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## Minneapolis educators ratify contracts, avert strikes

By Steve Share,  
Labor Review editor

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minneapolis Federation of Teachers and the Minneapolis Public Schools jointly announced a tentative agreement April 26 for a new two-year contract for MFT's teacher chapter.

Representatives of the union and the school district discussed the agreement at a joint news conference at school district headquarters.

The deal was reached at 12:30 a.m. early that morning on a day when the teachers originally planned to conclude a strike authorization vote.

A few days later, teachers voted May 8-10 to ratify the tentative agreement.



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Alicia Miller, senior human resources officer for the Minneapolis Public Schools (left) and Greta Callahan, teacher chapter president of MFT Local 59 (right), displayed the tentative agreement.

"This contract has been years in the making," Harder said, calling it a "historic agreement."

"In education right now, we're in one of those moments where it feels like we're doing both incremental and radical change," Harder said.

"We're feeling like we won and the students are going to win from this contract," said Greta Callahan, MFT teacher chapter president and kindergarten teacher.

Callahan added: "It is the highest raises we have seen in our unit for over 25 years."

The wage increases were important to retain experienced teachers and be more competitive with neighboring districts, union MFT page 8

"I cannot think of a bargaining agreement I've been as proud of as this one," said Brionna Harder, lead negotiator for MFT and a Henry High School social studies

teacher. Harder has worked 25 years for the Minneapolis school district and has been involved with contract negotiations for 20 years.

## Biden wins endorsement from North America's Building Trades Unions

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In wrapping up their annual national legislative conference, attended by thousands of building trades members from across the country, North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) April 24 announced its formal endorsement of Joe Biden for President and Kamala Harris for Vice President of the United States. NABTU represents more than three million union construction workers,

NABTU president Sean McGarvey issued the following statement:

"North America's Building Trades Unions can honestly say no elected official has shown our members and their families more respect than President Joe Biden. Through his policies and his personnel, President Biden has demonstrated his laser-like focus on not only rebuilding our nation's infrastructure and manufacturing sector but rebuilding the American middle class itself.

"His Administration's accom-

plishments, specifically the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Chips and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act have brought life-changing, opportunity-creating, generational change focused on the working men and women of this great country who have for far too long been clamoring for a leader to finally keep their word. His regulatory actions to protect and uplift working families, strengthening Davis-Bacon prevailing wage protections, his independent contractor rule fighting worker misclassification, and repealing the disastrous and misguided IRAPs, are wins for workers, fair and honest contractors, and American taxpayers.

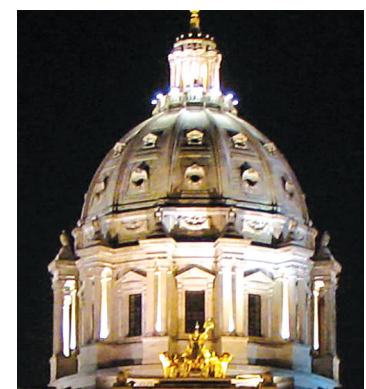
"When Trump was elected, we took him at his word that he would have a worker-centered agenda and deliver on long-stalled issues such as infrastructure investment. Instead of delivering, he aligned himself with his billionaire buddies to enact tax cuts that raised costs for our members. Simply

put, he failed to deliver. Given our experience and knowing his track record the choice is clear.

"Joe Biden has proven to be the perfect leader at the perfect time for this country and the working men and women who have built it. NABTU is proud to endorse the clear and only choice for President of the United States, Joe Biden.

"In the coming months, we will continue to engage our membership and their families directly, member to member, door to door, and jobsite to jobsite, with an unprecedented field program in key battleground states, to tell them how important President Biden and his policies have been to them, their economic security, and their freedoms.

"We finally have a President who cares about results, not rhetoric; who cares about jobs, not jokes; who cares about hope, not headlines. We know Joe has our back, and we have his. Now it's time to get to work."



### 2024 Legislature

As the *Labor Review* went to press early Friday, May 17, the Minnesota legislature faced a constitutional deadline to adjourn by Monday, May 20. Republican legislators were threatening to withhold their votes to block a bonding bill which would invest in state infrastructure and create jobs unless the DFL House and Senate majorities dropped a push for key social policy initiatives. The outcome for several other bills advocated by the state's labor movement also was uncertain at press time.

The next issue of the *Labor Review*, scheduled for July 27, will report on the outcome for labor's legislative agenda.

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# Our values call upon us to defend the promise of public education

By Chelsie Glaubitz Gabiou, President, Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation

Over the last several months, a troubling series of events have unfolded right here in the heart of our region at the largest school district in the state: the Anoka Hennepin School District.

