

**Union Construction Workers' Compensation
Program**

Newsletter

Holiday 2015



Dear members and supporters,

Happy Holidays!

New Members

Please welcome the following contractors who made the decision to "COME ON BOARD" the Union Construction Workers' Compensation Program (UCWCP):

Stretar Masonry & Concrete, Inc. (effective October 1, 2015)

K&H Exteriors, Inc. (effective November 1, 2015)

Quality Drywall Midwest, Inc. (effective November 1, 2015)

WELCOME ABOARD!

You can see our current list of Participating Contractors by clicking on the following link:

http://www.ucwcp.com/docs/Employer_Participants.pdf

You can see our current list of Sponsoring Organizations (labor & management) by clicking on the following link:

http://www.ucwcp.com/docs/Sponsoring_Organizations.pdf

You can see our current list of Sponsoring Insurance Providers by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.ucwcp.com/docs/Insurance%20Providers.pdf>

Quote to Note

"After recently joining the program I attended a training session to learn more about workers' compensation and how the UCWCP helps contractors and their injured employees. The training was very valuable. We now understand that using the Occupational Medicine doctors listed in the Exclusive Provider Organization and effectively communicating with our insurer and our injured worker helps increasing a successful return-to-work plan. This concept is a valuable tool in reducing the negative

financial impact for everyone involved in a workplace injury. It is reassuring to know that if my company has the misfortune of a workers' compensation claim we now have this innovative program to help us all through it."

**-DeeDeeReiner, President
Reiner Contracting, Inc.
Member since 2015**

To review or print quotes from all our participants please click on the following links:

Contractors:

<http://www.ucwcp.com/docs/Employer%20Member%20Testimonials.pdf>

Union Leaders and Members:

<http://www.ucwcp.com/docs/Union%20Member%20Testimonials.pdf>

Insurance Agents and Carriers:

<http://www.ucwcp.com/docs/Agent-Insurer%20Testimonials.pdf>

Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) Update

Beginning in January 2016, the UCWCP will announce and promote the use of a 24-Hour / 7-Day Injury Assessment & Clinic Referral Service provided by a Registered Nurse (RN) that specializes in determining the appropriate level of care for injured workers. The cost of this service will be included in the contractor's annual Subscription Fee.

Detailed instructions will be arriving in a participating contractor's email and by US Mail soon. We will be asking to confirm the designated internal work injury contact name and email address, along with a 'preferred' EPO primary care clinic. The nurse will direct care to the preferred clinic whenever possible and will follow up with an "Injury Assessment Call Log" by email to the contractor on the next business day.

Board of Trustees: Changes Lead to New Faces

Beginning in July 2014, the board of trustees began a process to evaluate all trade industry associations and trade unions regarding their representation on the board. That process led to the addition of four trustees and their relevant trade unions and trade associations being appointed to the board.

The UCWCP now has 12 trade union (labor) and 12 trade association (management) trustees on our board. We will be introducing each new trustee with a short biography in the next few issues.

Welcome New Trustees

Sean Conrad:

Mr. Conrad has owned and operated A.E. Conrad Company for the past 5 years, and was preceded by his uncle, Dave Hamilton, his grandfather, Bud Conrad, and great grandfather, Aaron Edward, who started the business in 1927 after many years in the lathing profession. He began his construction career as a Plasterer/Tender at the age of 16, graduated from St. John's University, and has worked as an Estimator/Project Manager since 1997.

He is a trustee in the Plasterers and Cabinet Makers Health Fund and involved in the Minnesota Lath and Plaster Bureau.

Ronald R. Von Bank:

Mr. Von Bank is the President of Muska Electric Company (DBA Muska Companies), an electrical and plumbing contractor in the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He has worked for 36 years in the local and national construction market. After serving four years in the US Navy, he attended Dunwoody College of Technology to become an

electrician. He began his apprenticeship as a member of IBEW Local 292, and completed his apprenticeship at Muska Electric where he became a Licensed Journeyman. Ron continued his advancement holding positions as Superintendent/Safety Director and then Vice President of Operations.

He is an active member and volunteer in both his community and his church. As an officer and board member of the Minneapolis Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) he actively served on several committees. He currently represents Minneapolis NECA on the Board of Trustees and Training Committee of the Minneapolis Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC).

Qualified Rehabilitation Consultant (QRC) November Training

Training was provided to the UCWCP Exclusive Rehabilitation Consultant Network. Each QRC came away from the program with a better understanding of their mission in providing their services to our members. Here are some of their comments after completing the 2-hour session:

"Learning how to effectively communicate with contractors and injured workers is really important for a successful return to work."

"The scenarios were very good, and the discussion we had about each one was informative."

"The emphasis on our neutral role in the process was a good reminder."

"Knowing we are accountable to the plan's mission is very helpful."

"I enjoyed the presentation and am proud to be a part of the program's mission. I appreciate the improved and alternative way to manage a claim."

The 2016 calendar of training events for contractors and unions is being prepared. Look for announcements soon and plan to join us!

As we enjoy the season of giving thanks, the staff of the UCWCP want to express our sincere thanks for the support and confidence you have placed in us to continue our mission: "Making Workers' Compensation Work Right for Minnesota's Unionized Construction Industry".

Many Blessings in the New Year,



Kevin Gregerson
Program Administrator
Making Work Comp Work Right

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