than 60 members in our Regional Council.
“My father’s agenda and values were your agenda and values,” said Ted Kennedy Jr. “On issue after issue, you were there for him, and he was there for you.”

“The economy is best run by focusing on the middle class,” Paul Begala said. “It’s the people who do the work that creates the jobs and the general wealth in our economy.”

EST James Moore LU1146 (foreground) and Gerald Yarie LU310 celebrate Doug McCarron’s nomination at the convention.

Meeting a fellow UBC member are Brian Beedle LU87 (center) and Nick Vevea LU851 (right).
Kennedy. McCarron noted Ted Kennedy Sr. was truly an America hero, and his death represents a real loss to carpenters and the American worker.

Brown talked about how legislation needs to work for all of America, not just those at the top. “The answer is to put our own people to work, whatever it costs,” he said. “And it’s going to cost good wages, in decent union work, and all of us pulling together to put America first.”

Resolution highlights

• Productivity. Credits efforts by the UBC to restructure and reorganize to regain lost market share and secure more work for our members; develop, invest in and promote training; work with signatory contractors; and commends the UBC for its leadership and commitment.

• Highway Transportation Act. The UBC will urge the U.S. Congress to pass a comprehensive, multi-year Highway Transportation Act intended to improve infrastructure, with the added bonus of being good for the economy and workers. Sustained economic growth is expected due to needed work on roads, bridges, water systems, sewage treatment plants, airports, subways, public school buildings, etc. For every $1 billion spent on infrastructure, an estimated $6.2 billion in economic activity is generated.

• Military Service. Honors and acknowledges military men and women for their sacrifice, dedication and commitment. Renews UBC commitment to the principles of Helmets to Hardhats and extends the opportunity to any military personnel who wish to join our Brotherhood.

• Supporting House Resolution 3012. Supports the Trade Act of 2009, which will initiate a new policy that promotes balanced, sustainable and fair trade. The UBC has seen trade policies lead to job loss and cheap labor overseas, and recommends a new policy that effectively addresses the globalization of our world.

Attitude

General Vice President Doug Banes told delegates the UBC made a commitment to change in order to make the organization competitive and to give members the lives they deserve. One of the most important changes the UBC had to make was its attitude — to the industry, to contractors and to the work itself.

“We had to reject the old idea that the contractor was the enemy and begin treating them like our partners,” he said.

The easy thing, he said, would have been to ignore it — especially five years ago when the economy was booming. “I’m here today to tell you how proud I am of the way you stepped up to that challenge,” he said.

“With the current economy, attitude and productivity are more important than ever. Attitude is the most important tool you bring to the job.”

Our ITC is the greatest sales tool we have, he added. “We are giving our members the skills to succeed, and the most important skill is attitude. When industry leaders visit, they leave with a new attitude about the UBC.”

He gave special recognition to two partnerships between the UBC and contractors that have brought growth for the companies and its workers:

• James Kerley, EST of Mid-South Regional Council, and Odom Construction, an interior systems company from Tennessee turned from non-union four years ago, bringing 200 new members into the union. “In every single dealing we’ve had with the union, they have kept their word, and they’ve gone above and beyond when they could,” said owner Danny Odom. “There’s no greater selling point of a partnership than someone keeping their word.”

• Bill Finley, Atlantic Plant Maintenance, and Mark Benequisto, UBC millwright superintendent for APM at Belew’s Creek Steam Station in North Carolina, partnered to bring Duke Energy to the union. UBC millwrights now work in 110 of 112 of Duke’s plants.

“Attitude affects our ability to get more work and increase market share,” Banes said. “If we focus on common goals — the way a union is supposed to — we will be unbeatable.”

A True Brotherhood

The committee presented the appeal of denial of funeral donation application of James Dalber of Local 1 in Chicago, who died in August 2006 at age 96. The application was not filed within 12 months of date of death and the committee recommended denying the appeal.

Opposition was immediately voiced, noting the paperwork seemed to have been misfiled and that it was important to act in good faith toward a 58-year member of the Brotherhood.

Members noted that “If we’re going
to be a Brotherhood, we can’t leave our widows behind” and “It’s about keeping our word.” One member offered to “take a dollar out of my pocket and suggest every member here do the same.” Yet another member called for passing the hat, saying “Now’s the time, more than ever, to do what’s right and stand strong.”

Debate ended with a strong chorus of nays and several hats were passed to collect money for Dalber’s widow. In a heartwarming response, more than $7,500 in contributions were collected, and the UBC General Executive Board offered to match the amount. Dalber’s 83-year-old widow is being sent a check for $15,038.96 in donations, in addition to the $1,000 funeral benefit check.