A deadlocked school board threatened to derail the 2024 school district budget process if a series of extreme demands to curtail racial, gender and equity programs was not met. Board proponents of those demands also sought a halt to social-emotional learning and wanted to alter state and federally mandated curriculum standards about our country's history.

The list of extreme demands — supported by three school board members — was released on social media and started a firestorm of responses from all corners of the community.

This ideologically-driven effort to reshape local schools is just the latest example of the dog-whistle politics and outside influence that is on the rise in school board chambers across this state.

In response to this out-of-touch and dangerous proposal at Anoka Hennepin, a powerful showing of community members, students and educators came together in solidarity to advocate for the schools that all students deserve.

Educators called for the resignations of the three school board members who supported of the extreme proposals.

Students defended the right to have "Truth in Education," offering passionate testimony all across social media and in school board meetings.



**Outside extremist forces are seeking to undermine public education**

Ultimately, the list of demands were separated from the budget process — but the authors vowed to keep the efforts alive through future committee and policy processes.

Local school boards are supposed to be a place where community, parents, educators and even students come together to make their schools the best versions of themselves. They shouldn't be a place where extremists dismantle our local democracy.

No surprise, these outside extremist forces that seek to undermine public education also are going after our hard-won union rights.

We are at the center of a critical fight for the future of our public schools. We must continue our efforts to focus on school board races throughout our region to ensure elected officials share our collective values.

In the Anoka Hennepin District, one of our 2023 endorsed school board candidates lost their race by only 12 votes — resulting in the deadlocked balance of power we now are witnessing.

We will need everyone's help to right this ship. Please get involved: from speaking out publicly to volunteering for our labor-endorsed candidates in your local elections, every little bit will make a difference.

Together we will stand up against this intimidation and we will change the course of the narrative.

We will support our educators who believe in the freedom for all students to learn and who believe in the promise of public education.



## Uriah Ward joins MRLF staff as federation's new strategic campaigns manager

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

MINNEAPOLIS — Uriah Ward has joined the staff of the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO as the federation's new strategic campaigns manager. He started at MRLF April 15.

"Uriah will be leading our organizing and growth strategies and supporting us in all of our critical political/legislative/policy campaigns," said Chelsie Glaubitz Gabiou, MRLF president.

Ward brings to MRLF his experience as an educator, a union organizer, and a political activist — and as a current elected member of the St. Paul School Board.

A native of North Carolina, Ward  
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Uriah Ward

## Endorsed by MRLF, Heather Edelson wins special election for Hennepin County Board District 6

MINNEAPOLIS — Heather Edelson won a special election May 14 for the District 6 seat on the Hennepin County Board. She was endorsed May 8 for the special election by the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO at its monthly delegate meeting.

District 6 includes west Minneapolis suburbs. The seat became vacant upon the resignation of Chris LaTondresse last September.

Edelson, Edina, is a three-term member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. The Minnesota AFL-CIO's legislative scorecard gives her a lifetime

voting score of 97 percent on working family issues (through the 2023 legislative session). She will resign from the state legislature in order to serve on the Hennepin County Board.

Edelson's win in the special election means that she will serve out the remainder of LaTondresse's term, which runs to the end of 2024.

The District 6 seat will be on the ballot again this November for election to a full four-year term.

The MRLF will conduct a new candidate screening process for the District 6 seat for the November election.

## 'Welcome' to new Minneapolis Labor Review readers

As a member of a union affiliated with the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, you now are receiving a subscription to the monthly *Minneapolis Labor Review*. Several affiliates recently have updated their *Labor Review* mailing lists. For subscriber service, see page 19.

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# Events

## May 27: Honoring All Veterans Memorial site in Richfield will host Memorial Day ceremony

RICHFIELD — The Honoring All Veterans Memorial plans a Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 27 at 2:00 p.m., rain or shine, at 6429 Portland Ave. in Richfield.

The event will feature guest speakers and a T-6 Thunder flyover.

Union funds and volunteers helped to build the Honoring All Veterans Memorial,

which includes a statue of the late Charles W. Lindberg — a member of IBEW Local 292 — who served in the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II and was one of the first flag-raisers at Iwo Jima.

The May 27 event is free and open to the public. Bring your own lawn chair.

For more information, call 612-861-9395.

## June 7-8: East Side Freedom Library marks 10 years with 'Love & Solidarity' symposium

SAINT PAUL — The East Side Freedom Library will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a two-day "Love and Solidarity" symposium June 7-8.

Located at 1105 Greenbrier Street in an old Carnegie Library building, the nonprofit ESFL offers an extensive research collections but also features a schedule of classes, speakers, and special events centered on strengthening grassroots movements to advance social justice and workers rights.

