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# PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

by Steve Jany  
Illinois PHCC President

## *Greetings friends,*

I hope everyone remembered to set your scales back ten lbs. this month. With the Christmas holidays at our family get together it will be needed. Family time and good meals are always abundant when the holidays are celebrated here in Southern Illinois. My son Chris, his wife Paige and my grandson Wallace made a trek from Wisconsin to visit friends and family for a week. It is so nice to have our family home for a while. Watching Wallace learn is amusing at times. He can crawl and pulls himself up to standing, but is unsure at this time what moves the legs. He is learning so fast. Grandpa wishes his joints could get in some of the positions that his do. Wallace got to meet his many great aunts, great uncles, many cousins and of course, great grandparents while visiting.

I had the opportunity to represent the Illinois PHCC, along with staff member Shelly Lott this month at the annual Great Southwestern Association's annual holiday dinner. A delicious meal was planned and served at Andria's in O'Fallon. The meal was enhanced by the hospitality bestowed on us from the

Association's leadership. It was a pleasure to attend and see the many acquaintances that I have made from my years of being associated with the PHCC, many of them that I have not seen in several years. Thank you for the hospitality shown to us.

If you have not already done so, please don't forget to send in your annual PHCC dues. Or, if you are a not member, please consider joining. There are so many advantages to being a PHCC member.

With the November election behind us and the new legislature convening in January, it will be interesting to see what they have in store for us. Keep abreast of any issues pertaining to our industry in the Illinois Master Plumber, e-mail updates or by calling the office. *The Plumber Protects the Health of the Nation*, but the PHCC protects the plumber. Bills are monitored from introduction to their end. Many hours and years of hard work have gone into getting our plumbing program standards where they are today, and it takes a lot of work to keep the standards we have. I have personally talked to people who worked in the 1950's on what we have today. Let us continue to improve on their work as we have in the past. Our program of inspectors, codes, and regulations will not continue as it is without your support and involvement

in the PHCC. There are people every day attempting to undermine, for personal gain, what we have accomplished - all at the expense of the health and safety of the general public. We must be diligent and constantly be on the lookout for anyone trying to weaken our accomplishments. If you get a "call to arms" please respond as your livelihood depends on this. We work closely with IMSCA to monitor and take action if necessary on an issue or issues.

An updated legislative directory will be mailed to members most likely in February once all the necessary data has been provided for the printing. All contact information for your elected officials will be available in the directory. If you do not receive one, contact the office.

If you have not already done so, mark your calendars for the March Convention/Expo now. Convention will be tied with the trade show this year. It starts on March 19th and concludes March 21st. A full description of events is in this issue. The Egyptian Association has a chartered bus going to the event. If anyone wants a ride, let our Executive Director Rodney Jones or myself know and we will pick you up, as we have plenty of room. The bus leaves from Chester and will pick up anyone along the I-55 route from there to Oakbrook Terrace. Stay abreast of the latest tools, materials, software, and procurement systems available. The contractor that got the last job may not be the best contractor, but the best educated contractor. Knowledge is power and the power of a pen stroke can be mighty. Hope to see you there.

Have you been using "ILPHCC.com" in your array of tools? Check it out sometime. You can access past issues of the "Illinois Master Plumber"

information on CEU classes, registration forms, current officers and directors contact info, events, and links to the Illinois Plumbing Code. Under "Resources" there are over 60 articles pertaining to plumbing, water and HVAC, all past presidents listed - many with their picture. It is a tool provided for you, so please use it.

Plumbing Code Books will be available for sale at the Expo if any one needs one. It is really hard to confront an inspector if you do not have a copy of the latest code being enforced. Inspectors are not meant to be instructors on the job site. Many cases of books have already been sold, which proves that plumbing professionals are staying abreast of the latest codes to be one up on the competition. Remember that with knowledge you have power.

Last but not least, remember when procuring materials and supplies for your projects, the advertisers in the Illinois Master Plumber. Please support those that support us and our industry through their advertising.

