WISCONSIN PAINTING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

2019 REVIEW:

WPCA President Amanda Martin and Vice President Kevin Chmielewski negotiated the Addendum to the IUPAT DC 7 Market Recovery Program: Pre-Apprentice Agreement with the union which became effective July 17, 2019. The specifics of the program i.e., restrictions, duties and wages are delineated in the agreement PAINTERS Pre-Apprentice Agreement 2019.

Note: in order to utilize a pre-apprentice under this program, you must employ apprentice(s). For a list of pre-apprentices or apprentices available, please contact Jeff Mehrhoff, BMST-Painters & Allied Trades, and DC7 at 262-662-1827 Ext 16 or email jeff@iupatdc7.com.

The pre-apprentice agreement will help to build on future new apprentices. The apprenticeship representatives on the local Painters JATC changed. Current local reps are: Amanda Martin, Porta-Painting; Michele Cartwright, Common Links; Jim Macejkovic, BSI; and Tony Niemiec, State Painting.

Over the holiday season, the WPCA supported the Sojourner House - helping those affected by domestic violence in our community – by donating much-needed baby supplies, children’s toys and other items. It’s important to us here at the WPCA that we make a positive impact on the communities we live and work in. A nice write up and picture were in the Daily Reporter!

The Building Trades United Pension Trust Fund (BTUPTF) presented Painter/Taper hours reported at FY ended May 31, 2019, of 696,000 hours up approximately 13% from the previous five year average.

The Painters make up 5.54% of the total active and inactive participants in the BTUPTF, weighed alongside 10 other trades.

The Painters Health Fund is one of the healthiest in the industry! Fund Trustees include: Kevin Chmielewski, State Painting; Will Stevens, Service Painting; and John Topp, ACEA.

A renewed commitment to the partnership with WFCA in the Painters & Allied Trades LMCI Project Management Program.

Volunteer committee and Trustee appointments are made per WPCA nominations. Please consider sharing your time and commitment to the industry by volunteering today!

WE EXTEND A SINCERE THANK YOU to Trustees Jeff Hetzel and Stan Postorino for their many years of dedicated service to the industry!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 3 2019, 12 N
ALL CONTRACTOR MEETING– ACEA BOARDROOM

- An Outlook invitation was sent via email. Please RSVP early so we can plan lunch accordingly. If you have any Agenda items you’d like to see discussed, please also let us know.

TBD FEBRUARY/MARCH, 2020, 12 N
WPCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ACEA BOARDROOM

DECEMBER 8 – 11, 2019
FINISHING INDUSTRIES FORUM

- The FIF is a premier industry event and features programs and workshops on the most pressing issues facing the construction industry. Leaders in business and the IUPAT meet to generate solutions for increasing market share and effectively field the best-trained workforce in North America.
GETTING TO KNOW each other:

WPCA President Amanda Martin - Porta-Painting

In June 2015, Amanda became majority owner and President of Porta-Painting, succeeding Chuck Schwiesow, co-owner of Porta-Painting for 40 years. Amanda graduated from the UW- Madison in 2006 with a Business Management Degree and brought her 7 years of management experience to the company. Amanda’s commitment to excellence is evidenced through her 5 year involvement as a Management Trustee on the Painters Pension Fund and Trustee on the Pension Fund Eligibility Committee, Board Member on the Labor Management Cooperation Committee (LMCC), President of Wisconsin Painting Contractors Association (WPCA) and International and local Member of the Association for Facility Engineers (AFE).

Amanda will take over as an Apprenticeship Trustee when Chuck Schwiesow Retires in December of 2019. She’s passionate about training, currently has 7 apprentices employed with Porta-Painting and is looking forward to this new opportunity!