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## President Biden's Visit to the Twin Ports

*Credit: Catherine Conlan, Labor World Newspaper*



On Thursday, January 25, President Joe Biden came to Duluth and Superior to celebrate the \$1 billion-plus federal grant to replace the Blatnik Bridge. This project will provide hundreds of union jobs and replace a vitally important bridge that is at the end of its useful life.

Biden's visit was a great opportunity to celebrate progress, but it's clear there was something bigger going on while he was here. This visit by the president was organized with the help of Labor, and it showed. The Building Trades were in the spotlight, of course, but people in other unions helped make the visit an overwhelming success.

During his visit to Duluth, President Biden shared, "It's time hardworking Americans had a little more breathing room."

We're continuing to take action to bring down the cost of insulin, prescription drugs, and energy – and eliminate hidden junk fees companies use to rip you off."

*Credit: Instagram@potus*

Our very own Stan Paczynski, vice president and business agent, had the honor of meeting President Joe Biden while Biden was in Duluth for the announcement of the Superior Bridge project.



### BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD Membership Picnic Sat. July 20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

900 Fairview Ave N, Newell Park, St Paul, MN

- G.I. Joe's food truck • Non-alcoholic beverages provided • B.Y.O.B. • Yard games
- Raffle with age specific prizes • Don't forget your sunscreen



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# RECREATION

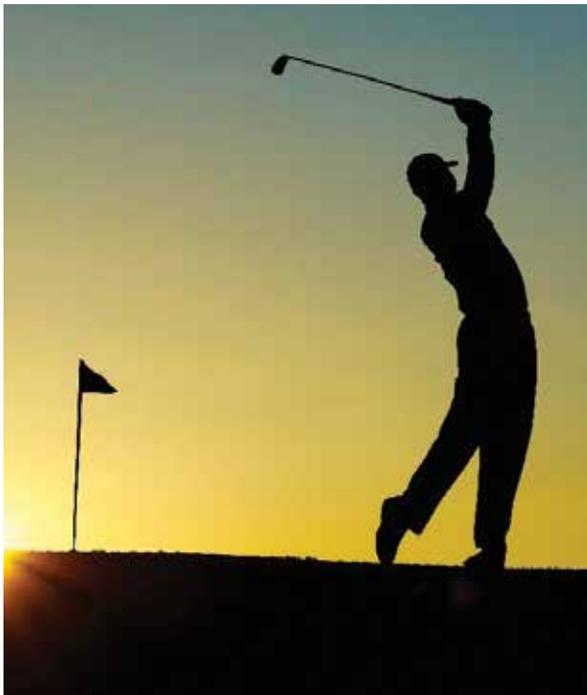
*Attention Golfers – Don't Miss the  
Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers*

# Golf Tournament

**Saturday, July 27, 2024, at Pheasant Acres Golf Club, Rogers, MN**  
Sponsored by the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union 1 MN/ND/SD

**Tee Off Time: 7 a.m.; Shotgun Start – Be There to Sign In by 6:30 a.m.**

**COURSE REQUIREMENT: ALL GOLFERS MUST WEAR SOFT SPIKES!**



**SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT** - A “scramble” is a competition among foursomes, not individuals. Everyone in the foursome tees off. The best drive is selected, and everyone hits his/her second shot from this location. This procedure is repeated on every shot, including putting, until you putt out. The foursome will have only one score on each hole.

**COST IS \$80 PER MEMBER / RETIRED MEMBERS IS \$65 PER PERSON** – **Deadline is July 19, 2024.** This includes green fees, golf cart, dinner, drink tickets and prizes. Entrants will be limited to the first 128 golfers. You may make up your own foursome, or we will place you in one.

Any questions concerning the tournament can be directed to Doug Schroeder at 612-845-3136.

Because each person must be on a cart, the deadline for golf reservations is **July 19, 2024. No exceptions!** The golf tournament is open to all members of BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD.

**PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITH RESERVATION** – Payment by card or check accepted. Please note there is a 3.5% processing fee for all card payments. Make your check payable to BAC Golf Day. Send to BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD, 312 Central Avenue SE, Room 328, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

## 2024 RESERVATION BAC GOLF TOURNAMENT



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# FROM THE PRESIDENT



Doug Schroeder,  
President/  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Heat Stress is a Hot Topic This Summer

After a very mild winter, the spring construction season has had an early start. This means that the summer heat will be upon us soon. OSHA requires that all contractors have drinking water on site. Keep in mind the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stress. Here is some helpful information to keep you safe.

**HEAT STRESS** conditions or illnesses can occur when you are in hot environments and fail to take in enough fluids, salts, or both. Examples of heat stress include:

**Heat Stroke, also called Sun Stroke,** is the most severe heat illness and is a life-threatening condition. Heat stroke happens when the body fails to regulate its core temperature. At this point, the body stops cooling itself through perspiration and can't get rid of excess heat. The end result can be death if the body temperature isn't lowered!

Heat stroke symptoms include a very high body temperature (104 degrees F or higher); mental confusion, slurred speech; hot, dry, red skin or profuse sweating; convulsions; and loss of consciousness. Seek medical help immediately and keep the person cool with fans, ice and water until help arrives.

**Heat Cramps** - Painful muscle spasms most likely in the arms, legs, and abdominal area.

**Heat Rash** - Cluster of red bumps on skin, usually on neck, upper chest, elbow creases and groin.

**Heat Exhaustion** - Profuse sweating, headaches, extreme weakness or fatigue, dizziness, fast pulse, rapid breathing and nausea or vomiting.

To prevent heat stress conditions, adjust yourself to the heat through short exposure periods followed by longer exposure until your body is acclimated to the heat. It may take up to 14 days (about 2 weeks).

Drink lots of liquid to replenish the fluid that your body is losing through sweating. Drink water to stay hydrated (about 1 cup every 15 minutes), and electrolyte drinks (sports drinks) to replace salt. Don't wait to drink until you're thirsty, and avoid alcohol and caffeinated beverages.

Do not ignore possible symptoms of heat stress. If you feel very hot, dizzy, nauseous or if your muscles cramp, stop, hydrate, rest and cool off in the shade or an air-conditioned area. Wear light-colored and loose-fitting clothes. Cotton breathes better than synthetic fabrics. Schedule work activities during the coolest parts of the day.

Take the time to rest and cool down.

Heat stress is serious. If an employee appears to be suffering from heat stress conditions, remove him or her from the heat and provide a cool, shaded place to rest. If the employee is disoriented or non-responsive, call for medical help immediately.

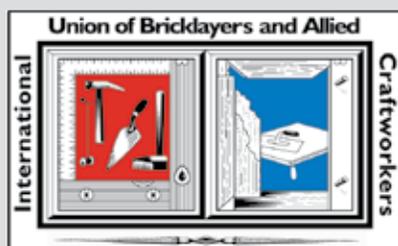
## Share Your Photos with International

To produce the most engaging content, International needs photographs and video from all over the country of our members at work, at union events, solidarity and political actions, and community service projects.

These photos and videos can be used in the BAC Journal, on social media, in e-newsletters, and our print materials – organizing brochures, membership packets, etc.

Below is a Dropbox link where video and photographs can be uploaded straight from a computer or cellphone. Pictures can also be submitted individually by emailing them – in their original file size – to the email link below.

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/LSo4QNUatycH9jkcncoB>



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# April Showers Success at Our Apprenticeship Training Center

As the raindrops tapped against our windows this April, they didn't just bring the promise of blossoming flowers; they signaled the culmination of a year filled with growth and achievement at our Apprenticeship Training Center.

Our training center has been a hive of activity, buzzing with the sound of progress. Our apprentices have been soaking up knowledge like sponges, preparing themselves for the challenges ahead. Many have participated in ACT certifications, suspended scaffold training, CPR/AED courses and immersive community tours, to name a few of the many class offerings.

