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## BAC Members Help Build a Stronger Medical Community In Duluth

Essentia Health’s Vision Northland project is well underway and on track in spite of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The downtown Duluth, MN, \$900 million project began September 2019, with a projected completion date of early 2023. It will receive its first patients in fall 2023. The project includes a new hospital to replace St. Mary’s Medical Center along with clinic space.

“With every beam raised and every brick laid, Essentia Health can envision how our new facility will bring the highest quality of care to the people and communities we are privileged to serve,” says Dr. Robert Erickson, physician lead for Vision Northland. “Our historic investment in Essentia’s mission demonstrates our commitment to our patients’ health, our community’s economic vitality and our staff’s work environment.”

This private investment is the largest in Duluth’s history. It will feature state-of-the art medical facilities and advanced technologies to meet the needs of patients in the 21st century.

General contractor McGough Construction has partnered with the Duluth Building & Construction Trades Council ensuring local and regional workers will benefit

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Architect’s rendering of the brick work on the Essentia Health’s Vision Northland project (above). A photo of the construction (right) was taken on Feb. 1, 2021.



## Upcoming Allocation meeting changes:

- March 4 – Bismarck, ND Chapter 4 – Bismarck Amvets 7 pm
- March 5 – Minot, ND Chapter 2 - Minot VFW 7 pm
- March 10 – Duluth, MN Chapters 3 & 23 - Duluth Labor Temple 5 pm
- March 11 – Bemidji, MN Chapter 15 - Bemidji Elks Club 5 pm
- March 18 – Grand Forks, ND Chapter 3 ND – East Grand Forks American Legion 7 pm
- March 19 – Fargo, ND Chapter 1 ND – Dilworth Hi Ho Tavern 5:30 pm
- Rochester, MN and Mankato, MN, meetings have not changed and will be held as listed in the calendar.

Face masks and social distancing guidelines will be followed at these meetings. Check the website at [www.bac1mn-nd.org](http://www.bac1mn-nd.org) for further updates and changes.



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from the more than 9,000 construction related jobs during the four-year project. Upward of 17 trades unions are expected to provide quality workmanship on the 942,000 square feet of new construction. Other existing buildings will receive renovations.

BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD currently has about six members on site, ramping up toward 50, says Stan Paczynski, Northeast Minnesota business rep.

The new facility will be built to LEED standards with an expectation of significant decrease of energy costs as well as carbon footprint. For safe passageway for birds during their migration through Duluth, the engineers have designed the glass of the structure with fritting; allowing humans to view out the windows, while the windows will appear as walls to birds.

For additional information and to view photos and videos of the continued progress of Vision Northland, log on to <https://www.essentiahealth.org/vision-northland>.



*An architect's rendering shows the entrance to the replacement hospital bed tower on East Second Street.*



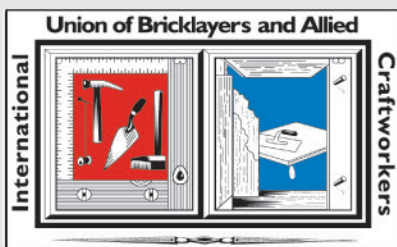
*All patient rooms in the replacement hospital bed tower will be private.*

### **Vision Northland will benefit Duluth and the region by:**

- Providing the highest level of health care with patient and staff safety
- Building state-of-the-art medical facilities with advanced technologies to meet patients' needs
- Improving the availability, affordability and quality of care for Duluth and the region
- Boosting the Northland's economy
- Enhancing the patient and staff experience
- Creating an environment that retains and attracts top talent as well as helps address future workforce needs



*An architect's rendering shows the spacious lobby of the replacement hospital bed tower.*



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Moving Cautiously Ahead Through Changing Times



Doug Schroeder,  
President/  
Secretary-Treasurer

As we enter the new year, and we are still dealing with the restrictions of COVID, we felt that it was important to inform you that we will be postponing our normal calendar of events. Our Gold Card luncheons and dinners, golf tournaments, 4-wheeler outings are all still on the calendar, but will be on hold until restrictions are lifted.