Plans for the 10th anniversary event include:

- Opening remarks and a free reception

Friday, June 7 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at ESFL.

■ A free, day-long free symposium featuring several workshops Saturday, June 8, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at ESFL.

■ A fundraising banquet and awards presentation Saturday, June 8 beginning at 5:15 p.m. at Metro State University's New Main Great Hall. The keynote speaker will be labor organizer Ellen David Friedman, board chair of Labor Notes. Tickets are \$150 per person or \$950 for a table of eight.

For more information, or to reserve tickets, visit [eastsidefreedomlibrary.org](http://eastsidefreedomlibrary.org).

## June 8: Mill City Museum offers 'Women's Work,' a local labor history walking tour

MINNEAPOLIS — Learn the stories of women who lived and worked in Minneapolis by joining an outdoor walking tour with a Mill City Museum guide.

The museum's next "Women's Work" labor history walking tour will be Saturday, June 8 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Additional tours, all Saturdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. include: July 20, August 3, August 24 and September 7.

Learn about women's labor — paid, unpaid, legal, and illegal — in industries from laundries and sewing factories to brothels.

Be inspired by the stories of activists

including Eva Valesh and Nellie Stone Johnson who fought to improve the lives of working women.

The tours include about 1.5 miles of moderately-paced walking.

The tours will start and end at Mill City Museum, 704 South 2nd St. Minneapolis (just down the block from the Guthrie Theatre).

The cost for the tour is \$14, with a 20 percent discount for Minnesota Historical Society members.

To learn more, or to register for one of the tours, visit [www.mnhs.org/events/1546](http://www.mnhs.org/events/1546).

## June 18: Twins host Tampa Bay for annual Trades Night at Target Field, pre-game picnic

MINNEAPOLIS — The date is Tuesday, June 18 for this year's annual Trades Night at Target Field. Game time is 6:40 p.m. for the Minnesota Twins playing the Tampa Bay Rays.

At a new location this year, the Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council will host a pre-game picnic for union building trades members and their guests from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the "The Green" at North Loop Green.

The picnic address is 320 N. 4th St., one block north of Target Field. The closest parking will be in Ramp C at 318 N. 3rd Ave. Once in the ramp, the 3rd Ave. elevators to B level exit to "The Green" event space.

Ticket costs: \$47 Field Box, \$27 HR Deck, \$56 Legends Landing.

For tickets, contact your local union or Luis Breazeale at 612-659-3575 or [luisbreazeale@twins.com](mailto:luisbreazeale@twins.com).

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# Events

## June 18: Union venue Jax Café will celebrate 90th anniversary with ticketed party

MINNEAPOLIS — A longtime favorite venue for special events and family milestones, Jax Café in northeast Minneapolis will celebrate its own 90th anniversary with a party planned Tuesday, June 18.

The event will run from 4:00-9:30 p.m. at Jax Café, 1928 University Ave. NE in Minneapolis.

Tickets cost \$45 and include appetizers, non-alcoholic beverages, beer, and wine. Cocktails will be available for purchase.

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Live music by "The Panics" will begin at 6:30 p.m.

If you wish, Jax encourages dressing in your favorite decade — from the 1930s to 2020s — and bringing in your favorite and oldest memorabilia from Jax for show and tell.

Visit [jax90th.brownpapertickets.com](http://jax90th.brownpapertickets.com) to purchase tickets.

Workers at Jax are members of UNITE HERE Local 17.

## June 29: Minneapolis Pops Orchestra opens 75th anniversary season at Lake Harriet

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minneapolis Pops Orchestra will present its 75th anniversary season of free outdoor concerts Saturdays and Sundays from June 29 through July 28 at the Lake Harriet bandshell, 4135 W. Lake Harriet Pkwy. in Minneapolis.

The Saturday concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. while the Sunday concerts begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Pops Orchestra musicians are members of Twin Cities Musicians Union Local 30-73 and are drawn from the region's leading professional orchestras.

The Pops will be led by a new music director this year, Russell Gray.

Two previous music directors — Jerry Lenz and Philip Brunelle — will reunite with the Pops for a special 75th anniversary concert July 13.

Here is the complete 2024 Minneapolis Pops Orchestra schedule and concert

themes:

■ Saturday, June 29, 7:30 p.m.

*Pops Potpourri*

■ Sunday, June 30, 5:30 p.m.

*World Tour Concert*

■ Saturday, July 6, 7:30 p.m.

*American Salute*

■ Sunday, July 7, 5:30 p.m.