The pinnacle of all this activity of the year was undoubtedly our apprenticeship contest on April 27. Supported by the unwavering dedication of our contractors, suppliers, members, and their families, the event was a testament to the solidarity of our community. Their sponsorship and presence transformed the contest into a resounding success.

At the heart of the contest beats the spirit of our membership. More than 14 members selflessly gave up their Saturdays to serve as judges, ensuring fairness and excellence in every competition. It's a heartening sight to see former competitors return as judges, embodying the strong bonds we've forged

within our community.

This year, 15 apprentices showcased their talents in bricklaying, PCC, and tile work, each vying for the top honors. The competition was fierce, but so were the rewards. Thanks to our generous sponsors, winners not only earned bragging rights, they also took home valuable prizes from gift cards to essential tools of the trade.

We bid farewell to this training year at our completion banquet held at the Delta Hotel in Minneapolis on May 10. It was a wonderful time to celebrate the dedication and hard work of 30 apprentices who stand on the cusp of becoming the next generation of skilled journey workers. They are the embodiment of hope and promise for our trades and our union.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to welcome our first group of 19 pre-apprentices, brimming with enthusiasm and ready to embark on their journey in the BAC trades. We call upon all our members and journey workers to join us in nurturing and shaping these future craftsmen by mentoring them on the job site in the upcoming summer months.

Together, let's continue to build not just structures but also futures, brick by brick, apprentice by apprentice.



Back row (l-to-r): Justin Handy, Keith Allen, Jafari Banks, Ethan Krekelberg, Jonathan Pena-Solis, Fahad Cabdi, Griffin Rochat, Makenzie Womack, David Garcia, John Weingarten. Front row (l-to-r): Alexis Keo, Christian Schultz, Kong Meng Lee, Joseph Schmock, Dylan Davis, Jaime Chanta and Matthew Torres.

# RECREATION

*Attention Golfers – Don't Miss the  
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## ANNUAL DULUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Saturday, September 7, 2024, at Grandview Golf Links, Duluth, MN*

*Tee off Time: 8 a.m. Shotgun Start – Registration 7 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.*

**SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT** – This is an 18-Hole, Two-Person Scramble Tournament (We will play the 9-hole course twice). A “scramble” is a competition among twosomes, not individuals. Everyone in the twosome tees off. The best drive is selected, and everyone hits his/her second shot from this location. This procedure is repeated on every shot, including putting, until you putt out. All levels of golf skill are welcome. You may make up your own two-person team, or we will place you into one.

**COST IS \$65 PER PERSON** - This cost includes green fees, refreshments, lunch, prizes, cash prizes, golf shirts, and balls. **Deadline for reservations is August 30, 2024.**

Any questions concerning the tournament can be directed to Doug Schroeder at 612-379-2966 or Stan Paczynski at the Duluth office at 218-724-8374 or cell 218-393-9406.

**PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE WITH RESERVATION** – Payment by card or check accepted. Please note there is a processing fee for all credit card payments. Make your check payable to BAC Golf Day. Please send the registration form with payment to BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD, 312 Central Avenue SE, Suite 328, Minneapolis, MN 55414.



### 2024 RESERVATION

### ANNUAL DULUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF OTHER PERSON IN YOUR TWOSOME: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Note\* If you do not have a partner, we will place you on a team\**

**Please RSVP on or before August 30, 2024!**

# MEMBER RECOGNITION

## St. Cloud Gold Card Dinner



L-to-R: President/Secretary-Treasurer Doug Schroeder, 25-year members Scott Welch, Brian Dilley, Justin Butterfass and Vice President/Business Representative Mike Ganz.



L-to-R: President/Secretary-Treasurer Doug Schroeder, 40-Year Richard Reirson and Vice President/Business Representative Mike Ganz.



L-to-R: President/Secretary-Treasurer Doug Schroeder, 50-Year David Zieglemann and Vice President/Business Representative Mike Ganz.