Saluting Our Heroes

The Helmets to Hardhats program gives veterans something to come home to, according to General Secretary-Treasurer Andris Silins. “We owe them a debt of gratitude; we owe them a chance to prove themselves at home the way they proved themselves serving our country,” he said. “No one has a better right to opportunity than the men and women serving in our armed forces.”

He introduced U.S. Marine Corps Lieutenant General Ronald Coleman, who has served 41 years in the U.S. military and was recently named national spokesman for Helmets to Hardhats. He was presented with 1,000 boxes with items for troops serving overseas and packaged by delegates during the convention.

“Our union remembers its members when they are called to serve and welcomes veterans when they’re ready to take off the uniform,” said Silins. Since Helmets to Hardhats was launched in 2003, more than 4,000 veterans have become UBC members.

Committee Report Highlights
• Misclassification. Progress is being made in employee misclassification. Since 2007, 61 new laws regarding misclassification enforcement have been put in place in 30 states. The U.S. Department of Labor is seeking increased funding for misclassification investigations and important federal legislation has been introduced. Delinquent contractors are seeing jail and heavy fines for racketeering and other crimes.

• Women’s Committee. The goal of the Women’s Committee is outreach to increase women members, strengthen women’s committees, and support women leaders across the union. Sisters activities have grown steadily within the UBC during the past decade. In 2000, there were just 18 women delegates elected to the General Convention. There were 82 in 2005 and 105 in 2010.

Speaking on behalf of the Sisters committee were JoAnn Williams and Elizabeth Skidmore, who were recently appointed to the UBC staff for a targeted yearlong effort to move forward the goals of the committee at the international level. The committee recommended:

1) every council start a women’s committee
2) supporting hiring goals and use as an organizing tool
3) holding each other accountable for and taking steps to eradicate harassment
4) each council make retaining women a stated goal
5) keeping track of progress

“In supporting your sisters, you support yourselves, because we are one union, united and standing strong,” said Skidmore. “We are a proud part of the UBC, and our goal is to strengthen the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.”

• Constitution. In general, the constitution committee put forth many points of clarification and housekeeping, most of which were submitted by the General Executive Committee. Highlights included:
  — removing a $3 per capita tax increase payable to the UBC
  — adding a per capita tax of five cents for every hour worked by members in collective bargaining agreements beginning June 1, 2011. The money will be used to help provide adequate training to members and to promote area standards campaigns.
  — allowing apprentices to be nominated to and hold Local offices. Concern was expressed over apprentices having inexperience in running a Local board. The vote passed with a slim margin.
  — 10 cents per hour worked will be contributed to the Carpenters International Training Fund as training our members is essential to our future

For more information about the General Convention or to view Convention video, go to the UBC website at www.carpenters.org. For more photos, go to www.facebook.com/ncsrcc.
New Employees

• Kris Benish LU314 was hired as a business representative in the Madison, Wis., area in January 2010. He has been a member since 1998.

• Corey Bialcik LU1146 was hired as a business representative in the Green Bay, Wis., area in April 2010. He has been a member since 1993.

• Chris Favreau is the new coordinator for the Local 596 INSTALL Training Center (floor coverers) in Saint Paul, Minn. Favreau, who joined the teaching staff in 2006, assumed the coordinator role in May following the retirement of former coordinator Ruben Stewart. Favreau is a three-generation floor coverer with Local 596. He spent 10 years in residential work and 11 years on commercial jobsites before starting to teach.

Retirements

• Jerry Aripez most recently served as the IT/Systems Administrator in the Saint Paul, Minn., office. He first became a member of Local 210 in Norwalk, Conn., joining Local 1382 in Rochester, Minn., in 1993. He became a business representative in 1999 and began IT work in 2001. He served 14 years as a delegate and 17 years as a trustee, treasurer and financial secretary for Local 1382.

• Herb Jacobson LU1644, business representative in the Saint Paul, Minn., office, retired in June. He became a union carpenter in June 1973, following in his dad's footsteps. He performed acoustical ceiling work for 13 years. He was hired as a business representative in 1999 and also worked in job referral and organizing. He was an officer in his Local for 22 years.

• Mark Magler LU548, business representative for the Millwrights in Minnesota, retired in February. He joined the union in 1973, becoming a business representative in 1999. He served as a delegate for Local 548 for 20 years, and held various offices within the Local for 30 years.