*Breezin' Down Broadway*

■ Saturday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.

*75th Anniversary Celebration*

■ Sunday, July 14, 5:30 p.m.

*Summer Serenade*

■ Saturday, July 20, 7:30 p.m.

*Dance Into the Night*

■ Sunday, July 21, 5:30 p.m.

*On the Shoulders of Giants*

■ Saturday, July 27, 7:30 p.m.

*Celtic Connections*

■ Sunday, July 28, 5:30 p.m.

*People's Choice*

Visit [mplspops.org](http://mplspops.org) for more information.

## 'Fare For All' offers savings of 40 percent on groceries at monthly community pop-up sales

MINNEAPOLIS — Stretch your grocery dollars by visiting a community location for a Fare For All pop-up food sale, which offers discounted grocery packages.

Fare For All offers a savings of 40 percent on grocery items.

Fare For All's regular offerings include a produce pack for \$10, a mini meat pack for \$11, a mega meat pack for \$25. Other monthly specials also are available.

Fare For All is open to everyone and has no income requirements.

Cash, credit cards, debit cards, and EBT cards are accepted. Checks are not accepted. No need to call or register in advance — just stop in to shop!

With the *Labor Review* not publishing in June, here is the schedule for June and July for Fare For All's sites in the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation's seven-county region, listed alphabetically by city:

■ **Anoka, Thursday, June 27, 4:00–6:00 p.m.**, Zion Lutheran Church, 1601 S. 4th Ave.

■ **Blaine, Thursday, June 20 and Wednesday, July 17, 3:00–5:00 p.m.**, Christ Lutheran Church, 641 89th Ave. NE.

■ **Bloomington, Fridays, June 21 and July 26, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**, Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. So.

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## 2024 Political Calendar

**June 28**

Early voting begins for Primary Election

**July 15-18**

Republican National Convention, Milwaukee

**August 13**

Primary Election

**August 19-22**

Democratic National Convention, Chicago

**September 20**

Early voting begins for General Election

**September 22-24**

Minnesota AFL-CIO Convention, Duluth

**November 5**

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# MRLF: Uriah Ward, new strategic campaigns manager, led effort to organize Augsburg staff

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“growing up in the South there’s not a strong union presence... Moving here it’s a night and day difference seeing the difference in workplaces where workers have the opportunity to come together to advocate for themselves and the people they serve.”

“For most of my career, I’ve been an educator,” Ward said. He taught middle school social studies in North Carolina and he most recently worked as an adjunct professor at Concordia University in St. Paul teaching government and politics.

Ward and his wife Ashley moved to Minnesota in 2018 when she accepted a teaching job with the St. Paul Public Schools.

Ward worked for two and one-half years in the financial aid office at Augsburg University in Minneapolis. There he initiated the campaign to organize the Augsburg Staff Union, which worked with OPEIU Local 12 to win the first private college staff union in Minnesota.

After first moving to St. Paul, Ward worked as an organizer on the St. Paul Public Schools’ “Vote Yes for Kids” campaign to pass school funding ballot questions.

Ward got to know community members and school staff and they encouraged him to run for St. Paul School Board.

At the time, Ward recalled, he was asking himself, “how do I fit into the community? How do I help?”

He ran for school board in 2021, endorsed by the St. Paul Federation of

Educators, and won election.

“I’m a believer in the cause of public education, a school system that serves everyone,” Ward said. “I feel a deep connection to public education as an institution because it was there for me.”

Running for school board wasn’t Ward’s first experience with political campaigns. While still in college, he managed two city council campaigns. He also worked for the 2008 Obama campaign as an organizing fellow and opened the campaign’s Greenville office. In 2012 and 2016, he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

“I’ve been involved in every election in some capacity from high school to now,” Ward said.

Ward, 32, grew up in Greenville, North Carolina and earned an undergraduate degree in political science and a master’s degree in education from East Carolina University.

Ward and his wife Ashley, who is an Education Minnesota member, live in St. Paul with their one-year-old son.

Although he’s now come to be deeply engaged in his adopted state of Minnesota, Ward said, “I still feel like snow is magical — I didn’t have it growing up.”

Ward took over the job as MRLF’s strategic campaigns manager from Casey Hudek, who has moved to a new position as organizing director of the Workers Confluence Fund, which is aligned with the MRLF in supporting worker organizing by unions and worker centers.

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## Visitor from Thailand’s Ministry of Labour spends a month with Minneapolis unions

MINNEAPOLIS — As part of a U.S. State Department exchange program, a visitor from Thailand spent four weeks with the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation learning about local unions, worker organizing and workplace issues.