# MEMBER RECOGNITION

## Bismarck Gold Card Dinner

## Only Carry Your Medicare Card When You Must

*Reprint from AARP.com*



L-to-R: Business Representative Randy Carlson, 50-year member Lee Bachmeier and Business Representative Keith Stebleton.

To help protect your identity, your Medicare card no longer carries your Social Security number. But your Medicare number — unique to you — should be closely guarded and never shared with anyone who contacts you out of the blue by phone, email or text or in-person.

Only carry your Medicare card when you are headed to an appointment that might require it. In the wrong hands, your Medicare number may be used for a variety of scams, including filing for false claims and reimbursement. If someone calls and asks for your information or money or threatens to cancel your benefits, report it immediately to 1-800-633-4227 (1-800-MEDICARE).

Show your Medicare card to your doctor, hospital or other health care provider when you get services. If you have a Medicare drug plan or supplemental coverage, carry that plan card with you, too. (After your visit, remove these cards from your wallet and store them in a safe place.)

If you join a Medicare Advantage plan or another Medicare health plan, you'll use your plan's card to get services, not your Medicare card. You'll only need to access your Medicare card if you switch plans or go back to original Medicare.

If the worst happens and your wallet is stolen, click on this link <https://tinyurl.com/36xrdwnu>.

For more information on how to protect yourself from scammers, click on this link <https://tinyurl.com/3r868v94>

### Helpline

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### IMI Masonry Minute

#### KEY IMI ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

IMI North Central Regional Director Mark Swanson is focused on providing masonry education and consulting, promoting the use of masonry and skilled union craftworkers. His aim is to create more work opportunities for BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD members and signatory contractors.

#### PROJECT SUPPORT

- **Historic Mortars Workshop** Swanson facilitated this workshop with the MN Historic Society (MNHS), IMI, and the BAC Training Center. MNHS wanted their staff and design consultants to hear a consistent message about the importance of selecting an appropriate mortar for repointing, and the considerations for specifying a mortar based on the type of unit masonry and wall construction. Casey Weisdock, IMI director from Philadelphia, delivered two of the mortar presentations. Weisdock heads up the restoration efforts at IMI including delivering the Historic Masonry Preservation Certificate (HMPC) to our craftworkers. Weisdock covered the history of mortar and compared modern mortar mixes with those historically used, and he helped us understand when each type is suitable for restoring historic masonry buildings. John Beaty of the MNHS presented on the nuances of mortar sampling, testing, data analysis, and the material properties of non-hydraulic and hydraulic binders. Following the lectures, the attendees tried their hands at repointing using different mortar mixes led by our skilled instructors.

A big heartfelt thanks goes to the dedicated team at the BAC Training Center—John Slama, Justin Korb, Nick Radtke, John Kent, and Rebecca Novaha—for their

time and energy in facilitating this workshop. This event not only strengthened our ongoing partnership with MNHS, initiated with the 2021 hot lime mortar program for the Mill City Museum project, it also underscored the craftsmanship and dedication of our BAC community.



Mill City Museum Tour



Historic Mortars Workshop - Casey Weisdock of IMI



Historic Mortars Workshop - Architect trying his hand at repointing



Historic Mortars Workshop - hands-on program

#### IMI EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS

- **ACE Mentor Program:** ACE stands for Architecture, Construction, and Engineering. Swanson participates in this program at local high schools to show students what careers are available in the field of design and construction. Swanson collaborated with Mortenson, Ryan Companies, Kraus Anderson, ISG and the architecture firm of Leo A Daly to bring the message of design, constructability, and skilled labor opportunities to the students on the ACE Edina high school team. The Edina team finished in second place this year.
- **IMI Structural Webinar Series, February 7** Swanson hosted Brady Golinski of Forse Consulting who presented on Structural Fundamentals: Masonry Notes, Details, and Prototypes. This webinar explored various components of a structural masonry wall system. Brady showed how to specify block strength, mortar type, and grout strength.
- **IMI Structural Webinar Series, March 6** Swanson hosted Beth Suminski of Forse Consulting who presented on Debunking the Myths of Single Wythe Masonry to nearly 500 attendees. This webinar explored various considerations for designing efficient structural single wythe masonry wall buildings.