Wishing everyone a prosperous new year!

*President Jany*



# IN MEMORY

**Nancy Melko**, mother of Bob Melko, owner of Bishop Plumbing and Chairman of UAC and the Plumbing Council of Chicagoland, passed away November 29th in Fort Myers, Florida. Services were held at the Hodges Kiser Funeral Home in Fort Myers on December 4th. In lieu of flowers,

memorial donations may be made to ASPCA or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The Illinois PHCC and Auxiliary express their sincere sympathy to the Melko family.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY 9, 2015

Illinois PHCC 4 Hour CEU Class  
Heartland College  
Normal, IL

### JANUARY 20, 2015

Labor & Scouting Dinner/Awards  
Sheraton Hotel & Towers  
Chicago, IL

### FEBRUARY 2-4, 2015

UAC Unity Conference  
Hammock Beach Resort  
Palm Coast, FL

### FEBRUARY 20, 2015

Illinois PHCC 4 Hour CEU Class  
Heartland College  
Normal, IL

### FEBRUARY 26-28, 2015

QSC Power Meeting  
Scottsdale, AZ

### MARCH 19, 2015

Illinois PHCC Annual Meeting, Seminar,  
Dinner & Auction  
Hilton Suites Hotel  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL

### MARCH 20, 2015

Illinois PHCC Expo & Educational Day  
Drury Lane Conference Center  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL

### MARCH 21, 2015

Illinois PHCC & Auxiliary Board Meetings  
Hilton Suites Hotel  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL

### APRIL 17, 2015

Illinois PHCC 4 Hour CEU Class  
Rend Lake Resort  
Whittington, IL

### APRIL 24, 2015

Illinois PHCC 4 Hour CEU Class  
Heartland College  
Normal, IL

### SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 2, 2015

PHCC National Convention  
Hollywood, FL



# 2015 ILLINOIS PHCC CONVENTION AND EXPO COMBINED EVENT

In 2015, the Illinois PHCC Convention will be combined with the annual Expo & Educational Day at Drury Lane Conference Center in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

The convention events will begin late afternoon on March 19th with the annual Illinois PHCC and Auxiliary business sessions and election of officers. A seminar for both PHCC and Auxiliary members on "Planning for the Future" will precede dinner and the Auxiliary's Silent Auction. The evening will

conclude with a hospitality suite for both members and Expo attendees. The highlight of the combined event will of course be the Expo and CEU class on Friday, March 20th. The three day event concludes with Illinois PHCC Board of Directors and Auxiliary Board meetings on Saturday, March 21st. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this outstanding networking and educational opportunity. 📅

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# REVISIONS TO THE ILLINOIS PLUMBERS LICENSING CODE

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Revisions to the Illinois Plumbers Licensing Code (750 Rules) became effective on September 23, 2014. Included in the changes are mandates for all plumbing inspectors to be certified, as well as fee increases.

Plumbing inspectors employed by governmental units have until March 30, 2015 to take and pass the IDPH Certified Inspectors exam. Plumbing inspectors not directly employed by the municipality, but who are contracted to conduct inspections, must currently have the certification in order to continue to perform plumbing inspections. IDPH will schedule examinations when it has sufficient applicants, and a date and location will be determined at that time. Anyone wishing to take the exam can obtain the application by downloading it from the Department's website at [www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/plumbing.htm](http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/plumbing.htm). The completed application is to be submitted to the Illinois Department of Public Health, 535 West Jefferson Street, 3rd Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62761.