Phonnicha Wang-arkad, “Nicha,” has worked for eight years as a labour specialist for Thailand’s Ministry of Labour. Working for six years in Bangkok, she focused on improving labor conditions in the fishing industry.

Low-skilled workers come to Thailand from neighboring countries, she explained, “they just want a better life.” Many work in the fishing sector but sometimes they don’t get paid and “the working and living conditions on the boats are very bad,” she added.

“We worked together with the International Labor Organization and the European Union,” she reported, to adopt and en-

force labor standards and combat forced labor.

Wang-arkad currently works in a provincial office about three hours drive from Bangkok in Nakhon Sawan. “My work is about the implementation of national labor policy,” she explained. Her focus is on enhancing policies that support workers in the informal sector, women, people with disabilities, elderly and migrant workers. “We do this by providing skill development and creating decent job opportunities,” she added.

Wang-arkad also works to prevent labor trafficking and forced labor in the local establishments through labor inspections.

Wang-arkad came to the U.S. as part of a program for young leaders bringing 104 fellows from 11 countries which are members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Timor Leste.



Nicha Wang-arkad



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Brionna Harder, lead negotiator for the MFT teacher chapter (at podium), announced a "historic agreement."

## MFT: 'A new era'

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leaders said.

Two years ago, both MFT's teacher chapter and educational support professionals chapter waged a three-week strike before settling contracts with the district.

"I'm so proud we were able to settle this at the table even though we were ready to take it to the streets," said Marcia Howard, first vice president of MFT 59's teacher chapter and an English teacher at Roosevelt High School.

Since the 2022 strike, the Minneapolis school district has a new superintendent and a new head of human resources.

"The forces in power are moving differently," Howard said. "It's a new era in Minneapolis."

"Together, we are MPS," said the new district superintendent, Lisa Sayles-Adams, who became superintendent in February 2024. "When I'm out in the community... the common theme that comes up is you, our educators."

"This is a wonderful example of what 'together' looks like," said Alicia Miller, the district's senior human resources officer, who took on that role in August 2023.

Collin Beachy, the chair of the Minneapolis school board, said he was proud that students can see an example of collaboration in the settling of the teacher contract. "We look forward to continued collaboration with the MFT," he said.

In voting results announced April 27, members of MFT's Educational Support Professionals chapter voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike. Within days, however, the ESP chapter reached a tentative agreement — later ratified — bringing the largest pay increases in 20 years.

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# Remember 1934: 90th Anniversary

## Labor to mark the 1934 Teamsters strikes making Minneapolis a union city

MINNEAPOLIS — Twin Cities area labor activists and sympathizers will keep alive the spirit of the landmark 1934 Minneapolis Teamster strikes over the next two months with a 90th anniversary commemoration. Events will include art exhibits, panel discussions, film screenings, a wreath-laying ceremony, and a concluding July 27 remembrance picnic.

The fierce 1934 strike was among several notable labor actions nationally that year and was credited with making Minneapolis a union town after years of anti-union resistance by the employers' Citizens Alliance.

The events of 1934 are commemorated by descendants of the strikers and others to keep the spirit of 1934 alive in the labor movement, according to Bob Kolstad, a former Teamster and a member of the Remember 1934 Collective.

The capstone event of this year's 90th anniversary commemoration will be a picnic Saturday, July 27 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Wabun picnic area adjacent to Minnehaha Park. This event will feature food, speakers on past and present labor struggles, entertainment and a display of 1934 memorabilia. A program of speakers



Photo courtesy of Minnesota Historical Society

One of the iconic photos from the 1934 Minneapolis Teamsters strikes.

will start at 1:00 p.m.

"I hope the commemoration events show people what can be accomplished when they pull together — better working conditions, a higher wage and a fairer shake on the job," said retired SEIU union member Linda Leighton, a collective member and granddaughter of Vincent Dunne, a leader in the 1934 strike.

### Two art exhibits

The schedule of events opens Saturday, May 25 with "Voters in Revolt," an art exhibition by Brooks Turner at HAIR+NAILS Gallery, 2222-1/2 E. 35th St., Minneapolis, which presents three bodies of work commemorating the strike.

Four large machine-woven tapestries depict critical moments from the strike

through collages of photos placed within imagined floral and forest landscapes. Brooks also used images of pages from *Minneapolis Labor Review* 1934 strike coverage in his work.

"Strike Scenes," a series of pen and ink drawings on handmade paper, offers a more intimate view of the strike.

The final work, "Path Through the Wilderness," is a video and audio installation exploring the power and potency of labor organizing in Minnesota through the voice of Meridel LeSueur, the noted Minnesota writer of the proletarian literature movement.

