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Annual State Convention
Deadwood, SD
February 21-23, 2024

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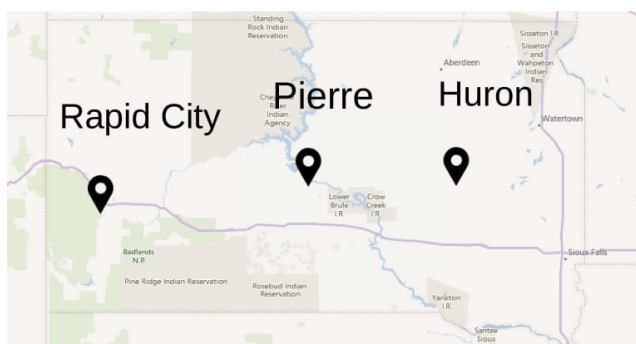
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President's Message



I hope everyone is doing well. The weather has finally broke and temps are warming up. Let's hope spring weather is here to stay.

Things were a mess with the cold spell a couple weeks ago. We were busy repairing frozen lines and getting boilers working. I even had issues at my own house. Even though I did not have any frozen lines, I had my water heater go out and my boiler for in-floor. Thankfully, my furnace kept working. Everything was replaced and is now running well. Happy wife makes for a happy life. Believe me, that is true.

We could use some moisture back this way, but I would rather take it in rain once the frost is out of the ground. With the little moisture last summer and fall, and not much snow this winter, the farmers are going to need something. If the farming community is not making money, it can affect all of us as well.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the state convention in Deadwood in February. This is always a fun time to be had for everybody. It is the only time that we mingle with other companies and suppliers. The trade show is always a great time seeing new items and talking to wholesalers and suppliers. I am hopeful the weather holds out for safe travels there and home. If you have time, take in a few seminars. These are always very informative.

Also, thank you Kristie for all you do for the SDPHCC. Without you, none of this would be possible. I can't wait to see everyone in Deadwood.

-Ryan Sheesley, SDAPHCC 2024 President

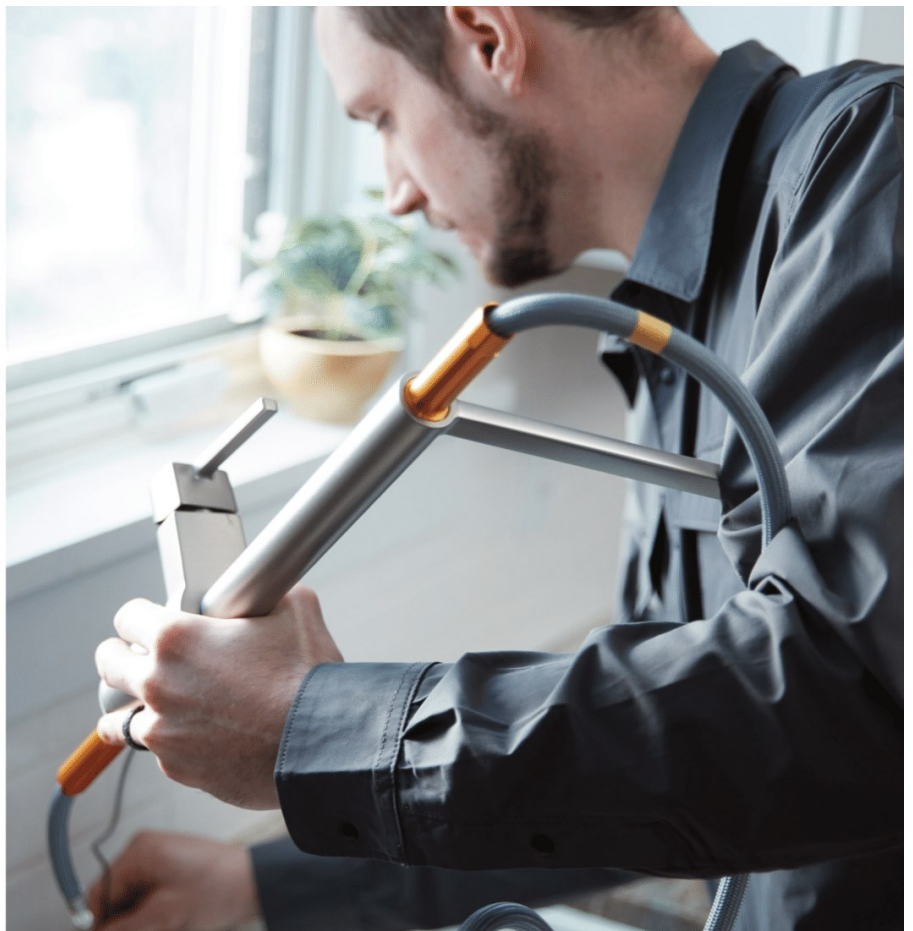
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- 1:00pm-5:00pm Plumbing Continuing Education
- 1:00pm-5:00pm HVAC Continuing Education
- 5:30pm-6:30pm Welcome Reception