The office is open and has stayed open throughout the COVID restrictions. We ask that you follow the building's mask policy and wear one while in the building and in our office. Chapter meetings in the metro have been virtual with a RSVP requirement to join the meeting. Outstate meetings have been held in person when there is a venue available. Please call the area representative for information on these meetings as they can change.

Dues can be paid with a credit card over the phone or in person at the office. We have been asking that if you want to meet with someone in the office that you make an appointment so we can apply proper cleaning practices before you come in and after you leave.

Allocation meetings are happening around the Local. Keep an eye on the website for current information on meeting dates and new wage addendums.

We will have negotiations taking place in South Dakota this year. If you are interested in being on the negotiating committee, please reach out to Doug Severson at 605-553-7913.

If you have not received a new t-shirt or gaiter from the Local, then please give us a call and we will get one out to you.

Are you on a work site and feel that you have not seen an agent in a while? Give us a call and we will dispatch an agent to your site.

Are you out of work? Make sure to call the hall or your agent and get on the out-of-work list. This list is maintained monthly.

### The calendar is included for your reference.

We have scheduled our yearly events in the 2021 calendar. Our hope is that the ongoing restrictions for gatherings will be lifted as vaccinations are available to the public. Please refer to our website, [www.bac1mn-nd.org](http://www.bac1mn-nd.org), for any changes or cancellations. As we are not sure what the requirements of the venues may be in the coming months, we ask that you be prepared to show proof of vaccination, have a mask and practice social distancing when required.

## U.S. Bates Scholarship Program

The International Union is pleased to announce the opening of the 2021 U.S. Bates scholarship program. Every year the program selects three students to receive a stipend of \$5,000 per year for up to four years – up to \$20,000 total.

Beginning in 2021, the re-designed program will be administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services (ISTS). To be considered for the 2021 U.S. Bates scholarship, a student must:

- Be a senior in high school and planning to enter college in fall 2021
- Be the child or stepchild of a U.S. member in good standing of a BAC Local
- Plan to take or have taken the SAT or ACT exam

To learn more and apply online, please visit: <https://bacweb.org/bac-journal/us-bates-scholarship>.

The application deadline is March 31, 2021.

If you have questions, please call BAC at 1-888-880-8222, ext. 3887 or email [askbac@bacweb.org](mailto:askbac@bacweb.org).

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# BAC “Outstate” Apprenticeship Training

By David Malone, Greater MN/ND Coordinator

The BAC Local # 1 Training Center staff works to continue to improve the apprenticeship experience/training and Journeyworker Upgrade training. We work to increase training quality and quantity in fulfilling our mission statement: **Recruit, train and retain quality trade-workers for the betterment of our trade, strength of our Union, offering a trained responsible workforce to the signatory contractors within Local #1 MN/ND/SD and beyond. Staying committed to providing our members with excellent service by offering the highest quality education and the most finely trained craftworkers in the masonry-trowel trades.** We provide our members with needed curriculum, instruction, and materials to be successful, while working within our budget, time, and resources.

With the JATC Board of Trustees approval, we closed the small training locations in the NE and SE regions in summer 2020, placing all the Greater MN apprentices under one training umbrella. With this new model for training, apprentices meet for the classroom portion of their training in each geographical area in Minnesota, with North Dakota apprentices gathering in Grand Forks and Bismarck. Greater MN brick and tile apprentices also attend a week of training at the Metro TC in January or February annually. This type of training is referred to as “block training” as apprentices attend for at least a one week “block” of time. This is proven to be, by far the most effective type of training.

Apprentices receive a subsistence stipend of \$100 per day along with a \$50 gas card to cover the incurred expense of attending.

Greater MN tile met for training in the Metro the week of January 18 with Greater MN brick apprentices meeting the week of February 1. Attendance was nearly 100 percent, with a couple apprentices unable to attend due to the ramifications of COVID.

The overall attitude of the apprentices was positive, with great feedback on their exit survey. A couple of quotes were as follows: “I believe I have learned more in one week than in the last couple years combined”, and “I was regretting the idea of attending,

however, this has turned into a great time of learning.” There were many other positive takeaways communicated by the apprentices concerning their experience while attending.

