



UNITED ASSOCIATION

of Journeymen and Apprentices of the
Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of
the United States and Canada

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Dear Members of the World Plumbing Council,

Thank you for accepting my nomination to be on the Board of Directors for the World Plumbing Council (WPC). It would be an honor to serve if elected.

I have been a member of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of since 1987. The UA has been training and promoting the plumbing industry for 137 years. They have supplied millions of men and women for the plumbing industry. This is the commitment they have instilled in me.

The UA has had a member on the WPC for the several years, Thomas Bigley. He serves as the UA Director of Plumbing. I have worked closely with Director Bigley and will be taking on his role of UA Director of Plumbing upon his retirement. The goal is for the UA to continue to have representation on the WPC and honor past commitments. UA scholarship grants have been given to men and women throughout the world to improve the quality of life through the plumbing industry. Provide UA training resources as in the past. The UA has hosted a WPC ambassador to attend the Instructor Training Program in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This has given the opportunity to meet instructors, tour the state-of-the-art training centers, and collaborate and network to bring the strongest plumbing practices and principles for people to live safe and healthy. We will promote world skills competition. There are many more ways we can work together, and I am looking forward to being part of the WPC.

I started as an apprentice plumber in 1986, joined as a member of the UA in 1987 and Journey level plumber in 1992. I started off as a residential service plumber, worked as a foreman and general foreman. Through this tenure I was a plumbing instructor, graduate of the UA instructor Training Program, Apprenticeship Committee member, Local Union Executive Board member, and participated in multiple events put on by the UA.

I became a fulltime officer for Local 34 in 2004 and became Business Manager in 2013. In 2022, UA General President McManus asked me to work as an International Representative for the UA. The job is to oversee sixteen different plumber, pipefitter, and sprinkler fitter Locals, over twenty thousand members, in the Upper Midwest of the United States. This is the position I currently hold.

I hope this gives you an understanding of my commitment to Plumbing and my goal, to be part of the World Plumbing Council.

Thank you,

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