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 7:00am-6:00pm Registration
- 7:00am-8:30am Breakfast
- 8:00am-5:00pm Plumbing & HVAC Hands-On Apprentice Contest
- 8:00am-8:45am Seminar: *Navigating Hiring and Firing: Essential Tips and Tricks for the Workplace*, Synova Nicolaisen, Alternative HR
- 9:00am-9:45am Seminar: *Mastering Effective Workplace Communications: Strategies for Success*, Synova Nicolaisen, Alternative HR
- 10:00am-10:45am Annual Meeting & Federated Insurance
- 11:00am-11:45am Seminar: *What's in Store with the Green Energy Movement?*, Chuck White, PHCC-National
- 12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch with Awards Presentation and Board Installation
- 1:45pm-4:00pm Spouse Event
- 1:45pm-5:15pm Vendor Set up
- 1:45pm-2:30pm Seminar: *Recognizing the Signs of a Mental Health Crisis and What To Do*, Bridget Marshall, Journey On
- 2:45pm-3:30pm Seminar: *Workplace Mental Health & Resiliency*, Bridget Marshall, Journey On
- 3:45pm-4:30pm Seminar: *Efficiency Changes are Coming for Products in the Market*, Chuck White, PHCC-National
- 5:00pm-5:30pm Buffet Dinner for Vendors
- 5:30pm-8:00pm Trade Show with Dinner
- 5:30pm-7:30pm Silent Auction

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 8:00am-9:00am Breakfast
- 8:00am-11:00am Tear Down

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ABOUT OUR CONVENTION SPEAKERS



Charles White, Vice President Technical & Code Services, PHCC—National Association

Chuck White, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors National Association (PHCC), has represented the association members and their interests related to actions of Federal Agencies for twelve years. Chuck grew up in a family plumbing and HVAC business, attended and graduated from Purdue University, and eventually owned and operated a service and repair p-h-c business with his son. His over 30 years' experience with plumbing and HVAC consumers brings practical perspective to his PHCC responsibilities.

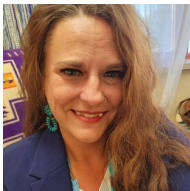


Synova Nicolaisen, Ed.S., PHR, Human Resources Consultant, Alternative HR

Synova has several years of human resource management experience. Her experience in HR includes working for a manufacturing company and an ESOP company both of which were in MN. Before coming to Alternative HR, she was the Director of Human Resources for a school district which employed 2000 employees. Synova's initial career, however, was in the education field, where she served as a teacher, then as a principal in alternative education for 17 years. She then became a collegiate-level faculty member at Minnesota State University in Mankato where she taught in the College of Education and in the College of Business.

Synova's areas of expertise include employee relations, coaching and training, workplace investigations, and organizational leadership. With Alternative HR, Synova provides both remote and in-person human resource expertise to businesses, non-profits and public entities.

She resides in Summerset, SD with her husband. Together they have 10 children, and 4 grandchildren.



Bridget Marshall, Executive Director, Journey On

Bridget moved to the Black Hills in her teenage years and has raised her four children in the Rapid City area. She attended college at Black Hills State University, studying journalism, graphic design, and sociology. Bridget started her work in credible messenger programs during her time working with the Front Porch Coalition, advocating for mental health awareness and suicide prevention and serving those who have lost a loved one to suicide. She believes in building strong relationships and is passionate about advocacy and serving vulnerable populations. In June of 2023, Bridget accepted the executive director position with the nonprofit Journey On and now oversees the Suicide Support Services & Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS Team), Street Outreach, Safe Passage, and the STEPS programs.