The Plumbers' and Apprentice Plumbers' exam and licensure fees have increased as follows:

Plumber's License Examination Fee - **\$175.**

Plumber's License Exam Fee for applicant licensed in another state - **\$225.**

Plumber's License Re-Exam Fee - **\$175.**

Plumber's License Fee (Initial or Renewal) - **\$150.**

Apprentice Plumber's License Fee (Initial or Renewal) - **\$100.**

Late Fee or Reinstatement Fee for any license renewal - **\$100.**

Restoration of a Plumber's Expired License Fee - **\$175.**

Duplicate License Fee - **\$50.**

Restoration from a Retired License over 5 years - **\$175.**

Certified Plumbing Inspector's Examination Fee - **\$175.**

Certified Plumbing Inspector's Late Fee - **\$100.**

Chicago Licensed Certified Plumbing Inspector - **\$150.**

The fee for a dishonored, negotiable instrument including, but not limited to, returned checks or insufficient payment shall be **\$100.**

## Revisions to the Illinois Plumbing Contractor Registration Code

Revisions to the Illinois Plumbing Contractor Registration Code (Adm. Code 894) became effective on November 12, 2014. Included in the changes are general language cleanups, and fee increases as follows:

Annual registration fee **\$150.**

The reinstatement fee was increased to **\$100.**

The fee for a dishonored negotiable instrument including, but not limited to, returned checks or insufficient payment shall be **\$200.**





# *Illinois PHCC Expo & Educational Day*

*Friday, March 20, 2015  
Drury Lane Conference Center  
100 Drury Lane  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181*

*9 AM – 1 PM Continuing Education Class  
Noon – 5 PM EXPO Trade Show*

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> will provide you with a great opportunity to view new products, talk to manufacturers, learn new technologies, network with other plumbers and contractors, and also have some fun. If you have not yet gotten your required **4 hours of continuing education credit for your 2015 license renewal**, now is the time. All of the day's activities are free of charge, with the exception of a \$30.00 fee for the 4 hour CEU class. **You must bring your plumbing license with you to the class. Pre-registration is required for the CEU class.**

The **highlight of the day** will be the annual **Illinois PHCC trade show from 12:00 – 5:00 PM**. Come see over 160 booths of the **latest products, tools, trucks and technologies**. Admittance to the 2015 **Expo is free of charge**. After a busy day of education and visiting the Expo, relax and unwind at the **Illinois PHCC sponsored “After Expo” Reception**.

A block of **rooms** has been reserved at the Hilton Suites at a **special Expo rate** of \$132.00 single or \$139 double occupancy plus tax. Remember that all rooms are 2 room suites that include a full breakfast buffet; upon check-in please inform the front desk of how many people are staying in your room. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the **Hilton Suites at 1-630-941-0100**. Be sure to mention the Illinois PHCC to get the special rate.

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*Illinois PHCC Educational Day  
March 20, 2015  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM – CEU Class  
Drury Lane Conference Center  
100 Drury Lane  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181*

**You MUST bring your Plumbers License with you to the class. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start time to complete registration.**

**All registrations MUST be received before March 1, 2015.**

**NO WALK-INS will be accepted for the CEU class.**

**Additional parking is available in the parking deck.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **License #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make check payable to the Illinois PHCC**

**Registrations will not be processed unless accompanied by the fee.**

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**Remember the Expo runs from 12:00 to 5:00 PM and is FREE!**

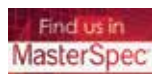


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# MESSAGE FROM THE ILLINOIS PHCC AUXILIARY PRESIDENT EXPO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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Greetings and happy new year to all. It's that time of year when we are looking forward to again participating in the Illinois PHCC Expo & Educational Day in Oakbrook Terrace.

It takes many volunteers to make this the successful event that it is. I am personally asking all Auxiliary and PHCC members to please come and assist with the CEU class sign-in/out, and the Expo registration. Over 850 people attend the class and anywhere from 1,500 to 1,800 attend the show. This process needs lots of volunteers in order to be done successfully and in a timely manner. I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time last year to help.

The Auxiliary will again be selling plumbing themed items at the Expo. Stop by our booth and see what the Auxiliary has to offer.

