



ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
FEBRUARY 26-28, 2025
GRAND FALLS CASINO & GOLF RESORT, LARCHWOOD, IA

Contractor of the Year
Howe, Inc.



Adam Sundermann and Justin Howe of Howe, Inc receiving award from SDAPHCC President Ryan Sheesley

Wholesaler of the Year
Winsupply of W Sioux Falls



Steve Holmes accepting the award from SDAPHCC President Ryan Sheesley

Manufacturer's Rep of the Year
Victaulic



SDAPHCC President Ryan Sheesley presenting award to Patrick McLaughlin

SDAPHCC ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION RECAP

The SDAPHCC Annual State Convention was held February 26-28, 2025 at Grand Falls Casino near Larchwood, IA. Over eighty individuals from Contractor member companies and 65 individuals from Sustaining member companies attended the event. In addition, 11 students from Brandon Valley School and their instructors 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 sizing and code violation.

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 2025 Convention. The

Board also discussed upcoming events, and new programs.

Ryan Brozik, Winner Plumbing & Heating, completed his term as Board Member and Jake Case, Krier and Blain, became the newest Board Member.

THURSDAY MORNING SEMINARS and GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday morning started off with breakfast and a seminar featuring Kirk A. Alter. He shared information about Chat GPT and using AI in your business.

Mid-morning, 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.

Next, Chris Lifo with Federated Insurance shared updates and important insurance information.

Kirk Alter finished the morning by resuming his seminar titled "Can We Chat...GPT?"



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STUDENTS

High school and middle school students from Brandon Valley School arrived at the convention mid-morning on Thursday. The students watched the hands-on apprentice contest and visited 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, Dan Callies, PHCC National President, addressed the group and shared with attendees the latest developments within the National Association. President Callies also conducted the Installation of Officers and Board Directors.

Ryan Brozik was recognized for his completed term as Board Member. Ryan Sheesley was also recognized for completing his term as Association President.

Lastly, SDAPHCC President Ryan Sheesley presented the Contractor of the Year Award to Howe, Inc for their outstanding support of the association and industry. Justin Howe and Adam Sundermann received the award.



SPOUSE EVENT

On Thursday afternoon, a group of spouses enjoyed a free gaming lesson from casino staff. They were also able to enjoy services at the spa.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SEMINAR

After lunch, Kirk Alter returned for a second seminar. The afternoon session titled "Why Should I Work for You?" focused on employee recruitment and retention.



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TRADE SHOW

The Trade Show was held on Thursday night with 34 companies participating as vendors. Attendees enjoyed a buffet meal while networking 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 Steve Holmes, Winsupply of W Sioux Falls, and the Manufacturer's Rep of the Year Award was presented to Patrick Laughlin of Victaulic.



In addition, a gun raffle and silent auction were held during the trade show. Congratulations to Dan Hartman, Wolff's 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 Lodge in Deadwood, SD on February 25-27, 2026.



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APPRENTICE CONTEST

On February 27, six apprentices competed in a hands-on competition at the SDAPHCC Annual Convention at Grand Falls Casino near Larchwood, IA.

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

- Trenton Barnette, Krier & Blain
- Cody Green, Midwestern Mechanical
- Trevor Streuli, Midwestern Mechanical



The winner of the plumbing division was Cody Green.

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

- Jantzen Fisher, Midwestern Mechanical
- Trigg LaPlante, Midwestern Mechanical
- Justin Wilkerson, Wolff's Plumbing & Heating



The winner of the HVAC division was Jantzen Fisher.

Both winners will receive a trip to CONNECT 2025 in Grand Rapids, MI.

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.
- Kurt Shultz, Viega; Vince Berry, Southeast Technical College; Ron Sell, Johnstone Supply; and Colin Wunder, Energy Dynamics for judging.
- Brett Kaltvedt for organizing and administering the plumbing hands-on competition
- Dan Hartman and Bryan Hermanson for organizing and administering the HVAC hands-on competition
- Dakota Supply Group, Rapid City Winsupply, Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, and Johnstone Energy for sponsoring materials
- Ferguson Enterprises and Rapid City Winsupply for sponsoring the jackets.
- Dale Powell and PHCC National Educational Foundation for their support of the contest.



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