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## UPDATES FROM IMI NATIONAL

### Federal Government Construction: A Key Player in Sustainability and Embodied Carbon

Did you know that federal government construction contracts account for one-fourth of the US's steel and one-half of concrete usage? With \$700 billion spent annually on federal construction projects, this market presents a substantial opportunity for BAC. Total construction spending is around \$2 trillion annually, so federal projects represent 35% of the US construction market. IMI has been engaging with key stakeholders to stay informed about the latest developments and initiatives in this space as part of its ongoing efforts to promote the benefits of masonry and tile installed by skilled craftworkers.

### Recent Insights from the NGO/Government Roundtable on Embodied Carbon

Swanson and IMI National Director Roy Ingraffia recently attended a virtual roundtable discussion on embodied carbon, featuring Madeline Reeves, deputy chief sustainability officer for the White House Council on Environmental Quality. The session highlighted the federal government's commitment to prioritizing cleaner materials through initiatives such as the Buy Clean Initiative and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Key takeaways include:

- **Buy Clean:** A Jobs Program with a Focus on Unions
- **Data-Driven Approach:** Ensuring Trustworthy Data
- **EPA's Label Program:** Similar to the Energy Star program, it aims to establish trusted environmental standards for construction materials.
- **EPA Grants:** An impressive \$100 million has been earmarked to aid manufacturers in developing Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs), with the selection process for awards currently underway.
- **FEMA's New Direction:** With a \$10 billion annual budget, FEMA is also turning its focus toward Embodied Carbon, under the "Build Back Better" initiative.
- **DOT Collaboration:** The Department of Transportation is actively collaborating with 35 states to integrate sustainable low carbon practices into roadway infrastructure projects.

These developments demonstrate the federal government's dedication to sustainable construction practices, and we will continue to monitor and engage with these initiatives to ensure our BAC contractors and craftworkers are well-positioned to benefit from these opportunities.

Stay tuned for further updates on our sustainability and resiliency efforts!

### IMI WEBINAR: TRANSPARENCY IN MATERIALS: THE KEY TO UNLOCKING A CARBON-NEUTRAL FUTURE

Swanson recently hosted Phil Northcott of C Change Labs for an insightful webinar on the crucial role of transparency in materials in achieving a carbon-neutral future. Northcott covered the fundamentals of embodied carbon, the importance of databases and software in calculating global warming potential in buildings, and the need for consistent and reliable data.

One such tool is TallyCat, a calculator that uses the EC3 database set and is now integrated into Revit software, enabling architects and engineers to make informed material choices early in the project and quantify their climate impact. Publishing Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) is essential to ensure masonry and tile materials are included in these databases.

The construction industry seeks clarity through comprehensive data and information following uniform standards. The analysis of data is critical, and much of our information on material ingredients that impact the climate comes from databases and the internet, but it is often inconsistent, nonexistent, or unreliable, leading to comparisons of "apples to oranges" instead of "apples to apples." Northcott emphasized the need for individual EPDs from each manufacturer for each material to ensure accuracy and transparency.

### TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR YOU

Training, quality, and safety is what sets the BAC apart from our competition. To learn more about training programs available to BAC members, visit [www.IMTEF.org](http://www.IMTEF.org) and [www.bactraining.org](http://www.bactraining.org).