Thank you to the metro staff and instructors for their part in making this first year a success.

To learn more about BAC Local #1 Training Center, log on to [www.bactraining.org](http://www.bactraining.org).



The Greater MN brick apprentices complete a week of training on brick, block, and stone masonry.



The Greater MN tile apprentices along with their instructors complete floor layout exercises.

During the past several years the training center staff has incorporated several major changes to apprenticeship training. Apprentices attending at the Metro Training Center now attend class every-other week 1-7 pm versus attending evening classes each week, with 25 percent of their training being correspondence work. This has proven to be a good move as we have smaller class sizes, exponentially less attendance issues and a larger block of time to work with for the hands-on portion of apprenticeship training.

**Pre-apprenticeship program starting June 7, 2021**  
For a full program description and to apply, log on to [www.bactraining.org](http://www.bactraining.org).



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From l-r: Doug Schroeder President/Secretary-Treasurer and Terry Wong, Executive Vice President Business Representative.

## Terry Wong Retires

The Local would like to thank Mr. Wong for his many years of service to the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 MN/ND/SD.

Terry has served in many roles within the union over the years. He has been a trustee, negotiating committee member, business representative and Executive Vice President of the local. Terry has been a community advocate and leader in the Minneapolis area throughout his life and to this day still serves his community. Terry brought forth the members' perspective on the Trust Fund Boards and when asked to represent the membership of local 1. He has been a member for more than 40 years working for various contractors around the local and as a business agent and officer of the union for his last 14+ years.

We wish him well in his retirement.



Every year over 100 people die in ladder-related accidents, and thousands suffer disabling injuries. Join the American Ladder Institute (ALI) and participate in the fifth annual National Ladder Safety Month February 22 - March 31, 2021. This important month was designed to raise awareness of ladder safety and to decrease the number of ladder-related injuries and fatalities.

BAC and IMI are proud sponsors of the 2021 National Ladder Safety Month, the only movement dedicated exclusively to the promotion of ladder safety, at home and at work. Help us bring awareness to the importance of the safe use of ladders through resources, training and a national dialogue.

## Fare For All

Do you need assistance with reduced cost grocery items? FARE FOR ALL is here to help. They have food options at 30-50 percent savings. To find a distribution site near you call 763-450-3880 or visit [fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org](http://fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org). Times and locations are subject to change.

### How it Works

You save on groceries. Fare For All buys fresh produce and frozen meat in bulk from wholesalers and manufacturers to find the best deals. Volunteers at our warehouse pack the produce and meat into food packages. We offer packages for sale from \$10 to \$30 at all of our sale locations. All are welcome to shop!

### What's In a Pack?

Fare for All works hard to offer value, variety, quality and

#### March 2021 Schedule

Anoka: March 25, 4-6 pm

Buffalo: March 9, 4-6 pm

Elk River: March, 2-4 pm

Frogtown: March 3, 2-4 pm

Mankato: March 22, 3:30-5:30 pm

Minneapolis (NE): March 26, 11 am-1 pm

New Hope: March 24, 3- 5 pm

Northfield: March 18, 3:30-5:30 pm

Red Wing: March 2, 3-5 pm

St. Cloud: March 8, 3:30-5:30 pm

St. Paul: March 12, 10 am-12 pm

South St. Paul: March 23, 4-6 pm

St. Joseph: March 15, 3:30-5:30 pm

St. Louis Park: March 17, 4-6 pm

White Bear Lake: March 19, 1-3 pm

Zion Lutheran- 1601 4th Ave

Zion Lutheran, 1200 MN-25

Central Lutheran Church, 1103 School St. NW

St. Stephanus Lutheran, 739 Lafond Ave

New Creation Church, 1124 North River Drive

Laborers Local 563 Union, 901 14th Ave NE

St. Joseph Catholic

Church of St. Dominic, 104 Linden St. N

\*TEMP Location\* Goodhue County Public Works, 2140 Pioneer Rd.

