

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

MONTHLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MEETING DATES

Executive Board Meeting	March 12	5:00pm
Finance Committee Meeting	None Scheduled	
Union Meeting	March 26	7:30pm
Pension & H/W	None Scheduled	
JATC Meeting	March 24	4:00pm

RETIREE LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 20, 2025 @ noon

Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes and Cobbler

PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 101

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Your Local Elections

As we are moving out of the 2024 election season, please keep in mind that the elections that affect your daily lives are just around the corner. On Tuesday, April 1, 2025 Illinois will hold their consolidated elections. This election will elect your mayors, city councils and school boards. These are the individuals that help make sure that local tax dollars are being spent on local projects and protected by PLA. Make sure to get out and vote for those that support

UNION LABOR

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NOTICES:

401k Fund:

If you wish to make changes to or start your 401(k), please submit your forms **by March 15th** to be effective April 1st. If you need a form for changing your hourly deduction or investment choice, contact the Hall or email Kelly at kelly@local101.net. You may also print the forms from the Local 101 website and mail or fax them to us.

PENSION:

If you are retiring, follow these steps:

Notify the Pension Fund a minimum of three months before your retirement date, which is always the 1st of the month. So, if you want to retire 12/1/2025, let us know by September 1, 2025.

You will be mailed an application, once you receive, complete, and return the application.

Then, you will get mailed your Election Forms from Ekon Benefits, this is where you select what monthly option/amount you want to receive, these forms get returned to the Pension Fund so you can start receiving your direct deposit/check on the first of the month.

You can request an Estimate prior to retiring, just call Kelly in the Benefit Office at Local 101 and she will have Ekon Benefits mail you your ESTIMATED Election forms, which show you all options and amounts available for your retirement.

Normal Age of Retirement is age 62 for active/vested participants.

If you are an active participant in our health insurance, do you know you can go to www.meritain.com create a log in/password and see your claims status, insurance card, EOB's, locate a provider. Check it out sometime!

CitizensRX is our Pharmacy Plan effective 1/1/2021. REMINDER: You do not have to do mail order; you can go to your local pharmacy to get all prescriptions.

Need to locate a provider? Contact Meritain at 1-866-209-3063 7am to 630 pm.

New Insurance Cards were mailed in December they reflect the Vision Benefit, which is Aetna Vision Discount Program.

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REMINDERS:

When you have been laid off, it is your responsibility to inform the Hall. Please call to let us know your lay-off date. This includes members who have been traveling.

When working a job that is out of Local 101's jurisdiction, it is not only a courtesy, but also necessary that you call the Business Manager of that particular jurisdiction. Jurisdictional Maps & Local Contact Information are available at our Hall.

A locked Drop-Box is located adjacent to the Administrative Office Doors. Anyone needing to drop off union dues payments, confidential paperwork, etc. after hours is encouraged to use the box as it is checked every morning.

~IN SYMPATHY~



56 year member Edward Luttmann passed away on February 5, 2025. Please keep the Luttmann family in your thoughts and prayers.

2025 Dues Rate same as 2024!

2025 Dues – pay online on our website!

2025 MONTHLY UA DUES RATES:

- \$36.00** Active Members
- \$32.00** Active Ameren Employees
- \$10.00** Retirees – who have 40-49 years as member
- \$29.00** Retirees

TRAINING NEWS:

EXPIRED CERTIFICATIONS

Pat Coleman	SMAW/GTAW	2/28/2025
Alan Noll	SMAW	2/16/2025
Michael Plunkett	SMAW	12/3/2024
Doug Vanhoose	SMAW	2/28/2025

CERTIFICATIONS COMING DUE

Wes Buehne	GTAW/SMAW	5/23/2025
Amy Ehret	UA 50/51	4/22/2025
Adam Fish	SMAW	4/18/2025
Connor Jefferson	GTAW/SMAW	4/4/2025
Rachel LaBlance	GTAW/SMAW	3/6/2025
Gavin Modesitt	UA 50/51	3/1/2025
Michael Petrea	GTAW/SMAW	4/3/2025
Justin Sampson	UA 50/51	5/7/2025
Kyle Sigman	SMAW	4/9/2025
Ron Stark	SMAW	5/8/2025
Don Stitzel	GTAW/SMAW	4/3/2025
Michael Thompson	UA 50/51	4/15/2025
Josh Wintermann	UA 50/51	4/30/2025
Justin Andracsek	Foreman Cert.	5/13/2025
Dave Boden	Med Gas Braze	3/15/2025
Adam Fish	Foreman Cert.	5/13/2025
Nick Gruchala	Foreman Cert.	5/13/2025
Spencer Kohrmann	Foreman Cert.	5/13/2025
Brian Poirot	Med Gas Braze	4/25/2025
Justin Sampson	Med Gas Braze	5/7/2025
Mike Schrand, Jr	Foreman Cert.	5/13/2025
Nick Strubhart	Foreman Cert.	5/13/2025
Aaron Von Bokel	Foreman Cert.	5/13/2025

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

FEBRUARY 2025

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APRIL 2025

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Daylight Saving Spring forward			Executive Board Meeting 5pm			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				Retiree Lunch Noon Corned Beef & Cabbage		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	JATC Meeting 4pm		Union Meeting 7:30pm			
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