Please come show your support of the Illinois PHCC and the Auxiliary by volunteering at the Expo. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Drury Lane Conference Center on March 20th and also wish everyone a healthy and prosperous new year.

*Barb Page*

Illinois PHCC Auxiliary President



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# REVISIONS TO THE ILLINOIS LAWN IRRIGATION CONTRACTOR & LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEM REGISTRATION CODE

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Revisions to the Lawn Irrigation Contractor and Lawn Sprinkler Registration Code (Adm. Code 892) became effective on November 12, 2014. There were changes in definitions, registration requirements, a section added for Providers of Design and Installation Courses, and increases in fees.

The following definitions were revised and now read:

**“Irrigation employee”** means a person, other than a licensed plumber or licensed apprentice plumber, who is employed by a registered irrigation contractor or a licensed plumber, and who designs, repairs, alters, maintains, or installs lawn sprinkler systems that are subject to Section 2.5 of the Law.

**“Lawn sprinkler system”** means any underground irrigation system of lawn, shrubbery and other vegetation from any potable water sources; and from any water sources, whether or not potable. “Lawn sprinkler system” includes without limitation the water supply piping, valves, control systems, low voltage wiring, and sprinkler heads or other irrigation outlets, and moisture or rainfall sensing equipment, but does not include the backflow prevention device or final connection of the lawn sprinkler system to the backflow

device. “Lawn sprinkler system” does not include an irrigation system used primarily for agricultural purposes. (Section 2 of the Law) “Lawn sprinkler system” does not include extension, relocation, or modification of up to 200 linear yards of an existing lawn sprinkler system installed at a golf course prior to January 26, 2000. (Section 2.6 of the Law.)

## **Irrigation Contractor Registration Requirements:**

Registration forms for contractors and employees shall be submitted on forms available from the Department’s website (<http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/plumbing.htm>).

Contractor applicants must provide a certificate of insurance and workers’ compensation insurance, as well as an indemnification bond or letter of credit.

Irrigation contractors shall provide, on forms provided by the Department, the following:

- A) Proof that at least one irrigation employee has completed and passed an approved class in the design and installation of lawn sprinkler systems;
- B) The names of employees who have successfully completed an approved course

on the installation of lawn sprinkler systems;  
and

- C) Proof that the course taken by the employees was successfully completed and that their continuing education is also being completed. (Section 2.5(a) and (f) of the Law)

### **Providers of Lawn Sprinkler Design and Installation Courses**

- a) A college, university, trade school, vocational school, or association that has established a program providing a course of instruction in lawn sprinkler design and installation may submit a letter to the Department requesting approval of its program or course of instruction. (Section 2.5(f) of the Law)
- b) The letter shall be obtained by downloading the letter from the Department's website (<http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/plumbing.htm>).
- c) The letter shall be submitted to the Illinois Department of Public Health, 525 West Jefferson Street, 3rd Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62761.
- d) The request for approval shall include information on the curriculum offered by the program and the qualifications of the organization. The course shall consist of a minimum of 2 days of classroom education and an exam and shall include a provision for continuing education. (Section 2.5(f) of the Law) The curriculum offered by the program shall minimally consist of the following topics and the amount of time proposed to be devoted to each topic:
  - 1) Basic principles of irrigation systems;

- 2) Planning and designing an irrigation system, including estimating, installation, repair and maintenance;
- 3) Alteration, extension and dismantling of irrigation systems;
- 4) Irrigation system components, materials and equipment;
- 5) Joints and connections;
- 6) Inspection and testing of an irrigation system;
- 7) Sciences of pneumatics and hydraulics as they apply to irrigation systems;
- 8) Plastics and thermoplastic materials utilized in irrigation systems;
- 9) Installation practices, including site and worker safety;
- 10) Use and care of tools and equipment;
- 11) Source water for irrigation systems; and
- 12) Electric controls and control systems for irrigation systems.

