



PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS LOCAL 34 • ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

2nd Quarter: April – May – June 2020: 2nd Edition

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

To the Members of Plumbers Local 34:

At the time we wrote this, work for Local 34 Members is still moving forward. Situations and information changes on an hourly basis. Heidi, Jeff, Dean and I are trying to keep the Members updated. None of us know what the future will bring. Our goal is to keep as many Members of Local 34 safe and working. We are receiving questions on working conditions. These are situations that none of us, Officers and Members, have ever had to deal with. We will do everything in our power to address the concerns of the Members of Local 34. Please do not hesitate to call the office at 651.224.3828 or Mankato at 507.625.5126

UPDATED List of Procedures taking place and Resources:

- Limited access to the union office. Please call or email.
- If you are laid off or furloughed, please contact the office via phone or email for dues relief.
- SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER THROUGH OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.PLUMBERSLOCAL34.ORG.
- We have contacted the Contractor's Association to engage in Negotiations in Mankato.
- We will be starting electronic informational Membership meetings.
- EBoard and Finance Committee Meetings will be held electronically, on a monthly basis.
- In-person Membership Meetings will be canceled until we receive guidance that it is safe to meet in person.

- Check the Pipe Trades Services of MN website for information on the clinics. www.ptsmn.org
- Download the Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 34 app on your phone for updates.
- Check the MN State Building Trades web site for information on unemployment and the construction industry statewide. www.mntrades.org
- The Building Trades Credit Union locations have changed their availability. See their website for more information. www.buildingtradescu.com
- **Wage Allocation:** \$2.75 per hour increase, effective May 1, 2020. The Local has been given the authority by the General President of the United Association to make a TEMPORARY WAGE AND BENEFIT ALLOCATION.

Jeff, Dean, and I conducted an E-Board meeting, including President and Vice President, via the phone.

The conclusion was to make a TEMPORARY WAGE ALLOCATION, effective May 1, 2020.

The decision was made that \$1.75 will added to the Check, and \$1.00 added to the Defined Benefit Pension.

IMPORTANT: THIS IS A TEMPORARY ALLOCATION! A permanent allocation will be discussed and voted on by the Members when the Local is able to resume its regularly scheduled Union Meetings.

Now is the time to stand in support of all the Members and families of Local 34. We will get through this together. Safety and health to you and your families.

Thank you for all you do.

In Solidarity,

Thomas P. McCarthy
Business Manager

Jeffrey R. Huberty
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Dean Gale
Business Agent

Heidi Walsh
Office Manager