Salem Lutheran, 90 Riverside Dr. SE

West 7th Comm. Ctr, 265 Oneida St

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### IMI Masonry Minute

#### Key IMI Activity Highlights

IMI Director Mark Swanson works on your behalf to create more job opportunities for members of BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD by providing masonry education and consulting expertise to the design and construction community and promoting masonry and skilled union craftworkers.

#### Summary totals of 2020:

Events /Programs/Seminars .....	66
Continuing Education Learning Units (LUs) given .....	54 hours
Registered people for events .....	.6,121 (4x the 2019 totals)

#### STRUCTURAL MASONRY COALITION

The IMI structural webinar series kicked off in fall 2020 and grows in attendance and exposure every month. Swanson partnered with structural engineer Sam Rubenzer, SE of Forse Consulting, who leads the engineering content for the webinars. The webinar series started as being promoted across the entire North Central region by IMI directors who have structural coalitions. It is now being presented to a national audience the second Wednesday of each month throughout all of this year. Registration can now be done on the IMIWEB.org website.

#### PROJECT ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT

Swanson provides masonry guidance to the design and engineering community. He facilitated a teams meeting with Façade consultant company, Heintges, and other IMI directors. Heintges had reached out to IMI to provide guidance on a complex brick veneer system. This non-disclosed project started with sloping brick veneer. It is in preliminary design and was shown with stud back up. After input on the veneer, Swanson recommended a structural masonry back up wall for structural and anchoring benefits in lieu of the metal stud framing shown. This idea was well received.

Swanson provided guidance to an ESG architect regarding brick veneer movement joint locations and the expansion and shrinkage of materials and how to accommodate the movement. It is important to educate architects on where to place movement

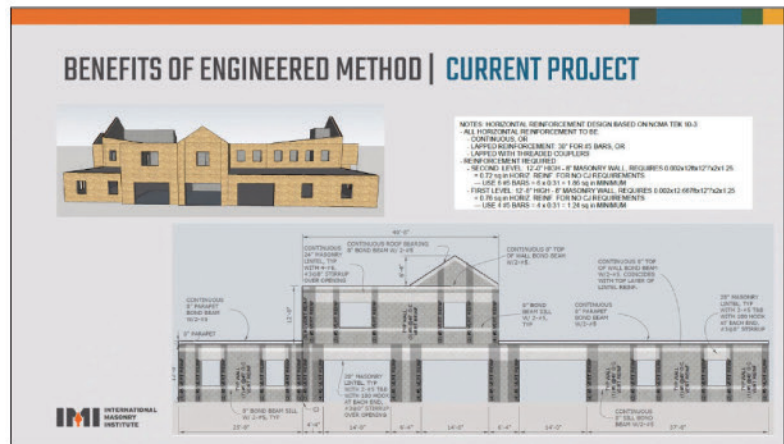
joints and remind them that it is not the role of the mason contractor to locate them.

Swanson provided support to the BAC Training Center when he gave a virtual class on tuckpointing to second year PCC apprentices. Masonry Coordinator John Slama, at the training center, reached out to Swanson to assist with the program to discuss why repointing in lifts was important and a best practice for historic masonry restoration work.

#### IMI EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS

**IMI National Vendor Webinar Series** – Swanson and Meghan Bittner coordinated with Armin Michelsen, Aidan Bradley and Justin Armitage of Henry, to deliver a national webinar in December that focused on the fast-setting spray applied water proofing solution called Prodeq.

**IMI Structural Coalition Webinar Series** – In December, Swanson, with coordination assistance from Bittner, hosted



Rubenzer who delivered a webinar called, Masonry Checklist – Reviewing Structural Drawings. More than 370 registered for the event – our biggest registration for this series to date. This webinar series occurs the second Wednesday of each month.

January focused on structural software solutions for designing structural masonry walls geared primarily for engineers. Rubenzer delivered a Software Review program to more than 125 architects, engineers, and contractors. On January 20,

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## IMI Masonry Minute *Continued from page 8*

Jason Thompson of the National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA) delivered a webinar on the new Direct Design software. These demonstrations in software lead to more efficient masonry design solutions keeping masonry walls from being overdesigned and value engineered out of projects.