- e) The Department shall evaluate the curriculum and organization before making a determination to approve or deny a request for approval. (Section 2.5(f) of the Law)

### **Inspection, Testing, and Registration of Lawn Sprinkler Systems**

- c) No person shall cause the installation of a lawn sprinkler system by attaching any fixture to any water source except from a public water system, as defined by Section 3.365 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, or


# REVISIONS TO THE ILLINOIS LAWN IRRIGATION CONTRACTOR & LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEM REGISTRATION CODE....

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a water well, as defined by Section 3(e) of the Water Well Construction Code, without prior written approval from the Department. An irrigation contractor or licensed plumber may request written approval for using an alternative water source by providing a written request to the Department and by submitting written plans and specifications, sealed by an Illinois Registered Architect or Licensed Professional Engineer.

- f) All automatically operated lawn sprinkler systems shall have furnished and installed technology that inhibits or interrupts operation of the landscape irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture or rainfall.
- 1) The technology must be adjustable either by the end user or the irrigation contractor. This subsection (f) does not apply to systems operating on golf courses or agricultural lands.
  - 2) The requirements of this subsection (f) apply to all landscape irrigation systems installed after January 1, 2009. (Section 2.5(g) of the Law)

## Fee Increases are as follows:

- Notice of cancellation of irrigation employee, \$20.
- Fee for inspection by a State inspector, \$500.
- Registration of each lawn sprinkler system, \$25.
- Irrigation contractors with 7 or fewer employees, \$400.
- The fee for a dishonored negotiable instrument including, but not limited to, returned checks or insufficient payment shall be \$200. 

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<b>Hillside</b> Munch's Supply.....630-547-1121	<b>Tinley Park</b> G.W. Berkheimer.....708-532-8100
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# CERTIFIED PLUMBING INSPECTOR EXAMS TO BE GIVEN

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Revisions to the Illinois Plumbers Licensing Code that became effective on September 23rd require that all plumbing inspectors must be certified by the IDPH. Those that are directly employed by a municipality have until March 30, 2015 to obtain their certification. All others must currently have their certification in order to continue inspecting plumbing. You may download an application for the exam at the IDPH website: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/plumbing.htm>. The exam will be given twice monthly at the following IDPH Regional Office locations:

**Peoria** – 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 AM  
5415 North University,  
Peoria, IL 61614  
309-693-5360

**Edwardsville** – 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 1:00 PM  
22 Kettle River Drive,  
Glen Carbon, IL 62034  
618-656-6680

**Champaign** – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 AM  
2125 South First Street,  
Champaign, IL 61820  
217-278-5900

**Marion** – 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 9:00 AM  
2309 West Main Street, Suite 106,  
Marion, IL 62959  
618-993-7010

**Rockford** – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 AM  
4302 N. Main,  
Rockford, IL 61105  
815-987-7511

**W. Chicago** – 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 9:00 AM  
& 1:00 PM  
245 West Roosevelt Road,  
Building 5,  
W. Chicago, IL 60185  
630-293-6908

If you have questions or require further assistance you can contact the Department as follows.

**Illinois Department of Public Health  
Division of Environmental Health  
Plumbing Program  
525 W. Jefferson, 3rd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761  
Phone: (217-524-0791)**



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# UPDATES TO OSHA's RECORDKEEPING RULE

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OSHA's updated recordkeeping rule expands the list of severe injuries that all employers must report to OSHA. Employers must begin to comply with the new requirements on January 1, 2015.

## What am I required to report under the new rule?

Previously, employers had to report the following to OSHA:

- All work-related fatalities
- Work-related hospitalizations of three or more employees Starting in 2015, employers will have to report the following to OSHA:
  - All work-related fatalities
  - All work-related inpatient hospitalizations of one or more employees
  - All work-related amputations
  - All work-related losses of an eye

## Who is covered under the new rule?

All employers under OSHA jurisdiction must report all work-related fatalities, hospitalizations, amputations and losses of an eye to OSHA, even employers who are exempt from routinely keeping OSHA injury and illness records due to company size or industry.