## 2024 IMI STRUCTURAL MASONRY WEBINAR SERIES 12 PM ET

June 5th

Optimizing Masonry Projects Through Design Assist (NEW)

July 10th

Structural Fundamentals: Masonry Movement Joints

August 7th

Structural Fundamentals: Masonry Seismic Design

September 4th

Innovative Structural Masonry Solutions

October 2nd

Foundation Design with Concrete Masonry (NEW)



## Deceased Members

### #1 MN - Mpls

Robert Broberg  
Charles Hodgson, Jr.  
Robert Reynolds

### #2 MN - Mpls

David Hamilton  
David Hatchett

### #4 MN - St. Cloud-Brainerd

Gary Eggerth

### #1 ND - Fargo

Brian Jacobs

### #15 MN - Bemidji

Charles Nelson



## New Members

Ryan Barber  
Alexandra Boleen  
Brody Chivington  
Aden Crow  
Jose Dorado  
Brian Fairbanks  
Anthony Fisher  
Gunna Foley  
Trevor Hansen  
Nicholas Jellison  
Sherman Killsplenty  
Zachary McDonald  
Kacee Meland

Dwaine Olson  
Lucas Peterson  
Perry Peterson  
John Pioro  
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## Retired Members

BAC Local 1 members who have retired in 2023. We are grateful for your dedication to work and we wish you a great future!

Robert Bannister  
Brian Barsness  
Randy Carlson  
Matthew Gefroh  
Roger Kivela  
Kurt Lang  
Michael Louhi

Jeffrey Moinicken  
Michael Mullen  
Mitchell Reins  
Joel Richardson  
Eric Ronsen  
Jeffrey Zins

# 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## **Chapter 1-Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN**

312 Central Avenue SE, Mpls - 4:30 p.m.  
June 10, Aug. 12, Sep. 9, Nov. 11

**Chapter 1-Fargo, ND** Dilworth Hi Ho  
Tavern: 5:30 p.m. June 25, Sep. 24, Dec. 3

## **Chapter 1-Sioux Falls, SD**

101 S. Fairfax Ave., Sioux Falls Labor  
Temple: 6 p.m. June 11, July 9, Aug. 13,  
Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

## **Chapter 2-Minot, ND**

Minot VFW: 7 p.m. Aug. 14, Nov. 13

## **Chapter 2-Yankton, SD**

Alexandria RJ's Sports Bar: 7 p.m.  
June 14, Aug. 9, Oct. 11, Dec. 13  
Yanktown VFW: 7 p.m. July 12, Sep. 13,  
Nov. 8

## **Chapter 3-Duluth-Hibbing- Iron Range, MN**

Duluth Labor Center: 5 p.m. June 12,  
Sep. 11, Dec. 11  
Valentini's Chisholm: 6 p.m. Aug. 14, Nov. 13

## **Chapter 3-Grand Forks, ND**

E. Grand Forks American Legion: 7 p.m.  
June 24, Sep. 23, Dec 2

## **Chapter 3-Aberdeen, SD**

Aberdeen Central Labor Union: 7 p.m.  
July 15, Sep. 16, Nov. 18

## **Chapter 4-Bismarck, ND**

Bismarck AmVets: 7 p.m. Nov. 12

## **Chapter 4-Rapid City, SD**

Rapid City Labor Temple: 6 p.m.  
June 7, Aug. 2, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6

## **Chapter 4-St. Cloud-Brainerd, MN**

Brainerd American Legion: 7 p.m.  
June 6, Sep. 5, Dec. 5  
St. Cloud Labor Home: 7 p.m. Oct. 2

## **Chapter 5-Watertown, SD**

808 S. Broadway, Watertown VFW:  
6 p.m. Nov. 20

## **Chapter 8-Rochester-Faribault, MN**

Rochester, Eagles Club: 7 p.m. Sep. 9,  
Dec. 2  
Faribault Eagles Club: 7 p.m. Nov. 4

## **Chapter 11-Mankato, MN**

Mankato, Mankato Eagles Club:  
7 p.m. June 6, Sep. 5, Dec. 5

## **Chapter 15-Bemidji and ND**

Bemidji, Eagles Club: 5 p.m. June 13, Aug. 8,  
Sep. 12, Nov. 14, Dec. 12

## **GOLD CARD DINNERS**

Letters will be mailed.