• Jay Manke LU87, business representative in the Saint Paul, Minn., office, retired in June. He became a member of Local 87 in 1978 and served three terms as a delegate. He worked as a Superintendent for PCL Construction at the Mall of America and as a foreman for 3M Construction, among other jobs. He was hired as an organizer/business representative in 2001.

• Steve Nagel LU68, business representative in the Saint Paul, Minn., office, retired in June. He became a member of Local 1644 in 1978, later joining Interior Systems Local 68. He became a business representative in 1999. He was President of Local 68 when he retired, and served as a trustee of Local 1644.

• Ruben Stewart, training coordinator for the Local 596 INSTALL Training Center (floor coverers), retired in May. He had worked in the field for 27 years before becoming an instructor in December 1999. He became Coordinator in early 2008. Stewart served on several education committees, was a Local Union officer and delegate to the Regional Council.
INSTALL Minnesota and industry partner ARDEX presented an MC Moisture Control Training Seminar at the INSTALL Minnesota training center April 20. The day-long event featured an American Institute of Architect’s accredited moisture control continuing education seminar, hands-on demonstrations and training specific to the MC Moisture Control system.

Journey-level floor coverers participated in an eight-hour training session on the application and implementation of ARDEX MC moisture control systems. Hands-on application of primers and sealers were demonstrated. Emphasis was placed on the proper techniques to insure the best possible coverage is achieved.

Training included how to deal with moisture in concrete problems; sources, measurement and control; product information and use; self-leveling concrete topping and underlayment information; and a sealer demonstration. Following the seminar, each attendee is now able to offer the ARDEX MC Moisture Control 10-year warranty.

Floor coverers participate in ARDEX moisture control training seminar

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Brad Richter LU314 (left) of J.P. Cullen & Sons, Inc., talks with site engineer Adam Mentink at the Epic jobsite in Verona, Wis. Epic is a multi-building campus for a global healthcare software company.

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Local 310

Business representative Gerald Yarie presents Luke Kramer with his five-year pin.

Local 1176

Local 1176 held its annual summer picnic and pin party to honor its members July 31 at the Fargo (ND) Training Center. Pictured are:
- Top right, Harold Quick and Denver Salyer, 51 years
- Bottom left: Don Miller, 58 years
- Bottom middle: Robert Carson, 64 years
- Bottom right: Max Adler, 62 years

Local 314

Local 314 would like to thank its members, as well as those from LU804 in Stevens Point, for their donations to the LU314 food bank. LU314 also thanks the Regional Council for its continuing support.

Local 361

Local 361 held its annual summer barbecue July 13 at the Jerry Alander Training Center in Hermantown, Minn. Local politicians also attended to meet members.

Local 1847

Local 1847 hosted its annual golf tournament July 24 in conjunction with Millwrights Local 548 and Floor Coverers Local 596 at Manitou Ridge Golf Course in White Bear Lake, Minn. The Local hosted its annual Shotgun Tune-up event September 11 at Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club in Prior Lake, Minn.

The Local held its annual summer picnic August 29 at Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve in Lino Lakes, Minn.

Retirees Lee Bolduc, Ray Nicholson, Ray Livingston, Ralph Schaeferbauer and John Masterson were honored at a March 25 retirement meeting. Masterson was presented with a watch. A breakfast for retirees was held May 8 at Stadium Sports Bar in White Bear Lake, Minn.

Local 464

The Southeast Minnesota Area Labor Council held its annual picnic for union members July 25, with members from LU464 attending.

Local 1146

Local 1146 held its annual summer picnic August 28 at the Local office in Green Bay, Wis. Pins were awarded to members, and members and their families won raffle and door prizes.

Local 548

Millwrights Local 548 held its annual summer picnic at Lake Phalen Park Pavilion August 21 in Saint Paul, Minn.
Local 1074
Local 1074 moved offices in August. Its new location is 2302 West Cameron Street, Eau Claire, Wis. Phone and fax numbers remain unchanged.

Local 1143
After reading a newspaper story about an 8-year-old boy with spina bifida from Wilton, Wis., who needed to be carried in and out of his house due to his wheelchair, nine members from 1143 volunteered to build a 30-foot wheelchair ramp at the home of Nolan Manka.

Local 310
Each year, Newsline 9 television in Wausau, Wis., honors a dozen volunteers with its Jefferson Award. In September it recognized LU310 retiree Allen Grell of Stratford, Wis. Grell volunteers his time with North Central Health Care in Wausau, driving disabled American veterans to their medical appointments, which are sometimes hundreds of miles away. In the last 2.5 years, he has driven more than 84,000 miles and clocked more than 2,100 volunteer hours by driving veterans from Marathon, Portage and Wood counties to various medical appointments in Madison, Milwaukee, Tomah and Appleton. Grell was nominated for the award by his NCHC transportation supervisor, who noted his selflessness and dedication in helping veterans. Grell is himself a veteran of the war in Vietnam and has been an active member of the carpenters union since 1968.