## How soon must I report a fatality or severe injury or illness?

Employers must report work-related fatalities within 8 hours of finding out about them. Employers only have to report fatalities that occurred within 30 days of a work-related incident.

For any inpatient hospitalization, amputation, or eye loss employers must report the incident within 24 hours of learning about it. Employers only have to report an inpatient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye that occurs within 24 hours of a work-related incident.

## How do I report an event to OSHA?


Employers have three options for reporting the event:

- By telephone to the nearest OSHA Area Office during normal business hours.
- By telephone to the 24-hour OSHA hotline at 1-800-321-OSHA (6742).
- OSHA has developed a new means of reporting events electronically, which is available at [www.osha.gov/report](http://www.osha.gov/report).

## What information do I need to report?

For any fatality that occurs within 30 days of a work-related incident, employers must report the event within 8 hours of finding out about it.

## Where can I find more information?

For more information about the updated reporting requirements, visit OSHA's webpage on the revised recordkeeping rule at [www.osha.gov/recordkeeping2014](http://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping2014). 



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# IRS ANNOUNCES 2015 STANDARD MILEAGE RATES

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The Internal Revenue Service has issued the 2015 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on January 1, 2015, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be:

- 57.5 cents per mile for business miles driven, up from 56 cents in 2014
- 23 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, down half a cent from 2014
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

The standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile, including depreciation, insurance, repairs, tires, maintenance, gas and oil. The rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs, such as gas and oil. The charitable rate is set by law.

Taxpayers always have the option of claiming deductions based on the actual costs of using a vehicle rather than the standard mileage rates.

A taxpayer may not use the business standard mileage rate for a vehicle after claiming accelerated depreciation, including the Section 179 expense deduction, on that vehicle. Likewise, the standard rate is not available to fleet owners (more than four vehicles used simultaneously). Details on these and other special rules are in Revenue Procedure 2010-51, the instructions to Form 1040 and various online IRS publications including Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax.

Besides the standard mileage rates, Notice 2014-79, posted on IRS.gov, also includes the basis reduction amounts for those choosing the business standard mileage rate, as well as the maximum standard automobile cost that may be used in computing an allowance under a fixed and variable rate plan.





## PLUMBING CODE BOOK

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**Illinois PHCC  
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Springfield, IL 62704**

**Make checks payable to the Illinois PHCC.**

**There will be a \$40.00 service charge for any checks returned due to insufficient funds.**

**Questions? Contact the Illinois PHCC at [bev@ilphcc.com](mailto:bev@ilphcc.com) or [shelly@ilphcc.com](mailto:shelly@ilphcc.com)**

**(217) 522-7219**

# IMSCA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Illinois Mechanical & Specialty Contractors Association (IMSCA) held on December 11th, new officers were elected for the coming year. The meeting was held in Springfield, Illinois.

Those elected were: **President Tom Morton, Northeastern Illinois NECA; Vice President Dave Nelson, MCA; Secretary Giuseppe Muzzupappa, Northeastern NECA; Treasurer Chad Fricke, MCA of Central Illinois; and Immediate Past President Jim Rohlfing, ASA Chicago.**

IMSCA is made of up mechanical and specialty contractor trade associations and represents over 2000 contractors throughout Illinois. They are located 519 South Grand Ave., West, Springfield, Illinois. For more information visit [www.imsca.org](http://www.imsca.org).



