At the April Union meeting the membership voted to disburse the June increases as follows:

- $1.00 to wages
- $0.60 to Health and Welfare
- $0.10 to Local Pension

The disbursements were approved with the knowledge that the hours needed to qualify for health and welfare would need to be increased 10 hours per month.

At the May meeting nominations were held for various local offices. All nominees were unopposed and 2 positions received no nominations at all. Anyone interested in serving on the Finance Committee or the Plumbers Examining Board please contact Pete Boisvert.

It is the member involvement that makes this organization. I want to thank all the members who are involved by serving on committees or regularly attending meetings. It is the members present who are making the decisions that affect all of us. Remember, this is your organization and you can make the difference at the local level.

I attended the public hearing on the gas fitters licensing rules May 30th. The cut-off date for written public comment is June 11th at 8am. After all the comment has been reviewed the final proposal should be ready for legislative approval in late July or early August. Once we are sure of the licensing requirements we will work with the JATC to ensure that we can fulfill the educational requirements for licensing our members.

Work in the area is slow with the spring outage cycles complete at Bow and Shiller Stations. Work on the road in New England is slow with the only activity happening in Springfield Massachusetts at U-Mass Amherst for welders. The rest of the work is in the Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa area and working 5-10s. At this time we have members on the road in NV, UT, MA, IL, TX, MN, WA, and NE.

We currently have:

- *123 working for local contractors
- * 15 working locally for out of town contractors
- * 27 working on the road
- * 83 out of work

American Refrigeration won the JFK ice renovation project and has hired one fitter and one welder for one week.

Cannistraro won a small plumbing job at Fidelity in Merrimack and has hired one plumber for two weeks.

Swisslog Translogic picked up a job at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center and has hired one fitter for two weeks.

RTH has hired one foreman to run some steam work up at Plymouth State College for the summer.

NPI has some school work scheduled for this summer under the Residential Agreement.

I would like to remind everyone to fill out a Referral Questionnaire at least once a year to make sure all your Skills and Licenses are listed for the out of work list. You may do this on our website or in person at the hall.
**Apprenticeship & Training**

* 2007 Plumbing Seminars *

* August 6 * November 5

All seminars begin at 6 pm. Current NH Plumbing License and UA Membership card required for registration.

The State of NH is scheduled to change to the IPC 2006 Plumbing Code in June 2007.

A very successful 2006/2007 academic year has come to a close. I would like to thank the many individual’s who gave their time and efforts to our training program: (Instructors) Dan Coffey, Bob Fortin, Darren Gallant, Steve Lachance, Tim Poulin, Rob Record, Todd Turcotte and John Wawryzniak. (JATC Committee) Dave Pelletier, Rich Hansell, Sean Doherty, Dana Wentworth, John Cashin and Jeff Welch.

Each year we improve our training program and the membership participation is important to our future success.

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**Congratulations** to the following individual’s that are scheduled to complete the UA Apprentice program: Jeremy St. Amour, Matt DeCesare, Jesse Torosian, Jesse Michalides and Kevin Morse.

**Instructors for 2007/2008 academic year!**

Looking forward to next year, we would like members to assist with our training program in the following areas: Rigging, HVAC, Oxy-fuel torch cutting, Pipefitting and the various Plumbing courses.

We must prepare for the future and continue to improve our training program. Your help is needed to do so.

**Training Events being considered are listed on the Message Board at the Local 131 web site:**

CPR/First Aid, Medical Gas Installer and Foreman/Leadership. **SCHEDULES ARE FLEXIBLE!**

**REMINDER**

All UA certified welders and medical gas installers… **continuity is required every six (6) months.** If you are unable to satisfy this requirement on the job, you may do so here at the hall!

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**Office Bits & Bytes**

*Mo Demers / Office Administrator*

As you all know, with the HIPPA privacy laws, we’re not at liberty to speak about anyone’s medical circumstances without their permission. We can only post notices in the newsletter about brothers’ and sisters’ illness if they give us permission to do so. So we hope you understand we mean no slight to anyone if you read about some members and not others. If we hear about an illness, we can’t publish without that members’ consent.

Recently I spoke with Barbara King, brother Alex King’s wife. She has been suffering from kidney failure and on dialysis for over a year. But on Good Friday she received a donor kidney and is on the road to a remarkable recovery. She was very excited about getting this news into our newsletter. She and I both feel strongly about the importance of being an organ and/or blood donor. Had it not been for the generosity of this 22-year old girl and the understanding of her family, Barbara might have been lost from us much, much too soon. Almost anyone can be a donor. Most people are not even prohibited (just restricted) by disease. I’m an organ donor. I’ve also been on the Bone Marrow donor list for 20 years, although to date I’ve yet to be a match for anyone in need. It’s easy to become an organ donor!! Contact DMV to get it posted on your license. And make sure your family knows how strongly you feel about it. Precious time can be lost to family resistance at the time of donation and recipients often die waiting.

These life saving programs are so important. I’m a blood donor. David does apheresis (blood platelets). There are even educational medical programs that will accept your entire cadaver for surgical training and forensic research. All extremely worthy causes.

Sure, we’re all gonna go some day. No one beats the grim reaper. But why let your passing be for nothing. Give someone’s blind child sight with your eyes. Save someone’s soul mate with your heart. Heal a burn victim with your skin. Help a car accident victim survive with your blood transfusion. Even in death, make it count!!
There are no contested nominations, Therefore there will be no need for elections at the June meeting. To date, the positions have been filled as follows:

**Executive Board**
- Paul Daigle
- Steve Beaurivage
- Jeff Welch

**Scholarship Committee**
- Paul Daigle
- Stephen Treadwell

**Fitters Exam Board**
- Paul Daigle

**Negotiating Committee**
- Brian Johnson

**Trustees**
- Jeff Welch
- Bill Schefer

**Finance Committee**
No Nomination - seat to be filled by appointment by the president

**Plumbers Exam Board**
No Nomination - seat to be filled by appointment by the president

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**Condolences to family and friends of:**

Doug & Mary George who were both lost in a car accident April 26th.

Earl Stokes, who passed at the age of 80 on May 15th

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**To the members and families of Local 131:**

Thank you to everyone who made contributions to our college funds in memory of our dad, Robert Kruger. We also are thankful for the beautiful Bible presented to us from the local at his memorial service.

Sincerely,

Kelly and Julie Kruger

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Even though we have suspended meetings for the summer, we still gather for breakfast on the 1st Monday of each month at the City Side Grill on Manchester Street in Concord. Take Exit 13 off I-93. From the south, turn right at the end of the ramp. From the North, turn left at the end of the ramp. The restaurant is just over the river on the left. Next gathering: **June 4th at 9:00AM**

It’s not too late to get your ticket for the Summer Outing. If you can’t get to the hall to pick one up, call and they will either mail it to you or hold it for you to pick up the day of the outing. And if you need transportation, call me or the union hall (phone numbers are on the outside of this newsletter) and we'll make arrangements to come get you! We want to see you there!

It seems posting our news in the Local’s main newsletter is working out quite well. We also want to remind folks to get registered on the website. [www.ualu131.org](http://www.ualu131.org) It’s always available. When you want info or a phone number, you don’t have to worry about misplacing it like the newsletter. Of course if anything comes up that we need to get out quickly, we will still be using the phone tree. Now go grab that sunscreen and enjoy the summer sunshine!