An opening event runs from 7:00-10:00 p.m. May 25. The exhibit continues Thursdays through Sundays from 1:00-5:00 p.m. through June 30.

Next up is the multi-artist exhibit "1934 & Now: Connections of the Minneapolis Truckers' Strike of 1934," which runs from June 3 to July 28 at the Cargill gallery of the Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall.

Participating artists include Mike Alewitz, Rachel Breen, Keith Christensen, Olivia Levins Holden, Juxtaposition Arts

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# Remember 1934: 90th Anniversary

## 1934 events: Free art exhibits, panel discussions, films, community picnic

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youth, Carolyn Olson, Mike Rivard, and Brooks Turner.

The exhibit will include banners, photographs, installations, paintings and a video presentation. The library is located near the sites of significant events during the strike.

"The exhibit explores the relationship of history to the present as well as workers' role in social change, said exhibit organizer Keith Christensen. "The artwork will connect a wide range of perspectives that relate to the strike."

An opening reception will be held on Saturday, June 8 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The following Saturday, June 15, there will be an exhibit tour featuring the artists from 2:00-3:00 p.m., followed by a 3:00-5:00 p.m. panel discussion with the artists and labor historian Peter Rachleff.

### Labor film screenings

Sunday, June 23, a selection of labor-oriented documentaries will be screened at the Minneapolis Central Library's Pohlad Hall from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The main feature will be "Labor's Turning Point," a 43-minute 1981 documentary about the 1934 strike that won recognition of the Teamsters as the



Labor Review photo

Wreath-laying ceremony as part of the 80th anniversary strike commemoration.

bargaining representative of truck drivers and associated workers. Also showing will be: "Breaking Walls," a 44-minute 2004 award-winning film created by Jonathan Ben Efrat about a mural project in the Occupied Territories organized by labor activist-muralist Mike Alewitz and Arab construction workers; "Dissent Minnesota," an 8-minute 2024 film by Mike Rivard, a local

filmmaker who has documented many protests; and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Despair," a 30-minute 2021 film by Gus Ganley on the Teamster pension fund fight that led to successful legislation.

### Remembering a massacre

Saturday, July 20, a wreath will be laid in the Minneapolis warehouse district to commemorate "Bloody Friday," the day

when 67 unarmed strikers were gunned down and two died at the hands of police during tumultuous street battles as strikers tried to keep trucks from running their blockade. The event will occur at 4:00 p.m. at N. Third St. and 7th Av. N., where a plaque marks the site of the clashes.

A separate film screening is planned for Friday, July 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the East Side Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbrier St., in St. Paul, featuring "Labor's Turning Point," and a brief presentation of the history timeline of the 1934 strike with spoken word performances.

### Concluding picnic will connect past and current labor struggles

The culminating event of the commemoration will be a community picnic Saturday, July 27 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Wabun picnic area, 4655 46th Ave. So., next to Minnehaha Park. This event will feature food, speakers, entertainment, children's games and a display of 1934 memorabilia. Connections will be drawn between past and present labor struggles.

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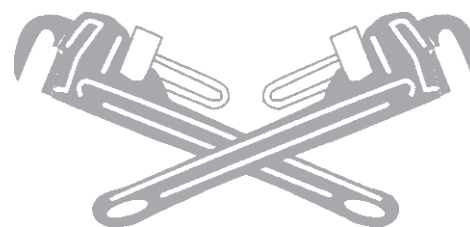


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Front page of Minneapolis Labor Review, August 23, 1934: "Winning of this strike marks the greatest victory in the annals of the local trade union movement." You can read coverage of the events of 1934 by visiting the Minneapolis Labor Review archive at [minneapolisunions.org](http://minneapolisunions.org). Use the pull down "Issue List" to find 1934 issues.

## A brief synopsis of the 1934 Teamsters strikes

MINNEAPOLIS — The events known as the 1934 Minneapolis Teamster strike actually unfolded in a series of three strikes that year involving drivers and eventually allied workers. They occurred against a backdrop of strenuous efforts by the dominant employers' Citizens Alliance to keep Minneapolis a non-union town.

The strike involved many thousands: members of Teamsters Local 574 plus farmers, secretaries and many others who supported the strike; the business interests and police who opposed the union; and the National Guard and the state and national governments that were compelled to intervene.

In February, the fledgling Local 574 called a midwinter coal delivery strike for union recognition and better working conditions. The winter strike was quickly settled with what turned out to be minor gains. But the job action built confidence among workers and organizers. It also boosted the Local's membership with workers from other local trucking sectors, including allied workers such as helpers and packers.