SPOUSE EVENT

Sip-n-Paint will host a fun paint party for spouses on Thursday. Participants will enjoy a relaxing afternoon creating an individualized painting they can keep and take home.

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SDAPHCC Convention Registration Form for Contractors

2024 SDAPHCC Annual Convention - February 21-23, 2024
The Lodge, Deadwood, SD

Company _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

- \$270 - Full Contractor Registration includes: all access to all seminars, meals, exhibits, & entertainment
- \$160 - Spouse Registration includes: access to all educational seminars, meals, exhibits, entertainment & spouse event
- \$190 - Thursday Only Registration includes: access to Thursday's seminars & meals, plus exhibits & entertainment
- \$40 - Trade Show Only Registration includes: access to Thursday's exhibits, dinner & entertainment
- \$95 - Wednesday Only Registration includes: access to Wednesday's continued education session and welcome reception

Name						Total
	Full Contractor \$270	Spouse \$160	Thursday Only \$190	Trade Show Only \$40	Wednesday Only \$95	
GRAND TOTAL						



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2024 Annual Convention, February 21-23, 2024

The Lodge, Deadwood, SD

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Address _____

Email _____

Table Top and Meal Reservation	Price	# needed	Total
Trade Show Display - Member - includes one 8 foot table	\$245 plus a silent auction item with \$50 minimum value		
Trade Show Display - Non Member - includes one 8 foot table	\$320 plus a silent auction item with a \$50 minimum value		
Full Registration - includes all meals & events	\$190		
Trade Show Meal Only	\$40		

Please check the box if you DO NOT want a trade show meal. ☐

*Please list names of attendees if more than one person will be attending.

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____ Wednesday PM Break - \$225	SOLD Thursday Seminar II - \$350	SOLD Friday Breakfast - \$425
SOLD Wednesday Social - \$425	SOLD Thursday Lunch - \$525	SOLD Apprentice Contest - \$450
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Subtotal

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Continuing Education Classes Scheduled for March

SDAPHCC and IAPMO have partnered together to provide SD Continuing Education Classes for SD Plumbing Contractors and Journeymen. These classes have been approved by the South Dakota State Plumbing Commission to fulfill the required four hours of continuing education credit needed for annual license renewal.

Important Class Information

- Classes are held from 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm with scheduled breaks.
- Pre-registration is strongly encouraged; walk-in registrants will be accepted only if space allows. Walk-in registrants should arrive no later than 5:30 pm.
- Attendees will be required to sign an attendance log.
- If inclement weather conditions prevent travel, a class may be postponed. Information will be posted at www.sdphcc.org and emails will also be sent to registrants. Please be sure to include a valid email address with your registration. Attendees should exercise their own discretion and judgement.
- Do not attend class if you are feeling ill or have knowingly been exposed to COVID. Please call IAPMO (708-995-3000) as soon as possible to cancel or transfer your registration.
- Registration Questions? Contact Customer Service at 708-995-3000



What to Bring

- Pen or Pencil
- 2015 SD Plumbing Code Book
- Your SD Plumbing License Number

Continuing Education Information

- This course has been approved by the SD State Plumbing Commission to fulfill the required four hours of continuing education credit needed for annual license renewal for journeymen, contractors, and third year licensed by examination apprentices. Other apprentices are invited to attend but are not required to acquire continuing education credit.
- This course is also approved for Iowa Continuing Education Credit. The course number will be announced at the class.
- Certificates of attendance can be downloaded from your iapmolearn.org account within 45 days after your class completion.
- For those unable to attend an in-person class, a virtual class is scheduled in November and the online course will be available late summer; both can be accessed at www.sdphcc.org.

2024 Plumbing Continuing Education Class Schedule

Aberdeen - March 21

Holiday Inn Express - Gold Rush Rm
3310 7th Ave SE

Brookings - March 6

Brookings Inn - A, B, C, & D Rm
2500 E 6th St

Huron - March 14

Crossroads Hotel
100 4th St SW

Mitchell - March 11

Mitchell Technical College -
Amphitheater
1800 E Spruce St

Mobridge - March 20

Wrangler Hotel - Conference Rm
820 W Grand Crossing

North Sioux City - March 5

North Sioux City Community Center
205 Sodrac Dr

Pierre - March 19

Ramkota Hotel - Amphitheater I
920 W Sioux Ave

Rapid City - March 7 (Last name A-K)

