

# Building Your Tomorrow

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## Planning to Retire?



If you would like to receive your first benefit payment on:	You must receive a Benefit Illustration Sheet from the Pension Fund Office between the previous:	And return your completed Application for Benefits and all necessary supporting documents no later than the previous:
January 1	October 1 through November 30	November 30
February 1	November 1 through December 31	December 31
March 1	December 1 through January 31	January 31
April 1	January 1 through February 28	February 28
May 1	February 1 through March 31	March 31
June 1	March 1 through April 30	April 30
July 1	April 1 through May 31	May 31
August 1	May 1 through June 30	June 30
September 1	June 1 through July 31	July 31
October 1	July 1 through August 31	August 31
November 1	August 1 through September 30	September 30
December 1	September 1 through October 31	October 31



## Monthly Pension Benefit Payment Schedule for Direct Deposit

Monthly benefits are paid on the first business day of each month. Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays are not considered business days. For example, December 1, 2024, is a Sunday; therefore, December 2024 benefit payments will be deposited directly into bank accounts on Monday, December 2, 2024. We realize how important timely receipt of your monthly benefit is, and you can be assured that we follow this process every month. ■

## ***NOW*** is the time to make a change to Direct Deposit

If you have your pension check mailed to you, we encourage you to make the change to direct deposit. Your monthly benefit will be in your bank account on the first business day of each month. Those who continue to have their check mailed should be aware that checks will be mailed from the Fund Office two days before the first of the month. The Fund Office receives many calls from pensioners who do not receive their check on time. By using direct deposit, you can be assured that your pension check will be in your account by the first business day of each month. If you wish to utilize this service, simply contact the Fund Office for a Direct Deposit Form. ■

# Meet Your Trustees

## Phil Thompson



Philip Thompson is General Counsel for the Wisconsin Laborers' District Council. In his role, Philip serves the five local unions affiliated with the Wisconsin Laborers' District Council and their more than 9,000 active and retired members. Philip handles several labor related matters including collective bargaining, CBA interpretation and enforcement, dispute resolution, and member representation. Philip also assists the Wisconsin Laborers Health and Pension Funds in collecting delinquent employer fringe benefit contributions. In addition to serving as a trustee on the Building Trades Pension Fund, Philip serves as a trustee for the Wisconsin Laborers Health and Pension Funds.

Philip is a member of the Wisconsin State Bar and has practices in both the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin, as well as various state circuit courts throughout Wisconsin. On his way to earning his license to practice law, Philip earned a bachelor's degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and his Juris Doctorate from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Before joining the Wisconsin Laborers' District Council, Philip was part of the ERISA collections litigation team at the Previant Law Firm. In his role, Philip collected millions of dollars in delinquent fringe benefit contributions for several of the union construction multi-employer ERISA funds in Wisconsin, including the Building Trades United Pension Trust Fund. Philip's experience with the Previant Law Firm gives him a unique perspective when serving on the Building Trades United Pension Trust Fund's Employer Accounts Committee.

Philip lives in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin with Krista, their 3-year-old son Cameron, and their dog Riley. Philip and Krista are currently expecting their second child in November of 2024. In his free time, Philip enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, and relaxing on the lakes in the Northwoods.

## Jennifer Podevels-Cianciolo

Jennifer Cianciolo began her career working for her father, Howard Wurgler, in 2006. She was "his everything" in the front office at Midwest Stairs and Iron. Then an opportunity came along for Wurgler to purchase a curtain wall - installation company, Best Erectors Inc. with Wurgler's intent on expanding Midwest operations he agreed to sell Best Erectors to his daughter in March 2010.

"I wanted to follow in my dad's footsteps and build this company for myself and my children so one day they would have something to take over and carry on." Having something of my own has taught me a lot, my workers are not just a number with me they are my family. Not only am I growing this company for my own family, I am growing it so they have a place to call home. I never went to college, in fact when starting for my dad I didn't know much about construction. Now I can say I am still learning and hope to one day be as great as my father is. Curtain wall is not just something anyone can jump into and do. There are many different types of curtain wall, and you have to know what to do and how to do it and I must say I have the best workers to do just that and in a very timely manner. I am very proud of my crew and all that we have accomplished over the years and for them always having my back. We have done a lot of big jobs in Milwaukee, and will continue to shine and do many more, including Ascent, Potawatomi Hotel, Moderne, St. Johns on the lake, Couture, Park Lafayette and WI Center.



For more information on the Pension Fund, please scan the QR code below to visit the website:



# Employer Updates

**NEW EMPLOYERS:** The following employers recently entered into a participation agreement covered by the Building Trades United Pension Trust Fund

Employer	Craft	Address	Effective Date
FA Wilhelm Construction	Carpenters	Indianapolis, IN	Aug-24
Hawks Concrete Services, LLC	Bricklayers	Oconomowoc, WI	Aug-24
MBE Fence	Ironworkers	Warrenville, IL	Sep-24
M&O Insulation	Heat & Frost	Mokena, IL	Aug-24
Mid-States Glass and Metal, Inc.	Ironworkers	Niles, IL	Sep-24
Roberts Environmental Control	Steamfitters	Tinley Park, IL	Aug-24
Ultimate Backroads, LLC	Laborers	Genoa City, WI	Jul-24

**WITHDRAWN EMPLOYERS:** The following employers have recently withdrawn from the Building Trades United Pension Trust Fund.

Employer	Craft	Address	Effective Date
2B Cool, Inc	Steamfitters	Poynette, WI	Jun-24
Interstate Erecting	Ironworkers	Oak Creek, WI	Sep-24
Kip Gulseth Construction	Laborers	Manitowoc, WI	Mar-24
Marshall Hanes Stl Erectors	Ironworkers	Elcho, WI	Sep-24
Pheifer Brothers	Laborers	Neenah, WI	Aug-24
Rajon Construction 2, Inc.	Laborers	Kenosha, WI	Aug-24
Simon Landscaping	Laborers	Milwaukee, WI	Jun-24



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Due to limited newsletter space, it is important that you are also familiar with your

Summary Plan Description (SPD). It contains detailed information concerning the Pension Plan. The most recent SPD was issued in 2021 and a copy was mailed to you. If you would like an additional copy of the SPD, feel free to contact us.

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The SPD can also be found on the website or by scanning the QR code with a smart phone.

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