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## 2014 Legislative Accomplishments

- **PASSED** legislation preventing the subordination of mechanic's liens. Subordination is now prohibited as a condition of a loan contract or subcontract (SB 3023)
- **PASSED** legislation amending the Public Construction Bond Act to require sureties to meet certain qualifications including: bonds **MUST** have a certificate of authority from the Department of Insurance, the company must have a financial rating of at least an A- (HB 4769)
- **STOPPED** legislation that would allow a bond to take the place of YOUR mechanics liens (HB 4657)
- **STOPPED** legislation that would have **REQUIRED** a written and executed contract in order for you to file a mechanics lien (HB 5663)
- **STOPPED** legislation that would have allowed out of state contractors to enter Illinois during a state of emergency to provide disaster relief services **WITHOUT** meeting licensing requirements, or register, file or remit state and local taxes on disaster related work (HB 5595)
- **AMENDED** legislation that would have removed the 10 year "statute of repose" on liability of exposure to pollutants to **only asbestos** instead of all pollutants as originally written (SB 2221)





## 2014-2015 Continuing Education for Illinois Licensed Plumbers

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> **September 26, 2014 – 1:00 pm-5:00 pm	John A. Logan College, Carterville, IL	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> **September 27, 2014 – 8:00 am-12:00 pm	Kaskaskia College, Vandalia, IL	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> **November 7, 2014 – 1:00 pm-5:00 pm	Rend Lake Resort, Whittington, IL	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> **November 8, 2014 – 8:00 am-12:00 pm	Kaskaskia College, Vandalia, IL	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> **January 9, 2015 – 1:00 pm-5:00 pm	*Heartland College, Bloomington/Normal, IL	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> **February 20, 2015 – 1:00 pm-5:00pm	*Heartland College, Bloomington/Normal, IL	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> **March 20, 2015 - 9:00 am -1:00pm	Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL	\$30.00

**No Walkins – No Exceptions. All Registrations for the March 20 class must be received before March 1, 2015**

<input type="checkbox"/> **April 17, 2015 – 1:00 pm-5:00 pm	Rend Lake Resort, Whittington, IL	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> **April 24, 2015 - 1:00 pm-5:00 pm	*Heartland College, Bloomington/Normal, IL	\$50.00

**\*\*State hours for Certified Plumbing Inspectors**  
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Phone (217) 522-7219

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City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### IMPORTANT:

**You MUST bring your Plumbers License with you to the program. Please arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to complete the registration process. Directions are available on our website at [www.ilphcc.com](http://www.ilphcc.com)**  
**Cancellation Policy: IL PHCC reserves the right to cancel a course due to insufficient enrollment. If we cancel a course, you will be notified and your pre-registration will be refunded to you or you may transfer to another location.**  
**There is no refund for any registration not cancelled (10) working days prior to the class. There will be a \$40.00 service charge for any checks returned due to insufficient funds.**

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Illinois PHCC Association will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities at its meetings. Please call 217-522-7219 with any special requests.*

# ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION PLUMBING, HEATING, COOLING CONTRACTORS AUXILIARY

Dear Friends of Illinois PHCC,

It is again time to start thinking about the annual 2015 Illinois PHCC Expo & Educational Day. Known as one of the best state product shows in the country, it will again be held at the Drury Lane Conference Center, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois on Friday, March 20, 2015.

The Auxiliary will publish a Souvenir Program Book to be distributed to all Expo participants as we have for the past 35 years. The vendors and attendees are firms and individuals within the building and construction industry who influence or have authority over specifications, purchasing and/or installation related to plumbing, heating, cooling, piping and other related fields. These are the people who recommend products to the general public. This Program Book is handed out free to all attendees of the Expo, which last year totaled over 1600 people. This figure alone is one good reason to participate by advertising your business.

Through this Auxiliary project we have raised money to provide scholarships, helped to further industry public awareness, and purchased supplies for the IL PHCC office in Springfield.

We would appreciate your support by placing an ad in the 2015 Souvenir Program Book by using the following Ad Order Form. Deadline for ad submission is February 6, 2015.