Rapid City - March 26 (Last name L-Z)

Western Dakota Tech - Event Center
800 Mickelson Dr

Sioux Falls - March 7 (Last name A-G)

Sioux Falls - March 12 (Last name H-M)

Sioux Falls - March 18 (Last name N-Z)

Ramkota Hotel - Lincoln/Jefferson Rm
3200 W Maple St

Spearfish - March 5

Holiday Inn
305 N 27th St

Watertown - March 19

Watertown Events Center-
Whitewood and Swan Rm
1901 9th Ave SW

Winner - March 18

Holiday Inn Express
1360 E Hwy 44

Yankton - March 21

Best Western Kelly Inn
1607 E Hwy 50

Virtual Classes - April 4 & November 12

Registration Information

Three Ways to Register for In-person or Virtual Classes

1. Online - Visit www.iapmo.org/SD or www.sdphcc.org
2. Email - Complete the Registration Form and email it with credit card payment to seminars@iapmo.org
3. Mail - Complete the Registration form and mail it with payment to IAPMO at the address on form

Class Fee: \$80 payable to IAPMO

Acceptable Payment Methods:

Visa, MC, American Express, Check, Money Order

Registration deadline:

2 days prior to selected class date

Rapid City & Sioux Falls Classes:

Please make every effort to attend the date that corresponds with the first letter of your last name. If you are unable to attend on your designated date, pre-registration for another classes is greatly appreciated.

Registration Questions? Contact Customer Service at 708-995-3000



Registration Form

2024 South Dakota Continuing Education for Plumbing Contractors, Journeymen & Apprentices



Approved by the SD State Plumbing Commission to fulfill the requirements needed for license renewal

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**Required: Phone & email information is needed to contact you with questions regarding your registration or class notifications.*

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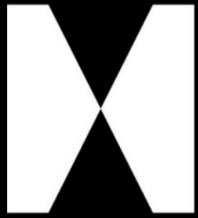
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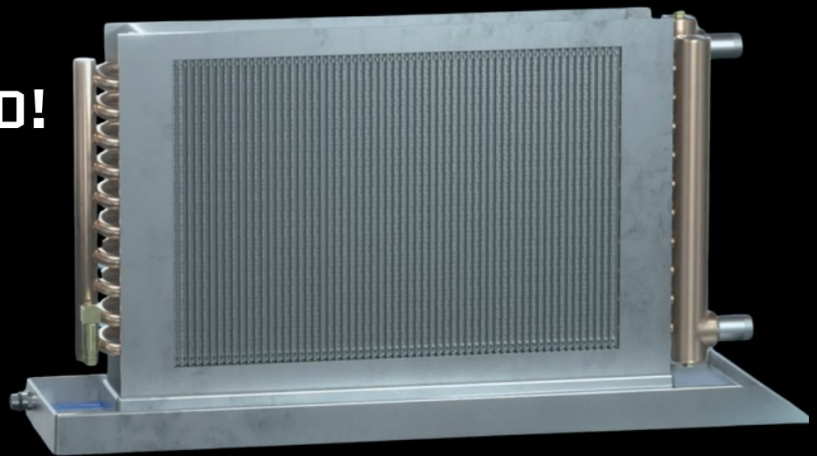
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Medical Gas Certification Course Held

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During the four day session, students learned all facets of medical gas pipeline equipment installation for hospitals, office-based occupancies, nursing homes, and other health care facilities. They also learned proper brazing techniques and requirements for working with medical gas equipment and piping.

Students were required to successfully complete a written exam and well as a brazing practical that will be tested by a Certified Welding Inspector at an independent laboratory.

A special thank you to Midwestern Mechanical for hosting the class and providing supplies.



Apprentices Selected for Hands-On Competition

Six apprentices have been selected to participate in the SDAPHCC Annual Hands-On Apprentice Contest.

On January 19, fourteen plumbing apprentices and six HVAC apprentices took part in the first phase of the competition by completing the written test.

The following individuals had the top three highest test scores in their division and will advance to the Hands-On Competition:

Plumbing Division

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

HVAC Division

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

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U.S. HVAC Regulatory Environment – What to Expect in 2024

By Bradford White Corporation



Happy New Year everyone! After what we at Bradford White hope was a relaxing holiday season for you and your family, legislative and regulatory bodies at all levels of government are beginning to go back to work. In this post, we'll examine what we expect to see from them in 2024 at each level of government, and how it may impact the HVAC industry.