### UPDATES FROM IMI NATIONAL

#### Contractor College - Advanced Restoration

IMI is offering an online contractor college program focused on Advanced Restoration. This in-depth course equips BAC signatory contractor teams to successfully manage sensitive masonry restoration and historic preservation projects. Certificates will be awarded to those who successfully complete the program. Signatory contractors can register online at <https://info.imiweb.org/cc-adv-restoration>. The first session runs for four days: February 22, February 24, March 1, and March 3 from 12-3 p.m. ET.

#### Technology Updates

Swanson and IMI HQ are spearheading the coordination of digital masonry content for an application called HIVE. HIVE is a cloud-based content management system (central source) that will place masonry into the software of architectural firms across the United States. Developed by CTC software, HIVE currently has more than 10,000 users. Within the public libraries

of HIVE, IMI and BIM-M will have a single source of quality masonry content that is useful, usable, and searchable. In addition to digital Revit content, there is opportunity to add links to our website, social media, PDFs, and other relevant masonry content. We are looking to launch around the second quarter of 2021.

#### Codes and Standards Updates


Engineered stone is now being used more widely in hospitality and retail projects. Last year, IMI joined the International Standards Organization's (ISO) new effort to develop standards for engineered stone. Engineered stone, not to be confused with natural stone, is a product that includes stone chips bound together with resin or cement binders or a combination of the two. Since there are no standards in the U.S. that define engineered stone products or their installation, IMI's involvement gives us the opportunity to represent installers in the standards development process and secure BAC and IMI as the experts in the field.

IMI also recently collaborated with Tile Council of North America to introduce a proposal to the International Code Council (ICC) that would apply the tile industry's standard for slip resistance for tile floors, ANSI C326.3, to all hard surface flooring. If accepted, C326.3 will become the standard in the International Building Code (IBC) for slip resistance for tile, stone, terrazzo, and polished concrete. IMI participated in the development of this standard, and now we are attempting to apply it more universally in the building code.

Mark Swanson can be reached at [mwsanson@imiweb.org](mailto:mwsanson@imiweb.org) or 612-840-8695. To learn more about the International Masonry Institute, visit [www.imiweb.org](http://www.imiweb.org).

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| Taj Best         | Trent Landowski   |
| Patrick Blenker  | Thomas Monschein  |
| William Boese    | Cole Mortel       |
| Raul Castillo    | Luke Nakamura     |
| Travis Grabinski | Frank Napoli      |
| Adam Griffith    | Logan Pretzer     |
| Julian Guevara   | Billy Rose        |
| Karl Haeske      | Jason Skaggs      |
| Michael Hondl    | Leroy Stadtler    |
| Saw Htoo         | Gregory Walker    |
| Bryan Jensen     | Jacob Wilcox      |
| Alex Johnson     | Lance Wirkus      |
| Joshua Kahl      | Nickolas Wongdock |
| Tobbie Krueger   |                   |



## Retired Members

Some BAC Local 1 members have retired in 2020. We are grateful for your dedication of work and we wish you a great future in your retirement years!

### #1 MN - St. Paul

Susan Jenni  
Terry Wong

### #5 SD - Watertown/ Alexandria

Galen Minske

### #2 MN - Minneapolis

Bradley Davis  
Gino Davis

### #15 MN - Brainerd

Creig Mertens

### #4 MN - St. Cloud

Steven Posch  
Joseph Tschida

### #18 MN - Tile

Douglas Sandstrom

## Legislative Session *Continued from page 12*

fight for additional worker safety provisions and oppose all efforts to end the peacetime emergency that would remove critical protections for working Minnesotans in the pandemic.

### Tax Justice

When we raised tax rates on the highest incomes early last decade, it led to all-day kindergarten, stable budgets, and consistent investments in infrastructure and public services. With COVID putting a hole in the state budget and increased economic needs, we can't afford to make any cuts and must raise new revenue. We should justly fund the government Minnesotans need in a way that reflects our values of equity, dignity, and opportunity. Unlike most workers and small businesses, many of the richest Minnesotans and big corporations have prospered during the pandemic. Those who have prospered during these difficult times need to do their part as fellow Minnesotans and pay their fair share in taxes.



