



SDAPHCC 97th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
FEBRUARY 21-23, 2024
THE LODGE, DEADWOOD, SD

Contractor of the Year
Tom Hines, Frisbee Plumbing, Heating, A/C & Electrical



SDAPHCC President Ryan Sheesley
presenting award to Tom Hines

Wholesaler of the Year
Matt Hines
Dakota Supply Group



SDAPHCC President Ryan Sheesley
presenting award to Matt Hines

Manufacturer's Rep of the Year
Jason Swartz
Soderholm & Associates



SDAPHCC President Ryan Sheesley
presenting award to Jason Swartz

Annual State Convention Wrap Up

The SDAPHCC Annual State Convention was held February 21-23, 2024 at The Lodge in Deadwood, SD. Over seventy individuals from Contractor member companies and 65 individuals from Sustaining member companies attended the event. In addition, 5 students from Belle Fourche High School, 17 students from Western Dakota Tech, and their instructors also attended.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES AND WELCOME RECEPTION

The Convention began with Continuing Education on Wednesday afternoon. Tom Hines presented the four hour continuing education course required by the Plumbing Commission for annual plumbing license renewal. The course this year focused on chapters 10 and 8.



In addition, Terry Thie, Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, conducted a four hour HVAC Continuing Education Class for those with HVAC licenses.

Following the Continuing Education Classes, attendees enjoyed a fun welcome reception featuring a pasta bar.

BOARD MEETING

The SDAPHCC Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled Board meeting on Wednesday night. During the meeting, the Board reviewed the current state of the Association with regards to finances, membership, and apprenticeship. Updates were given regarding educational opportunities, golf events, and the 2024 Convention.

Dean Welch, Climate Systems, completed his term as Sustaining Board Member and Adam Kaskie, became the newest Sustaining Board Member.

The Board reviewed and approved updates to the By-Laws to be presented at the Annual General Business Meeting.

THURSDAY MORNING SEMINARS and GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday morning started off with breakfast and two short seminars featuring Synova Nicolaisen from Alternative HR. She shared information on hiring/firing and workplace communication.

Following the seminars, attendees transitioned into the Annual General Business Meeting in which reports were given on the current state of affairs for all areas of the Association. The By-Law updates proposed by the Board were also approved.



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Next, Hunter Kennedy with Federated Insurance shared updates and important insurance information.

The last seminar of the morning featured Chuck White, PHCC-National's Vice President of Regulatory Affairs. He shared practical information regarding the Green Energy Movement.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students from Belle Fourche High School arrived at the convention mid-morning on Thursday. The students spent some time watching the hands-on apprentice contest and attending a seminar. They also met with volunteers to learn about the p-h-c industry. They discussed how to enter the industry and why it is a great career choice.



AWARDS LUNCHEON

At noon, attendees enjoyed the Awards and Installation Luncheon. During lunch, Joe Cornetta, PHCC National President, addressed the group and shared with attendees the latest developments within the National Association. President Cornetta also conducted the Installation of Officers and Board Directors. Dean Welch was recognized for his completed term as Sustaining Board Member.

Lastly, SDAPHCC President Ryan Sheesley presented the Contractor of the Year Award to Tom Hines, Frisbee Plumbing, Heating, A/C & Electrical, for his many years of outstanding work in the industry.



PHCC-National President Joe Cornetta installing SDAPHCC Board, pictured l to r: Adam Kaskie, Adam Sundermann, Dan Hartman, Jeremy Seeman, Ryan Sheesley, Brett Kaltvedt, Ryan Brozik, Terry Campbell, & Brett Wheelhouse

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SPOUSE EVENT

On Thursday afternoon, a group of spouses enjoyed a Sip-n-Paint event. Following an instructor, they created personalized paintings that they were able to take home.



THURSDAY AFTERNOON SEMINARS

After lunch, Bridget Marshall from Journey On, conducted two short seminars regarding mental health. She talked about ways to recognize mental health concerns and how to address them. She also shared information about mental health in the workplace.

Lastly, Chuck White returned to give updates regarding upcoming efficiency changes for products in the market.



TRADE SHOW

The Trade Show was held on Thursday night with 31 companies participating as vendors. Attendees enjoyed a buffet meal while mingling with each other and the vendors.

Ryan Sheesley announced the winners of the apprentice contest and presented gifts to the apprentices. (For more apprentice contest details see page 11). The Wholesaler of the Year Award was presented to Matt Hines, Dakota Supply Group, and the Manufacturer's Rep of the Year Award was presented to Jason Schwartz of Soderholm & Associates.

In addition, a gun raffle and silent auction were held during the trade show. Congratulations to Derek Guindon, Mitchell Plumbing & Heating, and Jordan Sheesley, Action Mechanical, on winning the gun raffle



CONVENTION WRAP UP and PLANS FOR 2024

The convention closed on Friday morning with breakfast and tear down.

The next Annual State Convention will be held at the Grand Falls Casino near Larchwood, IA on February 26-28, 2025.

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Two Apprentices Advance to National Competition

On February 22, six apprentices competed in a hands-on competition at the SDAPHCC Annual Convention at The Lodge in Deadwood, SD.

The following plumbing apprentices had the 3 highest written test scores in their division and competed in the plumbing hands-on competition:

- Scott Bailey, Howe, Inc
- Hayden Weigel, Midwestern Mechanical
- Andrew Wilson, Midwestern Mechanical

The winner of the plumbing division was Andrew Wilson.

The following HVAC apprentices had the 3 highest written test scores in their division and competed in the HVAC hands-on competition:

- Dawson Craig, Wolff's Plumbing & Heating
- Dawson Grotjohn, Waterbury Heating & Cooling
- Alex Phrommony, Howe, Inc

The winner of the HVAC division was Alex Phrommony.

Both winners will receive a trip to Birmingham, AL where they will compete in the national apprentice competition at PHCC-National CONNECT 2024.

There were several members who worked hard to make this competition possible. Special thank you's to the following:

- Adam Sundermann and Howe Inc for hosting the written test in January.
- Brett Kaltvedt, and Midwestern Mechanical for hosting the written tests in January.
- Jesse Horst, Rapid City Winsupply; Michele Seeman, formerly Western Dakota Tech; Vince Berry, Southeast Technical College; Xavier Deblieck, Western Dakota Tech; and Colin Wunder, Energy Dynamics for judging.
- Brett Kaltvedt for organizing and administering the plumbing hands-on competition
- Dan Hartman for organizing and administering the HVAC hands-on competition
- Dennis Supply Group for sponsoring the HVAC equipment.
- Dakota Supply Group for sponsoring the plumbing supplies.
- Ferguson Enterprises for sponsoring the plumbing jackets.



Pictured l to r: Andrew Wilson, Hayden Weigel & Scott Bailey



Pictured l to r: Alex Phrommony, Dawson Craig, & Dawson Grotjohn

GOOD LUCK ALEX & ANDREW!