Federal

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) is working on several rulemakings that will be impactful to Bradford White products that are expected to be finalized this year. Perhaps the two most impactful will be likely upcoming final rules for minimum energy conservation standards for both residential water heaters and boilers.

For residential water heaters, DOE proposed new efficiency standards in late July 2023. These standards would essentially require all electric storage products (except for some lowboy models) to utilize heat pump technology; call for all gas tankless products to use condensing technology; and significantly increase minimum efficiency standards for gas-fired storage products.

While DOE is not proposing all gas storage products to utilize condensing technology, the proposed standards would likely require a flue damper or fan assistance and will likely eliminate products with standing pilots.

While it is unclear exactly when in 2024 DOE will issue a final rule on this matter, they recently released a regulatory agenda that indicates they will act sometime in April 2024. If so, federal law would require a five-year compliance runway, making the provisions described above effective in April 2029, absent any changes to this proposal by DOE in the final rule.

Residential boilers are also facing significant changes. As proposed by DOE last summer, all residential boilers would be required to utilize condensing technology. Like residential water heaters, it is unclear as to when this rule may be finalized by the Department, but their regulatory agenda indicates DOE's plans to do so sometime this summer. Once again, barring any changes to last year's proposal, five years after a final rule is published by DOE, all residential boilers would need to utilize condensing technology.



Apart from DOE actions, the federal government continues to work towards implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Among the many provisions in the bill, the IRA offers individual income tax credits up to \$1,200 (\$2,000 for heat pumps) to homeowners who install energy efficient appliances in their home. Additionally, the bill creates a federal rebate program, administered by state governments, for low-to-medium income households who seek to install energy efficient equipment. The details of the rebate programs will be developed by individual state governments with the approval of DOE.

As such, it is important to understand that a rebate program that is operating in one state, may not be the same as one operating in another. BWC Government and Regulatory Affairs staff will be continuing to watch these developments and is available to assist you with finding information that is specific to your state as it relates to the IRA.

What to Expect continued

State

Speaking of the states, all but four states are expected to convene their legislative sessions within the next several weeks. We fully anticipate that reducing greenhouse gas emissions and decarbonizing buildings will continue to be a topic of discussion in some areas of the country. Already there are bills that have been introduced that either publicly finance building electrification projects or significantly restrict the expansion of natural gas infrastructure. These exist in Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, and Washington. This list is expected to grow as we move further into the year.



In addition to legislative action, Building Code Councils in some states have been active in promoting the use of heat pumps as the preferred method for space and water heating at largely the exclusion of any other technology. This has especially been the case in California and Washington, who continue to work on revising their state building energy codes for both commercial and residential buildings.

BWC Government and Regulatory Affairs maintains a comprehensive tracking system of all pieces of state legislation and regulation that are potentially impactful to our industry. If you believe you could benefit from this information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us directly.

Local

Local governments such as Denver, Seattle, and several municipalities throughout California, have enacted all-electric building codes for new residential and some commercial construction. While the United States 9th Circuit Court recently ruled that enacting such codes violate federal law, we expect that many governments who have enacted such policies in the past will begin to search for ways to accomplish the same goals, while not running afoul of federal laws and regulations, including this Circuit Court decision.

As such, it is possible that there will be a flurry of activity on the local level of government that would have impactful consequences to our industry. Given the sheer number of local governments that exist throughout the United States, it is very difficult to know about all of these provisions before they take effect, let alone introduced for debate and consideration.

For that reason, Bradford White's Government and Regulatory Affairs staff needs your help to monitor all this activity. If you know of or hear about a local government proposal that will impact your business and/or our industry, we would like to know about it. Our government and regulatory affairs team can be reached at BWCGovReg@bradfordwhite.com.



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Brushing Up on the OSHA Top 10

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Top 10 list accounts for the most frequently cited standards following inspections of businesses and worksites by federal OSHA. This helpful list can be used as a guide to learning what common risks to watch out for, and [accessing vital information](#) to help avoid devastating — and costly — work injuries or fatalities.