Sincerely,

*Barb*

Barbara Miller  
IL PHCC Aux. Ad Book Chairperson  
1268 W County Line Rd.  
Brighton, IL 62012  
PH: 618-372-8367  
Email: [phccadbook@aol.com](mailto:phccadbook@aol.com)

# ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION PLUMBING, HEATING, COOLING CONTRACTORS AUXILIARY

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**1. AD SIZE:**

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Business Card Ad	@	\$50.00		_____
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**4. IMPORTANT:** All Plumbing contractors must include their Illinois Plumbers License Number in their ad. If your ad does not include your License Number, please write it on the back of the ad in pencil. Ad deadline is February 6, 2015.

**5.** Please enclose your check made payable to IL PHCC Aux. Program Ad Book. If you prefer to be billed, payment must be received by February 20, 2015.

Please return order form and remittance to: Barbara Miller  
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## Illinois Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Application for Membership

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Process Piping         | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Sprinkler Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underground Utilities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential   |
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The State Investment is \$245.00. The National Membership Investment is \$503.00. State and National are presented as a package for \$748.00 and may not be split. The Investment period is January 1 through December 31 and may be prorated on a monthly basis. Please make checks payable to Illinois PHCC, 821 South Grand Avenue, West, Springfield, IL 62704.

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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## 2015 Revised UAC Unity Schedule

*Schedule subject to change*

### *Sunday, February 1, 2015*

- 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm UAC Trustees Meeting  
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Super Bowl Party

### *Monday, February 2, 2015*

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast  
8:00 am - 10:30 am Marketing with Social Media  
10:30 am - 11:00 am PHCC Kevin Tindall  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Boy Scouts Program  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch  
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Golf or St. Augustine Tour  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Reception

### *Tuesday, February 3, 2015*

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast  
8:00 am - 10:00 am Estimating in Today's Market  
Kirk Alter  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Integrating Estimating, CAD & BIM  
Kirk Alter  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Roundtable Discussion on Industry  
Issues - Kirk Alter - Moderator  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm TBD - Kirk Alter  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Transfer to Sundancer Yacht  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception on Sundancer

### *Wednesday, February 4, 2015*

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast  
8:00 am - 11:00 am Plumbing Industry Council  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm UA General President Bill Hite  
(invited)  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch  
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm UA Secretary Mark McManus  
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm Plumbers 911 Update  
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm UA Training Dept. Jim Pavesic  
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Salesmanship for Techs - Bob Melko  
4:00 pm End of Unity 2015



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\_\_\_\_ St. Augustine Historic Tour \$75.00    \_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest (Receptions Only) \$180.00  
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Portions of this event may be videotaped. By attending this event you agree to allow your image to be used without compensation.  
**UAC Registration Cancellation Policy:** All cancellation requests must be submitted to UAC in writing. Cancellations postmarked by January 5, 2015 will be charged a \$75 processing fee. No refunds will be made after January 5, 2015.

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**Reminder:** Please contact the Hammock Beach Resort directly for sleeping room reservations at 877/834-8862  
Be sure to identify yourself as a UAC Unity attendee to receive the special group rate of \$179 Single/Double plus applicable tax. Make your reservation before **January 5, 2015** to ensure availability. **Special Needs:** Please contact UAC directly with any special requests or needs you may have related to a disability. If booking on-line, use group code UAC UNITY

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Billing Address for credit card \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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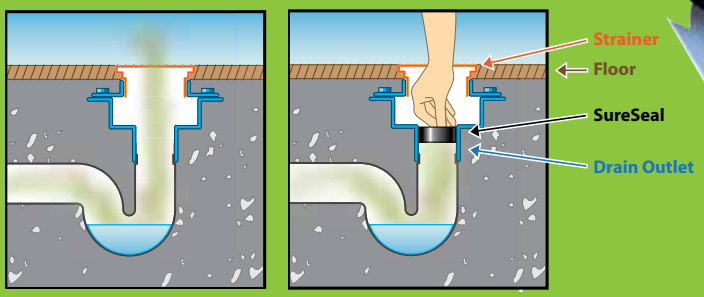
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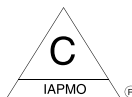
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