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- October 19-22, 2026, PHCC National Connect, Milwaukee, WI
- November 16, Virtual Plumbing Continuing Education Class
- March 2-5, 2027, SD State Convention, Deadwood, SD
- January 12-15, 2027, Med Gas Class, Rapid City, SD

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President's Message



Hello, PHCC Members!

I had the opportunity to see many of you again at the West River PHCC Golf Outing in Spearfish. It was plenty hot, but overall, it was a great day for the event! I'm not sure if we were there to play golf or just see who could survive the heat, but either way, everyone seemed to have a good time.

We had a Board meeting beforehand and added Ryan Hawthorne to the board as our sustaining member. Ryan is taking over for Jimmy from Hilti, who is leaving the industry and was unable to finish his term. We appreciate Jimmy's time and involvement with PHCC and look forward to having Ryan join us on the board.

Personally, it seems like summer has just completely run away. I'm finishing up our last camping adventure this week, which means the camper will soon be cleaned out, winterized, and probably ignored until spring. The garden has been a different story—it has decided that it is going to produce everything all at once. We have been making tomato juice, salsa, and pickles every couple of days. At this point, I'm pretty sure the tomatoes are multiplying when we aren't looking!

We finally got some rain, which was much needed. The grass came back, and we no longer look quite as much like the desert. We also have a couple of four-wheeler trips planned in the Hills over the next few weeks. Hopefully, with the rain we have had, we won't be eating quite as much dust this year. Although, if you've ever ridden four-wheelers with a group, you know there is usually at least one person who seems determined to make sure everyone behind them gets a healthy coating of South Dakota dirt!

PHCC Connect is coming up in October, and I hope some of you are planning on attending. South Dakota is sending all three of our state competitors in the plumbing apprentice contest to compete against the best in the nation. I'm confident they can turn up the heat and show everyone what South Dakota can do!

I'll be there to cheer them on, and there is still time for you to register and join us. It's a great opportunity to support our apprentices, meet other contractors and industry members, and represent South Dakota.

I hope you all have a fabulous October. Enjoy the cooler weather, get outside while you can, and I look forward to seeing many of you soon!

-Brett Kaltvedt, 2026 SDAPHCC President

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SDAPHCC Members West River Golf Tournament

The SDAPHCC hosted the West River Golf Tournament on Thursday, September 10 at Elkhorn Ridge Golf Course in Spearfish, SD.

Thirteen teams of golfers enjoyed 9 holes of golf followed by dinner. During dinner, a prize drawing was held and pin prizes were awarded. In addition, prizes were also given to the first place and second place teams.

A special thank you to the hole, dinner and prize sponsors for making this event possible (see page 6 for full list)

First Place Team



Pictured: SDAPHCC President Brett Kaltvedt, Mike Austin, Stetson Lippert, Dan Thames, Steve Vernon

Second Place Team



Pictured: SDAPHCC President Brett Kaltvedt, Jeremy Seeman, Bryan Geerdes, Matt Hoveland, Jordan Marshall

Pin Prize Winners

Hole 10 - Closest to the Flag in 2 shots - Matt Hoveland

Hole 11 - Longest Putt on the Green - Matt Maag

Hole 12 - Closest to the 150 Stake - Dan Thames

Hole 13 - Closest to the Flag - Georg Olson

Hole 14 - Longest Putt on the Green - Paul Taecker

Hole 15 - Closest to the Flag in 2 Shots - Ben Hoffman

Hole 16 - Closest to the Hole - Dustin Sieben

Hole 17 - Longest Putt on the Green - Ronnie Goehner

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SDAPHCC Medical Gas Certification Class

What: Medical Gas Installers Training

When: January 12-15, 2027

Time: 8:00am - 5:00pm each day

Where: Rapid City, SD

Tuition: $1,625 per person (PHCC Member)
$1,825 per person (non-member)

The class will consist of training in all facets of medical gas pipeline equipment installation for hospitals, office-based occupancies, nursing homes and other health care facilities. A portion of the class will be devoted to learning proper brazing techniques and requirements for working with medical gas equipment and piping.

TO REGISTER: Complete the following form and send with tuition payment to:
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Registration Form for Medical Gas Training Seminar

Please fill out a separate form for each student. Please print or type – this information will be used for your permanent records.

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ABOUT THE COURSE

MEDICAL GAS INSTALLERS TRAINING SEMINAR

A Medical gas installation and brazing class is being set up for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, January 20-23, 2026. Classes will run from 8:00 am to about 5:00 pm. Students will need to bring paper and pencils for note taking and highlighters.

Contractor employees need to be journeyman level, or active in an apprentice program for at least four years. Estimators, construction company officials and hospital employees who will not be installing medical gas systems, and building officials/inspectors, are welcome into the class with the four year requirement waived.

As many of you are aware, NFPA has mandated brazing qualifications since 1993. NFPA 99 now mandates that all installers meet the requirements of the A.S.S.E. series 6010, 32 -hour course. In addition, many major design firms now mandate compliance with the ANSI/A.S.S.E. 6000 series in their specifications. As of July 2016 the federal government has mandated compliance with the 2012 edition of NFPA 99.