Each year, OSHA posts their Top 10 violations after the month of April to allow the prior fiscal year's inspection data to finalize.¹

In the fiscal year 2022, the Top 10 included:

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| 1. Fall protection ^(C) | 6. Control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout) |
| 2. Hazard communication | 7. Powered industrial trucks |
| 3. Ladders ^(C) | 8. Fall protection training ^(C) |
| 4. Respiratory protection | 9. Eye and face protection ^(C) |
| 5. Scaffolding ^(C) | 10. Machinery and machine guarding |

Is your business operating safely?

OSHA inspections across the nation are completed at both the state and federal levels. In 2022, over 69,000 OSHA inspections have occurred, resulting in more than 133,000 violations.² Knowing that these risks exist — and that there are plenty of [safety resources](#) to help mitigate them — what will you do for your business to avoid becoming a part of these statistics?

Federated Insurance® provides OSHA Top 10 information on [mySHIELD®](#), and offers access to additional resources, such as sample safety programs and training content to help identify and reduce worksite health and safety hazards. [Reach out to your local Federated® marketing representative](#) for more information.

1. <https://www.osha.gov/top10citedstandards>. Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Standards. Accessed 11/20/23.
2. <https://enforcedata.dol.gov/views/oshalab.php>. Data Enforcement. Accessed 11/20/23.

(C) Construction Standard instead of General Industry (according to OSHA)

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The SDAPHCC offers members the opportunity to enroll their employees in its apprentice program. The SDAPHCC provides the curriculum and administers the program, while the member provides on-the-job training. In addition, the program has been approved by the Federal Department of Labor.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Four year program composed of educational instruction and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training
- Apprenticeships available in plumbing, HVAC, and sheet metal
- Approved by the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship Training
- Approved for Post 9/11 Veteran's Education Benefits.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY SDAPHCC

- Meet with the apprentice to explain the program and enroll them
- Provide curriculum and grade completed tests
- Manage all federal, state, and local registrations
- Monitor and communicate apprentice progress
- Award Certificate of Completion
- Notify federal, state, and local agencies of completion
- Provide Davis-Bacon verification if requested

PROGRAM COSTS

\$150.00 - One time enrollment fee per apprentice

Plus \$24.50 monthly fee per apprentice

HOW TO ENROLL YOUR EMPLOYEE

Contact Kristie Brunick at the SDAPHCC to begin the enrollment process.

Phone: 1-800-640-7422 Email: kristie.phcc@midco.net

BENEFIT FOR APPRENTICES

Apprentices can now take advantage of a special membership offered by NAPHCC. This free membership connects apprentices with an online community and news publications.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The apprentice studies the curriculum and completes the tests at his/her own pace. Completed tests are submitted to the SDAPHCC office to be graded.

Once the tests are graded, they are returned to the apprentice along with a letter detailing the apprentice's performance and overall progress. A copy of this letter is also sent to the employer.

This continues until the apprentice has completed the curriculum book.

The studying and testing are performed in conjunction with the required 8,000 hours (approximately 4 years) of on-the-job training provided by the employer. Apprentices may receive credit for work experience earned prior to enrollment.

As the apprentice nears completion, he/she may begin studying the Uniform Plumbing Code book in preparation for the journeyman's test. This book, along with a study guide, may be purchased from the SD Plumbing Commission (605-773-3429).

From the Executive's Desk



By Kristie Brunick

February is off to a great start! The warmer temps have been a nice gift. I was in Rapid City last week to help start the Med Gas class and was completely blown away by how warm it was. This winter has certainly been unique.

2024 SD Annual State Convention

Our convention is only a few short weeks away and things here are ramping up! If you haven't already, please be sure to make your reservation soon.

We have a great line up of speakers and activities planned. Check out pages 5-10 for more information and make plans to attend. There are a variety of registration options to meet your schedule.

2024 Plumbing Continuing Education

Right after convention, we will dive into our annual continuing education season. We have 16 in-person classes planned throughout the state. In addition, we have added two virtual classes for those who are unable to attend in person. Later, this summer, we will also offer the online class. Check out pages 11-13 for registration information and class dates.

Legislative Update

I'm happy to report that so far, the legislative session has been quiet for the South Dakota p-h-c industry. Our lobbyist has been watching a handful of bills that are of interest to business in general, but so far there has been nothing that we are concerned about. Please watch your email, as I will notify the membership if something comes up.

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