Never Forgotten Honor Flight is a Wausau, Wis.-based organization whose mission is to fly World War II veterans in its region free of charge to Washington, D.C., to visit the National World War II Memorial there, as well as other landmarks. LU310 recently presented the organization with a $500 check. Some of our own members have been able to travel to Washington thanks to NFHF, including retiree Ed Heckendorf, Leon Lemma as a chaperone, and Donald Stubbe, father of member Mark Stubbe. All three reported to LU310 on how much the trip meant to veterans.

Local 851
Local 851 held its pin ceremony in April at Jax Restaurant in Minneapolis, Minn.

Top photo: 25 years, front from left: David Vlieger, Donald Lang, Timothy Sipe, Loren Rahn, Lorne Christensen. Back, Local Vice President Paul Stay, Francis Waczakiv, John Rademacher, David Larson, Local Financial Secretary Michael Nelson.

Middle photo: 50 years, front from left: Thomas Aldinger, Don Kasper, Elvin Schulz, Craig Kinderman. Back, Stay and Nelson.


Presenting a check for $500 to Never Forgotten Honor Flight chairmen Mike Thompson and Jim Campbell (center) are Gerald Yarie, LU310 President (left), and Mike Ziemke, LU310 trustee (right).
Local 1382
Roger Peterson LU1382, far left, pictured building a deck with handicap-accessible ramp for American Legion Post #164 in Stewartville, Minn. Other volunteers, including Legion members, also helped complete the deck. Materials for the deck were donated by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Local 68
Local 68 recently implemented a defense fund to aid in future organizing campaigns. The fund is intended to facilitate members becoming more active in their Local by making it easier for them to participate in organizing activities.

Local 955
LU955 meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Appleton Labor Temple, 2828 North Ballard Road in Appleton, Wis. Committee meetings are held at the Labor Temple the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. with food and refreshments served. The 955 retirees meet quarterly (January, April, July and October) from 2-4 p.m. at the Labor Temple. Snacks and refreshments are provided. For more information, contact Scott LeCaptain at 920-996-2318.

The annual summer retiree bus trip to see a Milwaukee Brewers game was again a success. Locals 731, 955 and 1146 had more than 200 retirees and guests enjoy a sunny day with lunch, refreshments and the baseball game.

Jim Ziegelbauer stepped down as president of the Local at the August meeting and appointed Scott LeCaptain. We thank Jim for his years of service to the Local.

Mert Summers is running for a seat in the 5th Assembly District. We need people like Mert to represent us in the legislature. If you would like to help Mert in his bid, contact him at 920-615-5011 or visit his website at www.mertsummersforassembly.com.

Local 731
Retirees from Local 731 in Sheboygan, Wis., traveled to New Orleans, La., to assist Habitat for Humanity with continued rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina. They worked on two sites in the downtown area and one in the St. Bernard Parish area. From left, Lenny Stueck, Jim Pilger, Jim Kloppenburg.

Local 87
The Local 87 annual summer picnic was held August 7 at Lake Phalen Park Pavilion in Saint Paul, Minn. Members brought their families for games, food, prizes and more.
Local 1644
Local 1644 held its annual summer picnic June 24 at Bush Lake Park in Bloomington, Minn. More than 200 members and their families were in attendance. There were games and entertainment for kids and adults, prize drawings and food and ice cream for everyone.

Local 731
Member Tom Warosh was recognized by Habitat for Humanity Lakeside earlier this year for his volunteer work at the Habitat ReStore in Sheboygan, Wis., service on the restore committee and recent election to the affiliate board of directors. From December 2008 to November 2009, Warosh volunteered 500 hours.

On June 30 LU731 retirees took a trip to see the Milwaukee Brewers take on the Houston Astros.

The Local’s annual Steak Fry for members was held July 1.

Thirty-three volunteers participated in the April 24 Rebuilding Together project, donating 621 hours of work to 17 homes. Rebuilding Together’s mission is to bring volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of homeowners in need.

Local 851
Local 851 held its annual picnic August 7 at Bunker Lake Regional Park in Coon Rapids. The event featured food, games and fun, with prizes for the children of members.