## Deceased Members

### #1 MN - St. Paul

Angel Baez  
Alan Gruett  
Harold Halverson

### #4 MN - St. Cloud

Oscar Eksten  
Francis Nierengarten  
Arthur Saulter

### #1 SD - Sioux Falls

Francis Gustaf

### #107T - Terrazzo Workers

Harold Wendt

### #2 MN - Mpls

Michael Bodine  
Eugene Emerson  
Wesley Mathwig  
Kenneth Schroeder

### #15 MN - Brainerd

Allen Johnson

# 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## We have moved to Zoom Virtual meetings.

After you RSVP to attend any meeting, you will be emailed a link to attend.

**Chapter 1-Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN**  
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis: 9 a.m.  
Mar. 8, May 10, June 14, Aug. 9, Sept.  
13, Nov. 8,  
Delta Hotels-Mpls. NE, 1330 Industrial  
Blvd NE, Minneapolis: All Metro  
members 7 p.m. Dec. 13

**Chapter 1-Fargo, ND** Dilworth Hi Ho  
Tavern: 5:30 p.m. June 23, Aug. 9,  
Sept. 22, Dec. 6

**Chapter 1-Sioux Falls, SD**  
101 S. Fairfax Ave., Sioux Falls Labor  
Temple: 6 p.m. Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11,  
June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct.  
12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14

**Chapter 2-Minot, ND**  
Minot VFW: 7 p.m. Mar. 5 (Wage  
Allocation meeting), May 12, Aug. 11,  
Nov. 10

**Chapter 2-Yankton, SD**  
209 Cedar Terrace, Yankton VFW:  
7 p.m. Mar. 12 (Wage Allocation  
meeting), July 9, Sept. 10, Nov. 12  
Butch's Tavern: 7 p.m. Apr. 9, June 11,  
Aug. 13, Oct. 8, Dec. 10

**Chapter 3-Duluth-Hibbing-Iron  
Range, MN**  
Duluth, Duluth Labor Center: 5 p.m.  
Mar. 10, June 9, Sept. 8, Dec. 8  
Hibbing, Crown Ballroom: 6 p.m.  
May 12, Aug. 11, Nov. 10

**Chapter 3-Grand Forks, ND**  
E. Grand Forks American Legion: 7 p.m.  
June 21, Sept. 23, Dec. 7

**Chapter 3-Aberdeen, SD**  
617 S. 15th St., Aberdeen Central Labor  
Union: 7 p.m. Mar. 15 (Wage Allocation  
meeting), May 17, July 19, Sept. 20,  
Nov. 22

**Chapter 4-Bismarck, ND**  
Bismarck, AmVets: 7 p.m. May 13,  
Nov. 9

**Chapter 4-Rapid City, SD**  
922 E. St. Patrick St., Rapid City Labor  
Temple: 6 p.m. Mar. 5, May 7, June 4,  
Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Nov. 5, Dec. 3

**Chapter 4-St. Cloud-Brainerd, MN**  
St. Cloud Labor Home: 7 p.m. Mar. 3,  
May 5, June 3, Aug. 4, Nov. 3  
Brainerd American Legion: 7 p.m. Sept.  
2, Dec. 2

**Chapter 5-Watertown, SD**  
808 S. Broadway, Watertown VFW:  
6 p.m. Apr. 23

**Chapter 6-New Ulm, MN**  
New Ulm Amer Legion: 7 p.m. Apr. 1

**Chapter 8-Rochester-Faribault, MN**  
Rochester, Eagles Club: 7 p.m. Mar. 1,  
Sept. 13, Dec. 6  
Faribault, Eagles Club: 7 p.m. May 3,  
Aug. 2, Nov. 1