Class will consist of training in all facets of medical gas pipeline equipment installation for hospitals, office-based occupancies, nursing homes and other health care facilities. A portion of the class will be devoted to learning proper brazing techniques and requirements for working with medical gas equipment and piping. The textbook for the class will be the 2018 edition of NFPA 99 and will be provided, as well as other learning aids.

Students will also be required to successfully complete a written examination as well as a brazing practical in which you be required to braze vertical and horizontal full-penetration joints on 1-½" tubing and the brazing coupons will be tested by a Certified Welding Inspector at an independent laboratory.

Class fees will include the use of turbo torches and acetylene. Each student will need to bring 4' of 1-½" L tubing (not cleaned) and 6 to 8 1-½" wrought couplings with stops, as well as 1 lb of silver solder.

Class space is limited.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR



Bill McCormick has more than 27 years experience in design, testing, verification, troubleshooting and repair of all components in medical gas systems, including air compressors and vacuum pumps. He is a ASSE 6050 credentialed medical gas instructor and has been teaching classes for more than 10 years.

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2026 Online Plumbing Continuing Ed Course Now Available, Plus Additional Virtual Class

The SDAPHCC, in partnership with IAPMO, is happy to announce that the 2026 Online Plumbing Continuing Education Class is now available.

In addition, a virtual class will also be held this fall for anyone who still needs their 2026 credits.

Online Course

The online continuing education course is designed to be user friendly and flexible. It allows users to come and go as their schedule permits, and progress through the program at their own pace. At the completion of the course, users receive a downloadable certificate found in their training history and their completed status will be reported to the state.

IAPMO has created a 4-hour course priced at $110. The course is titled 2026 SD/IA Online CE - SD Plumbing Code, 2024 Code Changes (IBU-010541)". To access the class, visit www.iapmolearn.org. Type "South Dakota" into the search and scroll down to find the 2026 class.

Virtual Course

The Virtual Class will be held on November 16 from 6pm-10pm (Central Time). This course is a live class delivered virtually to attendees via zoom. A live instructor will teach the class with a moderator from IAPMO. The cost for the class is $80 per person.

To register, visit www.iapmolearn.org. Type "South Dakota" into the search. Scroll down to find the class titled "2026 SD/IA CE - SD Plumbing Code, 2024 Code Changes". Click on "Choose Session" and select "Virtual Class (IBU-010431)".

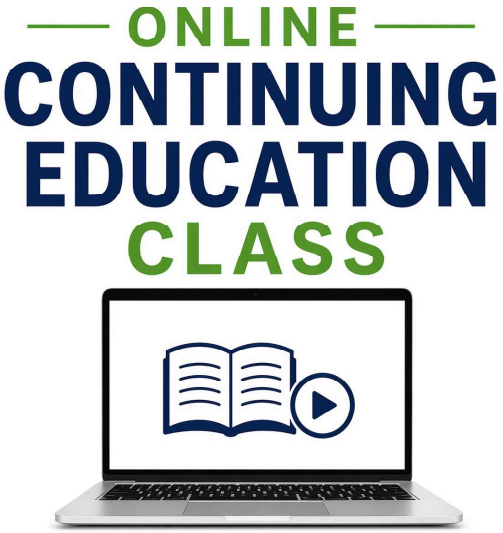
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There's never been a better time to join PHCC. This fall, new members who join during our Fall Membership Campaign can receive up to 15 months of membership for the price of 12.

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Join in November and receive 14 months.

Join in December and receive 13 months.

But the extra months are only part of the value. PHCC connects contractors and industry professionals with education, advocacy, resources, networking and member benefits.

Do you know someone who would benefit from joining the PHCC? Now is the time to ask them to consider membership.

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PHCC NATIONAL'S CANDIDATE'S CORNER



PHCC has one candidate for 2026 PHCC—National Vice President: Tyler Arndt. As many of you know, Tyler was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident last month. We are grateful to share that he is now home from the hospital and plans to pursue his candidacy. Please keep Tyler in your thoughts and prayers as he continues his recovery.

"Over the past few weeks, I've been reminded just how strong the PHCC community truly is. During my recent recovery, the outpouring of prayers, messages, and encouragement from members meant more to me than I can say. It reminded me that this isn't just an association, it's a family. The support I received is something I'll never forget. As I continue to heal, I'm looking forward to getting back to doing what I love and continuing to be involved with this incredible organization. My goal is to be in Milwaukee for PHCC CONNECT, and I hope to see many of you there. We truly are stronger together."

The election will take place at the 2026 PHCC Annual Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 20, at CONNECT 2026 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

NEW COMMITTEES CREATED

Contact the SDAPHCC office if you are interested in joining one of these committees.

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PHCC Water Supply Calculator App



The PHCC Water Supply Calculator App offers a single resource to determine water supply fixture units and minimum fixture branch sizes for common plumbing fixtures, typical pressure drops in water meters, equivalent lengths of fittings.

