DESPITE MAJOR SNOWSTORM, MEMBERS TURN OUT FOR CISCO ANNUAL MEETING

A well-known phrase of stage and screen is that “The show must go on!” Those words were never more appropriate as CISCO hosted its Annual Meeting to a crowd of 115 very hearty guests who braved a major snowstorm and attended the February 9th event.

As a significant portion of the event, CISCO recognized seven different construction projects that were chosen back in December for their quality in construction, design, safety record and impact on the community.

In addition, CISCO affirmed the nominations for all of the Board positions, including its Executive Officers. CISCO’s new Board President is Maurice King, Vice President of IBEW Local 134. Its new Vice President will be S.J. Peters, Executive Director of PCA Midwest and the Plumbing Council Midwest. Other officers remain the same as Frank Furco stays on Treasurer and John Cronin as Secretary. Furco is Business Manager/Financial Secretary for IBEW Local 701, while Cronin is President of Trinity Roofing Service, Inc. and represents the Chicago Roofing Contractors Association.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DEADLINE IS FEB. 23, 2018

CISCO is now accepting applications for its 2018 Scholarship Program. The three different categories enable a wider range of students of both building trade union members and union contractor employees to apply.

CISCO offers (3), four-year scholarships ($2,000/year) to high school seniors; (2), two-year awards ($1,000/year) for seniors planning to attend community college; and (2), two-year continuing education awards ($1,000/year) to union members or contractor employees.

All applications and accompanying documents must be postmarked by February 23, 2018 to be eligible for consideration. For more information, call CISCO at 630-472-9411.

UCA’S ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION - FEB. 22, 2018

The Underground Contractor’s Association (UCA) is holding its annual Legislative Reception on Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Medinah Country Club 6N001 Medinah Road in Medinah, IL. Beverages and heavy hors d’oeuvres will be provided. Sponsorships are also available. For more information contact UCA at 630.467.1919.

More news and photos on the back page.
PCG MIDWEST “CHICAGO PLUMBING INDUSTRY” HALL OF FAME INDUCTS 2018 HONOREES

The Plumbing Contractors Association (PCA) Midwest honored three outstanding individuals who have shown a great deal of personal commitment, ingenuity and passion to improve the plumbing industry during its recent PCA Winter Social at the Brookfield Zoo’s Seven Seas Underwater Dolphin Viewing Area.

The 2018 inductees were Charles S. Allen, Executive Chairman of Sloan Valve Company; John Bojan, Retired Plumbers Local 130 UA Pension Fund Administrator; and James P. Smith, Past President of C.J. Erickson Plumbing Company.

The PCA Midwest created the Chicago Area Plumbing Industry Hall of Fame in 2002. Since its inception, more than 30 distinguished men and women representing PCA plumbing contractors, United Association (UA) of Journeyman Plumbers Local 130, and the manufacturer/supplier segment of the industry have been bestowed with this tribute.

ASA EXPO AND CONSTRUCTION SAFETY CONFERENCE - MARCH 5-6

This annual two-day event provides an opportunity for your company to gain valuable exposure to hundreds of attendees at the 2018 Construction Expo & Safety Conference. Act now in support of the Construction Safety Council by sponsoring, or ordering an expo booth, or by just attending. For more information, call 800-552-7744.

Municipal leaders, business leaders, elected officials and residents were on hand to learn how DuPage County could take advantage of all FEJA has to offer.

There were five presentations that focused on common goals of advancing renewable energy, reducing energy consumption, enacting renewable policies and engaging residents and businesses to adopt these efficiencies in buildings, home and facilities.

The Renewable Energy Seminar ended with the panel discussion above allowing for audience questions. The panelists are (from left) Jack Darin, Director, Illinois Chapter Sierra Club; Lisa Albright, Vice President and Policy Committee Chair, Illinois Solar Energy Association; Troy Hammond, President, North Central College in Naperville; Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus; and Harry Ohde, Executive Director, Illinois IBEW Renewable Energy Fund.

EDUCATION-TO-CAREERS UPCOMING EVENTS

1) The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC), CISCO and the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades will be hosting a Hands-On Fair at the Chicago Heights Center in Chicago Heights on Thursday, March 1st for HACC residents. This is the first ever event being held with HACC as CISCO works with Timothy Kollar, HACC Manager of Workforce Initiatives. Several instructors from the various building trades will be on hand to talk to residents about apprenticeship qualifications along with hands-on demonstrations.

2) CISCO and Moraine Area Career System will team up for the third time on a Hands-On event on Friday, March 16th. The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters’ Satellite Apprenticeship & Training Center in Chicago will be the site of the event as students from the Moraine Valley College area will attend. Once again, several building trades will be represented to provide demonstrations of customary day-to-day functions.

APPRENTICE OPPORTUNITY

IBEW Local 134 will begin an online registration process to begin accepting up to 500 applications for its Communications Apprenticeship Program. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 5, interested candidates need to go to www.ejatt.com for all of the details and requirements needed to apply.

SAVE THE DATE

The Illinois State Apprenticeship Conference (ISAC) will be held the week of May 7, 2018 in Peoria, Illinois. Check CISCO’s website - www.cisco.org - as more details unfold.