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ANNUAL MEETING KEYNOTE SPEAKER – AG KWAME RAOUL



Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul will be the Keynote Speaker at CISCO Annual Meeting – Friday, March 11, 2022.

According to Dan Allen, CISCO Executive Director, the Board of Directors sought AG Raoul because of “his track record of defending working rights, as well as his efforts to level the playing field for reputable contractors who follow prevailing wage laws while bidding on projects, and invest in worker training and safety.”

The event is FREE of charge to members and award winners and their guests. However, sponsorships are available at \$250. To inquire about a sponsorship, call Julia Mulvey at (630) 472-9411.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 11, 2022



CISCO’s Annual Meeting has been scheduled and will be held on **Friday, March 11, 2022.**

As in past years, an hour of Breakfast and Networking begins at 8:00 a.m. with the formal program beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The event will also return to a familiar venue – Maggiano’s Little Italy restaurant in Schaumburg, 1901 E. Woodfield Road. Members should begin making plans to attend this event. Seats will fill up quickly to hear the Attorney General and see the recognitions.

The event will feature the presentation of CISCO’s Pride in Construction Awards – now in its 17th year. The winners of the Project of the Year Awards appear in the left column of the Home Page.

In addition to the Project of the Year Awards, two individuals and one entity are recognized as Educator of the Year, Public Body of the Year and Labor Advocate of the Year.

The Board approved John Daniels & Eric Malone, Teachers at Stagg High School as Co-Educators of the Year. The Public Body of the Year is DuPage County, in part, for enacting a Responsible Bidder Ordinance. The Labor Advocate of the Year, is State Comptroller Susana Mendoza.

NOTE: Currently, Cook County requires that in all dining situations, proof of vaccination is required in order to enter the restaurant or banquet facility. CISCO will monitor this regulation and keep you informed of any change in that policy.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DEADLINE TWO WEEKS AWAY



CISCO continues to accept applications for its long-standing Annual Scholarship Awards Program. The applications for these different categories can be found on CISCO’s website/homepage at www.cisco.org.

The three scholarship program categories are: **1) Four-year college scholarships for high school seniors; 2) Two-year awards for seniors planning on attending a community college; and 3) Two-year continuing**

education awards to union members or contractor employees.

The deadline to submit the applications is **Friday, February 18, 2022.** Interested students may email the completed applications, or send in the mail. For more information, call CISCO at (630) 472-9411.

8TH ANNUAL UCA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION - FEBRUARY 10th

Join the Underground Contractors Association as it hosts its 8th Annual Legislative Reception, which will be held at Medinah Country Club on Thursday, February 10, 2022.



Honored Guests include House Minority Leader, Jim Durkin; Senate Minority Leader, Dan McConchie; Senator Sue Rezin; Senator Don DeWitte; Senator Terri Bryant; Senator Dave Syverson; Representative Seth Lewis; Representative Martin McLaughlin; Representative Jeff Keicher; Representative Tim Ozinga; Representative Keith Wheeler; and Gubernatorial Candidate Gary Rabine.

Special guests will be Marc Poulos, Executive Director of IIFFC, and Jessica Newbold Hoselton, Executive Director of IMSCA.

To register, go to www.uca.org, or email: lauren@uca.org

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

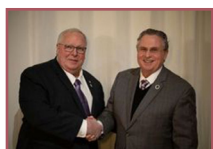
ASA CHICAGO'S CONSTRUCTION EXPO SET FOR MARCH 7 - 8, 2022



The Association of Subcontractors & Affiliates Chicago is excited to announce that the 2022 Construction Expo & Safety Conference, co-hosted by the Construction Safety Council and ASA Chicago, is taking place IN-PERSON this year.

Register now for the All Access pass and receive the best features of this premier event. Visit the event website: www.ChicagoConstructionExpo.com to register.

PCA BOARD INSTALLATION



The PCA of Greater Chicago held its Board installation and "Winter Social" on

January 28, 2022 in Willow Springs. Comprised of 240+ union plumbing contractors in 17 counties, the PCA welcomed nearly 100 attendees – including Plumbers' Local 130 Business Manager James F. Coyne who administered the oath to the incoming PCA Board led by Association President Brian Kennedy (Gehrett Plumbing). (see photo above)



The event also featured the "passing of the gavel" (see photo at left) and remarks by immediate past President Matt

Erickson of CJ Erickson Plumbing Co., and a heartfelt acceptance speech by Kennedy as his 2-year term commenced.

Founded in 1882, the PCA is an active CISCO member organization (its

Executive Director S.J. Peters serves as Board Secretary).

Brian Kennedy was initiated as a plumbing apprentice with UA Local 507 in 1981. After spending the prior year working in the shop of Gehrett Plumbing in Chicago owned by his father, Frank. After completing his apprenticeship, Brian worked as a union plumber until taking over as company President in 2012. Brian has served on the PCA and Plumbing Council boards for over a decade. He is a Local 130 Pension Fund Trustee and was previously a JAC Trustee.

WORKERS' RIGHTS AMENDMENT TOP BALLOT INITIATIVE IN 2022

In November 2022, Illinois voters will have the chance to vote on a Constitutional Amendment that would prevent Illinois from ever passing a state law or local ordinance that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and workplace safety.

If approved by voters, the Workers' Rights Amendment would permanently ban so-called "right-to-work" laws in Illinois.

"Right-to-work" laws allow workers to free ride and take all the benefits of collective bargaining—such as higher wages, benefits, and legal representation—for free, without paying.

A 2021 study by the Illinois Economic Policy Institute (ILEPI) and Project for Middle Class Renewal (PMCR) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign shows that workers are better off in Illinois than they are in states with "right-to-work" laws.

The average worker in Illinois earns about \$57,000 per year in income from wages and salaries, significantly more than in "right-to-work" states. After accounting for the higher cost-of-living in Illinois and

other factors, Illinois workers earn 6% more. They are 5% more likely to have health insurance. Fewer Illinois workers are below the poverty line, and Illinois workers are 3% more likely to own their homes, despite facing some of the highest property taxes in the nation.

- Excerpts taken from **SUBstance**, Winter 2022 issue.

HACIA U PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM - STARTS IN FEBRUARY

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HACIA U is currently recruiting electrical, carpentry and construction laborer positions.

For questions, please contact Program Manager Ed Cabezas at ecabezas@haciaworks.org