## **Chapter 1-Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN**

Delta Hotels-Mpls. NE, 1330 Industrial Blvd  
NE, Minneapolis: 11 a.m. July 11

## **Chapter 3-Duluth-Hibbing- Iron Range, MN**

Duluth Holiday Inn: 6 p.m. Oct. 11  
Valentini's Chisholm: 5 p.m. Oct. 12

## **Chapter 8-Rochester-Faribault, MN**

Rochester Eagles Club: 6 p.m. June 7

## **OTHER EVENTS**

### **Retirees' Club Breakfast meetings**

Jax Cafe: 9 a.m., June 27, Sep. 26, Dec. 5

### **Duluth area Retirees' coffee**

**meetings** The Chalet Lounge: Duluth 9:30  
a.m., First Wednesday of each month  
June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sep. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6,  
Dec. 4

### **St. Cloud Retirees' coffee meetings**

Brigitte's Café: 9:30 a.m., Third Tuesday of  
each month, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sep.  
17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17



### **Executive Committee meeting**

312 Central Ave., Minneapolis:  
9 a.m. Oct. 4

### **Semiannual Meeting-All of MN/ND/SD**

312 Central Ave., Minneapolis:  
9 a.m. Oct. 5

### **BAC Member Picnic**

Newell Park, St. Paul.: 10 a.m. -2 p.m.,  
900 Fairview Ave N, Newell Park, St. Paul ,  
July 20



### **Metro Area BAC Golf Tournament**

Pheasant Acres: 7 a.m. July 27

### **Duluth BAC Golf Tournament**

Grandview Golf Links: 8 a.m. Sep. 7

### **BAC Holiday Party**

Delta Hotels NE Mpls.: 7 p.m. Dec, 9

## **Do you know of a college student returning for the summer? BAC Local 1 is looking for a summer helper.**

The job would be for 30 working days with a flexible schedule, either full or part-time hours. The job would entail scanning of archived documents, light administrative duties, answering phones, and assisting with retrieving documents from our storage unit. Work hours would be between 6:30 am and 4:00 pm. The current starting pay is \$32.09. Apply at [info@bac1mn-nd.org](mailto:info@bac1mn-nd.org).

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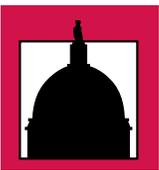
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## 2024 Legislative Priorities



### POLITICS - Our Issues

#### A Clear Choice for Working People

Summer is nearly upon us and it appears election season is beginning even sooner than before. There are a lot of noise, half-truths, hyperbole, misdirection, and flat out lies coming our way. Instead of joining in the chorus, Minnesota's union members are taking a simple approach – we're supporting the people who support us.

Once again, the top of the ticket will have President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump. Both candidates have a single presidential term for us to compare how they have treated working people.

Starting with their choice for Secretary of Labor, the person responsible for enforcing safety rules, wages, and more. The difference is clear – Trump appointed two anti-union lawyers who rolled back workers' rights while Biden appointed former Boston Mayor and Building Trades President Marty Walsh (a member of the Laborers Union) and Julie Su, an attorney who has represented workers fighting for their rights.

On funding new infrastructure to

create millions of construction jobs, it's not even close. President Biden proposed and passed a \$1.5 trillion investment in highway, bridge, water, and broadband infrastructure - the largest in American history. President Trump failed to fund any infrastructure projects during his presidency despite promising to do so.

There is also a clear difference on prevailing wage, the rule that requires union-level wages on federally funded construction projects. President Biden did not just protect existing prevailing wage rates, but expanded projects that require prevailing wage – making sure that all these new projects are built with union labor. Unsurprisingly, President Trump rolled back projects eligible for prevailing wage.

There are even more comparisons to make on labor issues, but you likely get the idea. As you listen to the rhetoric throughout the next several months, remember that actions will always speak louder than words. When it comes to



action, Joe Biden has been the most pro-union president in more than a generation. His actions are why the AFL-CIO made the unprecedented move to endorse him earlier than we have endorsed any presidential candidate in history. I hope you will look at both men's records yourself and come to a similar conclusion.

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