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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS EXPANDS NATIONWIDE



The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters (CRCC) will become one of the largest regional labor unions in the country under a restructuring arrangement that will add 20,000 members, boosting the Chicago Carpenters Union's total membership to 50,000 - plus men and women.

According to a CRCC press release issued last week, the announcement that geographical and trade jurisdiction of the former St. Louis-Kansas City Carpenters Regional Council has been assigned to the Chicago Regional Council. The decision, the release stated, was made as a means to increase oversight of operations, reduce costs, maximize available resources, and increase market competitiveness.

Gary Perinar, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Chicago Regional Council, said he welcomed the new reorganization, which will make the already formidable union even stronger.

"I look forward to building a long and productive working relationship with the representatives, staff, instructors, contractors and members of the former St. Louis-Kansas City Carpenters Regional Council," said Perinar.

"This reorganization presents real opportunities to increase our market share above and beyond our 70 percent target goal. It's a win for our signatory contractors, it's a win for the communities in which we live and work, and most importantly, it's a win for our hardworking members."

### CISCO ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UNDERWAY FOR 2022



CISCO has begun 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](http://www.cisco.org).

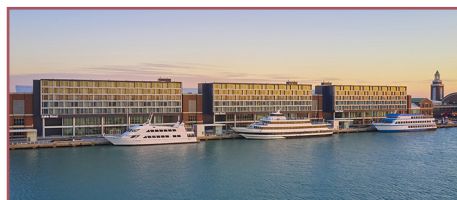
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The deadline to submit the applications is Friday, February 18, 2022. Interested students may email the completed applications, or send in the mail. For more information, call CISCO at (630) 472-9411.

### CISCO BEGINS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ANNUAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

CISCO'S Project of the Year Award is kicking off its 17th year of accepting applications for some of the best construction projects of the past 18 months. (May 2020 – December 2021)



*New Construction Chicago winner in 2020 - Navy Pier Hotel & Rooftop Venue.*

The award gives general contractors, owners, engineers and architects a chance to submit projects in six different categories that include the areas of new construction, renovation/rehabilitation, residential construction and infrastructure.

The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 2021. The application form for the program can be found on CISCO's website/homepage at [www.cisco.org](http://www.cisco.org). For more information, contact Gary Karafiat, Director of Communications & Public Affairs at 630.472.9411 or via email: [gary@cisco.org](mailto:gary@cisco.org).

### CISCO/CTA "CONSTRUCTION TALKS" FEATURES PAINTERS DC14 - OCT. 13

Interested in learning more about **CAREERS** in the **CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**?

Featuring The Painters DC #14

**Wednesday, October 13th from 12:00pm – 1:00pm**

Register for this webinar here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/CTADC14>

"Construction Talks" will cover the Training Center of the Painters District Council #14 and its Apprenticeship Program from Noon to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13th.

This segment of the ongoing series will feature the Program's Director of Training Dan Penski, Jr. and two of its current apprentices. The webinar will also feature CISCO's Education-to-Careers Director Jamillah Muhammad.

To register for this virtual tour of the painter's facility, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/CTADC14>.

*More news and photos on the back page.*

# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## CISCO APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBER



The CISCO Board of Directors has approved the nomination of Joel Pyle II, Business Manager/Financial Secretary of IBEW Local 461,

to the Board to replace outgoing board member Tom McTavish upon his retirement.

Joel, who also is Board Chairman of the LMCC - PowerUp Now, has been both Business Manager and a PowerUp Now board member for the past 10-plus years.

IBEW Local Union 461 and its signatory contractors have been serving southern Kane and Kendall counties since 1913. The local has more than 350 members covering the Inside Wireman, Residential Wireman & Voice/Data/Video Installer classifications.

Tom McTavish began serving on the CISCO Board in 2007, and CISCO wishes to thank him for his leadership and 14 years of service!

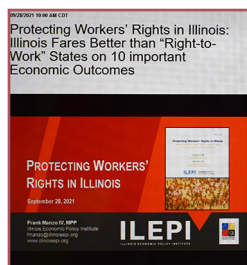
## 30TH ANNUAL RERUM NOVARUM AWARD - OCTOBER 19TH

The University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary will host its annual *Rerum Novarum* Awards on Tuesday, October 19, at IBEW Local 134, 2272 S. Martin Luther King Dr. in Chicago at 5:30 p.m.

During the event, the following 2021 recipients will be honored: Mr. Lonnie Stephenson, President of the IBEW (Labor); Mr. Charles Evans, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Business); and Reverend L. Scott Donahue, President and CEO, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls (Government/Service).

## FCAI PRESENTS "PROTECTING WORKERS' RIGHTS IN ILLINOIS"

Last week, the Finishing Contractors Association of Illinois hosted a webinar on the topic of Protecting Workers' Rights in Illinois that featured Frank Manzo IV, Policy Director for the Illinois Economic Policy Institute (ILEPI).



Manzo's presentation focused on the main point that "Illinois fares better than 'Right-to-Work' (for less) states on 10 important economic outcomes."

Manzo stated up front that "the economies of states with unencumbered collective bargaining, are better off than "Right-to-Work" (for less) states.

Manzo offered 5 key takeaways from his presentation based on extensive ILEPI research:

- 1) Illinois workers earn higher wages and better benefits,
- 2) Illinois workers are better educated and more productive,
- 3) Illinois workers have fewer on-the-job fatalities,
- 4) Voters support unions and reject right-to-work laws, and
- 5) Right-to-work states have slower economic growth.

## RCEC VIRTUAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE - SEPT. 30, 2021

The Residential Construction Employers Council held its Annual Economic Conference from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 30th. The Conference was held virtually.

Leslie McGranahan, VP and Director of Regional Research, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Economic Research Dept. was the speaker.



*This Construction Employment slide was one of many Federal Reserve Bank examples highlighting recovery signs.*

McGranahan's primary research related to the effects of federal, state and local government policy on individuals and households.

Her presentation focused mainly on the recovery from the global pandemic. She touched on the impact that the delta variant has had on countries where key supply chains are manufactured, such as computer chips, as one factor that is slowing economic growth and decreasing purchases due to long wait times for goods in specific industries.

The event was co-sponsored by the Residential Home Builders Alliance.

## CISCO PRESENCE AT BOGAN HIGH SCHOOL CAREER FAIR



*Education-to-Careers Director Jamillah Muhammad talks to a student at Bogan High School about a career in the union building trades.*