The app also allows a user to input a fixture unit demand, resulting in suggested pipe size, determines GPM demand, pressure drop/100', and velocity in Type "L" copper pipe; with selectors referenced to the National Standard Plumbing Code, the Uniform Plumbing Code, and the International Plumbing Code.

In addition to the calculator, the app serves as an all-in-one membership engagement tool that allows members to directly access PHCC information and resources on their portable device.

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Next Commission Meeting: October 2, 10am

Lay Member Needed for State Plumbing Commission

The State Plumbing Commission is seeking a lay member to join its team for a 3-year term. This is a unique opportunity to represent the public perspective on a commission dedicated to protecting the health and safety of South Dakotans.

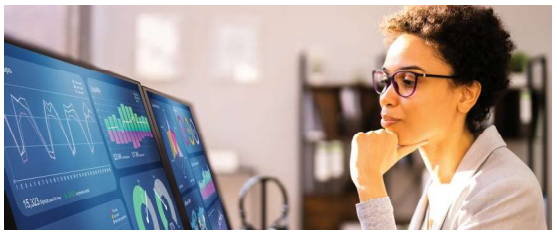
As a lay member, you'll ask the questions an average citizen would ask and help ensure decisions reflect the public interest, not just technical expertise. Past action items have included reviewing policies, setting fees, and updating the state plumbing code. The commission meets quarterly, with three virtual meetings and one in-person meeting each July.

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US Senate Introduces EPCA Reform Legislation

By Bradford White Corporation

After urging from industry, and approval of a similar measure by the United States House of Representatives earlier this year, Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) introduced S. 5338 – the Energy Efficiency Reform Act of 2026 (EERA), to the United States Senate.

The bill would make significant changes to the federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) that many in the HVAC and water heater industries have been heavily discussing in Washington for the past several months.

Among other provisions, EERA would put an end to the practice of state and local governments banning natural gas appliances in buildings, which are policies that have been proposed in some jurisdictions and enacted in others throughout the country. The bill specifically states: "State restrictions on fuel use…or affecting the sale and use of a covered products are…preempted under this section".

The bill also includes language that would prohibit DOE from regulating non-condensing gas appliances out of existence, as well as preventing the Department from measuring and utilizing the social cost of greenhouse gasses when determining if proposed energy conservation standards are appropriate.

While the bill does not appear to be a finished product, and each provision is worth further discussion for improvement, its mere introduction is a highly positive sign for our industry.

Throughout the past few years, plumbers, contractors, manufacturers, and many of our trade associations have actively discussed this issue with members of Congress and their staff on Capitol Hill and explained the realities of how overly aggressive energy conservation standards negatively impact individuals, families and job providers across the United States. Introduction of EERA is direct evidence that these efforts have been and can continue to be effective.

With this legislation now being introduced, the next important phase of the legislative process begins with our industry persisting in making our thoughts and concerns with this bill known in Washington. This requires continued engagement with policymakers on our likes in the bill, as well as offering ideas on how it can be improved.

EERA has been referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, which Senator Lee Chairs, for further consideration but it has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.



Please reach out to your members of Congress and share your thoughts on this bill, and EPCA reform in general. Your perspective on how policy impacts you and your customers is important, and introduction of EERA now proves that.

As this legislation continues to work its way through the process, BWC Government and Regulatory Affairs staff will be carefully watching all developments and will keep you informed of the latest information.

If you have any questions about this situation, or any others pertaining to government and regulatory affairs in our industry, please to do not hesitate to contact us directly at BWCGovReg@bradfordwhite.com.

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From the Executive's Desk



By Kristie Brunick

West River Golf Tournament

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported the West River Golf Tournament. It was a warm day, but everyone had a great time. Check out pages 5 and 6 for results and pictures.

New Sustaining Board Member

We recently had a change to our Sustaining Board Member position. The unfortunate news is that Jimmy Walsh, Hilti, took a new position with a company that is not in the PHC industry. As a result, he resigned from our Board of Directors.

The good news is that we were able to quickly fill his position. Ryan Hawthorne, Viega, has agreed to step into the role.

While we are disappointed to see Jimmy leave, we are equally excited to begin working with Ryan.

Medical Gas Class

I'm happy to announce that we will once again host a Med Gas Class next year. This time, we will return to Rapid City for the training. Check out pages 7 & 8 for more information and registration form.

SD Plumbing Code Books Available

The SD State Plumbing Commission recently announced that the new 2024 SD Plumbing Code Book is available. To purchase a copy, you can contact the SD State Plumbing Commission at 605-773-3429 or SDPlumbing@state.sd.us

Virtual Plumbing Continuing Education Class

On November 16, in partnership with IAPMO, we will virtually host the last 2026 Plumbing CE Class. The class will start at 6pm central time. The class will be similar to the in– person class and will feature a live speaker.

This is a great opportunity for those individuals who still need to get their 2026 continuing education credits. For more information, see page 10.



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