The strikers were led by workers from the ranks of the Trotskyist Communist League, whose smart planning and strong disciplined leadership won the confidence of members. Their goal was the unprecedented organizing of an industry-wide union that combined those who drove the trucks, those who loaded them and those who worked in warehouses. They prepared for an inevitable second strike by their radicalized membership, opening a strike headquarters that was ready to feed strikers, work on the vehicles of those who confronted scab drivers and even provide medical care. Local 574 also created a strong women's auxiliary recruited from among the wives of strikers.

Workers presented their demands on April 30, including a closed shop with all workers belonging to the union, shorter

hours, standard pay and union recognition. When employers refused to bargain, workers struck trucking firms on May 16.

A key innovation by strikers was the using of flying picket squads of strikers in vehicles who cruised the city to intercept scab drivers trying to deliver goods, forcing them to dump their loads or turn back. There were violent clashes between strikers and Minneapolis police and special deputies recruited by employers to help break the strike.

Governor Floyd Olson stepped in to force a deal reached on May 25. It included a return to work for all strikers, plus recognition of Local 574 as bargaining agent for drivers and their helpers. But lack of clarity over the inclusion of workers inside warehouses soon undercut the deal. Employers tried to discriminate against union members, and refused to negotiate wages or address the status of inside workers.

The third strike began on July 16, erupting in violence four days later on "Bloody Friday" when police opened fire on unarmed strikers trying to stop deliveries in the warehouse district. Two strikers were killed, prompting tens of thousands to march in mourning, and dozens more were wounded, mostly shot in the back. On July 25, two federal mediators issued a proposed settlement that affirmed union recognition, set wage rates and clarified the status of inside workers. Local 574 accepted it but trucking firms refused.

Olson then declared martial law, banned picketing, and initiated a permit system for trucks delivering essential goods. Troops raided both the employers headquarters and that of Local 574, arresting strike leaders. By early August, the permit system was tightened so that only firms that agreed to the mediator proposal got permits. That pressure broke resistance from trucking firms and on August 22 the third strike ended.

Minneapolis was now a union town.

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## Building Trades remember co-workers lost to work-related illnesses, accidents

SAINT PAUL — Members of local Building Trades unions gathered at the Workers Memorial Garden on the Minnesota State Capitol grounds April 29 for this year's Workers Memorial Day ceremony.

"A safe workplace isn't a privilege; It's every worker's right, whether it's a construction site, a clinic, or an office," said one of the speakers, Minnesota labor commissioner Nicole Blissenbach. "Let's do all we can to ensure every worker goes home at the end of the workday."

Sadly, injuries and deaths from workplace accidents or workplace-related illnesses remain a problem.

According to the annual "Death on the Job" report issued by the national AFL-CIO, in 2022:

- 344 workers died each day from hazardous working conditions;
- 5,486 workers were killed on the job in the United States;
- An estimated 120,000 workers died from occupational diseases;
- The job fatality rate increased again to 3.7 per 100,000 workers;
- Workers of color die on the job at a higher rate.

The AFL-CIO report noted that the Biden administration has stepped up workplace safety enforcement in the wake of the Trump administration's sorry record on safety issues, while "big corporations and many Republicans have launched an aggressive assault on worker protections."

"We can and will make things better," said Bernie Burnham, Minnesota AFL-CIO president. "The first step is growing our labor movement... We will continue to organize and protect our rights and fight for safe jobs now."



The April 29 Workers Memorial Day ceremony honored the memory of five local Building Trades members who died in the past year: John "Jack" Driste, age 87, member of Heat and Frost Insulators Local 34, who died of Mesothelioma; Raymond Bergdahl, age 78, also a member of Local 34, who died from Asbestosis; Darek L. Pederson, age 47, member of Laborers Local 563, who died in a car accident March 19, 2024; Gary P. Hermann, age 79, member of Sheet Metal Workers Local 10, who died from Asbestosis; James D Schreiner, age 86, also a Local 10 member, who died of Mesothelioma.

**'It's time for us to recommit to the work to make every workplace a safe workplace.'**

**— Bernie Burnham, president, Minnesota AFL-CIO**



IBEW member Dan McConnell, president of the Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council, emceed the event, which was sponsored jointly by the Minneapolis and St. Paul Building and Construction Trades Councils.



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"This hits home," said Ben Weideman, Laborers District Council representative (right). "For about a decade I was a safety manager." He said workers need to be able to speak up and say, "hey, we need to make this safe before we move forward."