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(From April-August 2010)
Eastern Training Center Apprentice Completion Banquet

Each spring, the Eastern Training Center in Kaukauna, Wis., hosts an Apprentice Day School Completion Banquet for fall and spring apprentices who have completed 400 day school hours. The 2010 event was held May 13 at Main Event Steakhouse in Little Chute, Wis. It honored apprentices from Locals 731, 955, 1056 and 1146.

Director of Education Al Atkinson started the evening with a speech, followed by words from instructors Darleen Balza, millwright; Matt Hoffman, carpenter; and James Greer, floor coverer. Business representatives handed small gifts out to each apprentice and everyone enjoyed camaraderie and a nice meal.

“Two contractors — Oscar J. Boldt Construction and VerHalen, Inc. — came to the banquet and congratulated the apprentices,” said Atkinson. “Our apprentices really appreciated that.”
**In Loving Memory...**

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William Tonco  
Leonard Warzeha

**Local 1847 – St. Paul, MN**

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**(April-August 2010)**

**Support our Union soldiers deployed on active duty**

**Local 106 - Christopher Meis**

**Local 314 - Jared Write**

**Local 444 - Joseph Russell**

**Local 596 - Timothy Quast**

**Local 930 - Ricky Zener**

**Local 1644 - Espen Hansen, Aron Svoboda**

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Do you know a union member not listed who is deployed on active duty in the military? The Twin Cities Retirees send monthly care packages to Regional Council soldiers via a program called Union Care. To have a package sent to your soldier, send their name, Local, military address, rank and APO to Bernie Schmidt at bigbern@q.com.
## Monthly schedule of Local Union meetings

### MONDAY

#### WEEK 1
- **Carpenters Local 587**
  - 6:30 p.m., Rapid City
  - 7:30 p.m., Sioux Falls

#### WEEK 2
- **Carpenters Local 1146**
  - 7:30 p.m., Green Bay

#### WEEK 3
- **Interior Systems Local 68**
  - 6 p.m., Saint Paul

### TUESDAY

#### WEEK 1
- **Carpenters Local 955**
  - 7:30 p.m., Appleton

#### WEEK 2
- **Carpenters Local 106**
  - 6 p.m., Des Moines

#### WEEK 2
- **Carpenters Local 361**
  - 6:30 p.m., Hermantown
  - **Carpenters Local 606**
    - 7 p.m., Virginia

### WEDNESDAY

#### WEEK 1
- **Carpenters Local 310**
  - 6:30 p.m., Rothschild
  - **Carpenters and Millwrights Local 1176**
    - 7 p.m., Fargo

#### WEEK 2
- **Carpenters Local 314**
  - 6 p.m., Madison

#### WEEK 3
- **Carpenters Local 87**
  - 6 p.m., Saint Paul

### THURSDAY

#### WEEK 1
- **Carpenters Local 731**
  - 6:30 p.m., Sheboygan

#### WEEK 2
- **Sisters Committee**
  - 5:30 p.m., Saint Paul

#### WEEK 3
- **Carpenters Local 1382**
  - 5:30 p.m., Rochester

### FRIDAY

#### WEEK 1
- **Carpenters and Millwrights Local 1091**
  - 8 p.m., Bismarck

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- **Local 314**
  - First Thursday of each month
  - 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
  - 5202 Monument Lane, Madison

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Millwrights Local 548 and Pile Drivers Local 1847 hosted an Open House May 20 at L.J. Shosten Union Training Center in Saint Paul, Minn. Contractors and end customers were able to tour the training facility, see apprentices in action and receive a general introduction to our training program. Apprentices gave demonstrations of equipment throughout the day and answered guest questions.

1) Roland Miller, reverse machinery alignment 2) Nolan Fiereck (l) and Andy Barthell (r), precision optical alignment 3) Mike Conlin, tight wire alignment 4) Tom Craft, horizontal split pump inspection 5) Mark Sandbo (l) and Ken Schak (r) demonstrate hytorc (hydraulic tensioning) to MN Political Director Kyle Makarios, City of Saint Paul Government Relations Specialist Sarah Erickson and Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman 6) Chia Xiong, tramming (squaring rolls)
Behind the scenes

It’s not every day a carpenter gets to participate in demolition of a movie set. Tony Vaith LU1382 of Oscar J. Boldt Construction is shown erecting scaffolding in the old Science Center at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. Prior to demolition, lecture hall 282 was used to shoot scenes for the movie *A Serious Man*. Minnesota filmmakers Joel and Ethan Coen (shown below) wrote and directed the film, which is set in 1967 St. Louis Park (Minn.) and focuses on a professor at a Midwestern college as he watches his life unravel.

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