

Raise the Line

BAC News

June 2010



Information for BAC masonry craftworkers, contractors & clients.

New BAC Craft Training Center in Regina

BAC Local 1 Saskatchewan opened a new office & training center in Regina & has partnered with the International Masonry Institute (IMI) to deliver training for BAC members & contractors. Now members can take craft skills upgrade training & provincially mandated safety training at their local center. New member skill assessments will help place craftworkers in the correct level of apprenticeship & the most appropriate job assignments. Contractors can take supervisory, new product training & estimating courses through our partner the IMI.

Why Organize?

Many non-union contractors under bid our BAC Contractors by squeezing craftworker wages & benefits, cutting safety & design standards to get the work. By bringing in new members & contractors & pushing for higher standards, we "level the playing field" for BAC Contractors & raise installation standards to benefit masonry industry clients. Every craftworker deserves the chance to be represented by a union in their workplace. By showing owners & builders BAC/IMI best practises on the job, we demonstrate high quality & cost efficiency are possible.

Organizing Team Chases New Members

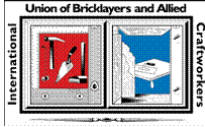
A New Volunteer Organizing Team is going after new members, contractors & work in Saskatchewan. Formed in January of this year the eight member team is working on open houses & other promotional events in major centers around Saskatchewan this summer. The team aims to make progress by showing masonry craft workers & contractors the benefits of joining the BAC. Training promotions, coffee break visits and lunch time barbeques are on the agenda.

Working Together

BAC staff research up coming projects to help our contractors bid & get the work. Knowing which non union contractors successfully bid work helps us identify contractors & craftworkers who could be targeted for organizing. By sharing job info BAC Contractors and Craftworkers help each other grow their future. Raise the Line!

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BAC Welcomes New Members

Workers in the Masonry Industry can join the BAC in Saskatchewan for \$16.50 per month for Journeypersons & \$12.00 for Apprentices & Helpers. If you work anywhere in masonry, call one of our representatives or talk to a current member on the job.



Craftworkers in Saskatoon enjoy a Burger courtesy BAC Local 1 Saskatchewan

Why BAC?

Every craftworker deserves the chance to be represented by a union in their workplace. Some contractors win jobs by squeezing wages & benefits. Others pay sub-contract when you are actually an employee who should have EI Premiums & CPP paid by the employer. Being in the BAC gives you bargaining power to protect your interests on the job & in your life.

Access Craft/Safety Training & Jobs

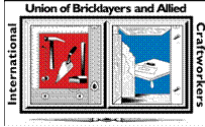
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Why Join?

Having a trained representative & working under a collective agreement takes the uncertainty out of going to work. Taking advantage of our training makes you more employable in your chosen craft. There are BAC jobs & local unions across Canada, with benefit plans that are compatible from coast to coast.

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BAC Welcomes New Contractors

We are looking for new contractors to work with us in the masonry industry. Brick, Stone, Tile & Plastering Contractors can all benefit from our members working for them, and our benefit plans to take care of their pension and welfare needs. Why administer employee benefits when someone else can do it for you?



BAC Saskatchewan Masonry Craft Training Center

When Word of Mouth Won't Do.

Why waste your valuable time searching for & trying out "craft workers" who end up being "legends in their own minds"? The BAC Training Centre offers bricklaying skills training & upgrading, CSTS and R&R (computer based safety courses), OSSA Confined Space & Fall Protection. We have delivered very successful "Mason Tender Courses" and are continually expanding our training criteria on an "Industry Needs" basis.

Contractor Resources

BAC Local 1 SK is a participating local with the International Masonry Institute (IMI). A variety of courses are offered to our signatory contractors through IMI. A couple of courses are: **"New Products" and becoming a "Green" certified contractor.** New products are continually coming into our industry and, as well, there are higher expectations of our contractors. Check out www.imiweb.org. View technical details and training programs that help you get a leg up on the competition and bid jobs others can't deliver on. The training can be brought to you!

Why the BAC?

Trained labour representatives & a collective agreement takes the uncertainty out of bidding work. You can draw on BAC member craft workers with proven skills from all over Canada and the USA to get your work done. Call us now to learn more.

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