**Chapter 11-Mankato, MN**  
Mankato, Mankato Eagles Club:  
7 p.m. Mar. 4, Apr. 23, June 3, Sept. 2,  
Dec. 2

**Chapter 15-Bemidji and ND**  
Bemidji, Elks Club: 5 p.m. Mar. 11, May  
13, June 10, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Nov. 11,  
Dec. 9

**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 8

**Chapter 1-Fargo, ND** West Fargo  
Speedway Bar & Grill: 6:00 p.m. Mar. 19

**Chapter 3-Duluth-Hibbing-Iron  
Range, MN**  
Duluth area: Holiday Inn, 6 p.m. Oct. 8  
Iron Range: Valentini's, 6 p.m. Oct. 9

**Chapter 3-Grand Forks, ND**  
Speedway Restaurant: 6 p.m. Mar. 18

**Chapter 4-St. Cloud-Brainerd, MN**  
St. Cloud Eagles Club: 6 p.m. Apr. 3

**Chapter 8-Rochester-Faribault, MN**  
Rochester, Rochester's Eagle Club:  
6 p.m. June 4

**Chapter 11-Mankato, MN**  
Mankato Eagle Club: 6 p.m. Apr. 23

**Chapter 15-NW MN**  
Becida Bar & Grill: 6 p.m. May 1

## OTHER EVENTS

**Retirees Club Breakfast meetings**  
Jax Cafe: Minneapolis, 9 a.m., Mar. 25,  
Sept. 23, Dec. 2

**Duluth area Retirees coffee meetings**  
Miller Hill Mall Perkins: Duluth 9:30 a.m.,  
First Wednesday of each month

**Iron Range Retirees coffee meetings**  
Sportsman's Cafe: 9 a.m., Hibbing  
Third Monday of each month

**St. Cloud Retirees coffee meetings**  
Brigittes Café: 9:30 a.m.,  
Third Tuesday of each month

**Executive Committee meeting**  
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis:  
9 a.m. April 2, Oct. 1

**Semiannual Meeting-All of MN/ND/SD**  
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis:  
9 a.m. Apr. 3, Oct. 2

**BAC Golf Tournament**  
Pheasant Acres: 7 a.m. July 24

**Chapter 3 Golf Tournament**  
Grandview Golf Links: Duluth  
8 a.m. Sept. 11

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## GOVERNMENT POLITICS: OUR ISSUES



### POLITICS – Our Issues

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#### Recovery is the Legislative Session Priority

The 2021 session of the Minnesota Legislature began in January. This year, lawmakers will be tasked with putting together the state’s budget for the next two years while still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Minnesota AFL-CIO listened to union members and other working Minnesotans to develop legislative priorities to represent the Labor Movement’s shared state policy vision and our commitment to racial and economic justice. Working Minnesotans have been tested during the last year like never before and are ready for a more just and equitable state for everyone. No exceptions.

#### Jobs and Infrastructure

One of the best things Minnesota can do to emerge quickly from the economic crisis is to invest in infrastructure like roads, bridges, transit, and public buildings. Legislative

action on infrastructure investments that require prevailing wage, apprenticeships, licensing, labor standards, and responsible procurement policies will make workers safer and create family-sustaining union jobs that put money back into communities and give more workers a voice on the job. Interest rates are historically low, and now is the perfect time to invest.

#### Crisis Relief

2020 was the year that brought our state’s longstanding racial and economic disparities into stark focus. COVID and its unequal economic impact put extreme strain on Minnesota’s frontline workers and made the existing inequalities that Black, Indigenous, and workers of color experience even worse. George Floyd’s murder at the hands of police and the civil unrest that followed renewed the calls for justice in Minnesota and across our nation. While we have a new federal government, Minnesotans can’t wait for Washington to deliver on urgent needs like emergency COVID paid leave, cash relief for lower income Minnesotans, aid



to rebuild neighborhoods impacted by civil unrest, and substantial investments in emergency and affordable housing.

#### Workplace Rights and Safety

Governor Walz’s emergency executive orders to protect workers during the pandemic, such as the right to report unsafe conditions without retaliation, has put worker safety at the forefront of state policy. Minnesota’s Labor Movement will

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