

# Winter 2019 Program News



Dear Members and Supporters,

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## New Members

Please welcome the following contractors who made the decision to "COME ON BOARD" the Union Construction Workers' Compensation Program (UCWCP):

Albert Lea Electric Company | January 2019

Danner, Inc. | January 2019

George F Cook Construction Co | January 2019

Phasor Electric | January 2019

## WELCOME ABOARD

You can see our current lists by clicking on the following links:

[Participating Contractors](#)

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## Quote to Note

*"I recently attended my second seminar for employers who are members of the UCWCP. With my background in managing safety and claims, I was impressed with the usefulness of the guest speaker's presentation (an Occupational Medicine physician) and the discussion that followed with the other attendees. The overview of the UCWCP's service and how to access them will be helpful in making sure any injured employees are treated by the correct physicians and have the transition to a safe return to work go smoothly. I strongly recommend other contractors and their staff attend future training opportunities."*

**-Tom Schoenecker, Safety and Quality Director  
MG McGrath Architectural Surfaces, Inc.  
Member since 2007**

To review or print other quotes from our participants please click on the following links:

[Contractor Testimonials](#)

[Union Leader and Member Testimonials](#)

[Insurance Agent and Carrier Testimonials](#)

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**From Sandy Stoddard  
Member Services Director**

**NEW! UCWCP Member Services Phone Line (952-851-5943) &**

**email ([ucwcp@wilson-mcshane.com](mailto:ucwcp@wilson-mcshane.com))**

As the program has added staff we wanted to have one phone number or email for participants to find help quickly. Whether you need to find the best treating doctor, need assistance with a work comp benefit dispute, are requesting more "Union Employees' Guide" brochures, or have questions about payment of your company's subscription fees, you can call (952) 851-5943 or email [ucwcp@wilson-mcshane.com](mailto:ucwcp@wilson-mcshane.com).

### **NEW! 'Union Employee's Guide' Brochure: revised content and printer-friendly formatting**

We have updated the Program's tri-fold brochure. It can be downloaded from our [website](#), or you can request FREE glossy tri-folds from our office by emailing [ucwcp@wilson-mcshane.com](mailto:ucwcp@wilson-mcshane.com).

*Contractors are required to provide the brochure to all union employees annually, and include in their new-hire packets.*

### **NEW! Webinars for Contractor Members:**

Our first webinar training for contractor members held on February 12, 2019 was a success! We will be providing these in between our in-person contractor trainings that will still be held at our Bloomington office.

### **Digital Tools Reminder:**

Our website is mobile friendly and has several digital tools to use from the office, shop or jobsite. [UCWCP Overview Video](#): This 8 minute digital program overview is designed for use during new employee orientation, or Safety Days.

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From Kevin Gregerson



## Program Administrator

### 2018 Program Highlights

- We ended 2018 with 365 participating contractors employing 22,350 union trades-people earning \$1.28 Billion in annual field payrolls-a \$50 million increase from year-end 2017.
- For billing year July 2018 - June 2019, trustees approved no increase to the payroll multiplier used to calculate employer subscription fees, and no increase to the maximum annual fee (\$8,450) or the minimum annual fee (\$960).
- Our combined average EMR for the group was a low of .94.
- Effective April 1, United Fire Group was added as a Sponsoring Insurance Provider, offering a 5% line-item premium credit (code 9742) to our members.
- Traumatic Brain Injury and Concussion Specialists were added to our specialty provider listing due to a heightened awareness and advancement of diagnosis, testing, and treatment options.
- Primary care providers in western Wisconsin were added to the EPO to increase access to quality doctors for our members residing in those areas.
- A UCWCP program overview video was created for use during contractor's new employee orientations, Safety Day training, or during job site safety talks.
- Digital tools and resources were developed and made accessible through the UCWCP website for members to use at any time and from any location. Tools include:

[Identifying a Designated Medical Care Provider](#)

[Establishing a Designated Provider Relationship](#)

[How to Get a Return to Work in 3 Days](#)

[Ensure a Successful Return to Work through Light Duty](#)

- As a 501 C (9) non-profit Labor-Management Trust, the UCWCP is audited annually. We received the highest-level opinion on our audited financial statements from the auditor.
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Thank you for supporting our mission since 1997:

"Making Workers' Compensation Work Right for Minnesota's Unionized Construction Industry".

*WISHING YOU HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE YEAR AHEAD,*



Kevin Gregerson, Program Administrator

*Making Work Comp Work Right*

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