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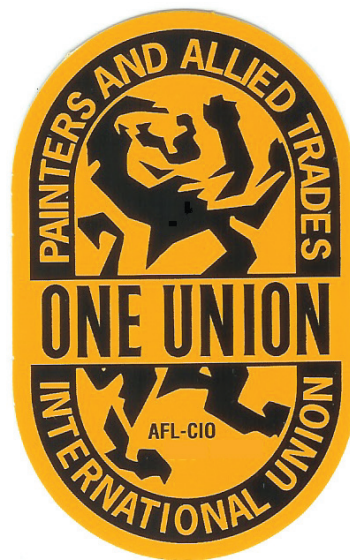
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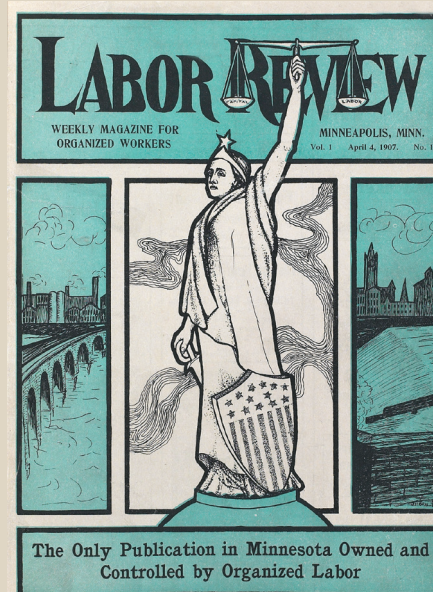


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## Bricklayers Local 1:

### Apprentices compete in contest

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The first-place winners included:

■ Tile, Josh Leopold;

■ 1st Year Pointer-Cleaner-Caulker, Andrew Morrisette;

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■ 3rd Year Pointer-Cleaner-Caulker, Zakory Lindgren;

■ 1st Year Brick, Ethan Krekelberg;

■ 2nd Year Brick, Ethan Poch;

■ 3rd Year Brick, Keanan Carlson.

## IATSE Local 13:

### Guthrie Theater's front-facing staff seek voluntary union recognition

A group of about 135 front-facing staff at the Guthrie Theater have organized with IATSE Local 13 and are seeking voluntary union recognition, the *Star Tribune* reported May 8.

A Facebook post by the Guthrie Front Facing Staff Union said the bargaining unit would include staff who work in audience services, box office, guest services, environmental services, and public safety.

The post continued: "We are incredibly proud of our community's support over the past couple of months and look forward to working with leadership to create a better

Guthrie."

The *Star Tribune* story reported an e-mail statement from the Guthrie saying the theatre would "consider the request."

## Laborers Local 563:

### Union hall moves to new location

Laborers Local 563 has moved from northeast Minneapolis to a new office and union hall on the edge of downtown Minneapolis near U.S. Bank Stadium. The new address is 620 12th Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55415. The phone number remains the same: 612-781-6933.

## Minneapolis Federation of Teachers:

### Marcia Howard wins election as president of teacher chapter

Roosevelt High School English teacher Marcia Howard has won election as president of the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers Local 59 Teacher Chapter.

Howard received 90 percent of the vote. She led a slate of 16 candidates for officer and executive board positions — the "Moving Further Together" slate — and all 16 members of the slate won election.

Howard has worked as a teacher in the Minneapolis Public Schools for 25 years, all but one year at Roosevelt.

During the 2022 strike, as rank and file MFT member, Howard emerged as a powerful speaker at strike rallies.

That same year, Howard won election as 1st vice president of the MFT 59 teacher chapter.

She recently served as one of the bar-

gaining leads for MFT's recent contract campaign, which won historic gains.

Greta Callahan, the incumbent president, chose not to run for re-election and instead is running for Minneapolis School Board.

Incumbent Catina Taylor won re-election as president of MFT's Educational Support Professionals chapter, winning 75 percent of the vote.

Taylor was not part of the "Our Power Collective" slate, which won most of the ESP chapter's other officer and board positions.

## Operating Engineers Local 70: Nominations set for June 18

Nominations for union leadership for Operating Engineers Local 70 will be taking place at the Tuesday, June 18 general membership meeting. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. at American Legion Post #39, 2678 East Seventh Avenue, North St. Paul. The term for all positions is three years.

## Plumbers Local 15:

### Members reject contract

Members of Plumbers Local 15 voted May 1 to reject a proposed contract for the union's Inside Construction and Maintenance agreement. Despite the Local 15 bargaining committee's recommendation to approve the deal, members voted it down "almost unanimously," reported Scott Gale, Local 15 business manager. "The percentage [increase] just wasn't there for the

members to accept," Gale said.

(As the *Labor Review* went to press May 16, members of Plumbers Local 15 were scheduled to vote May 23 on a revised offer).

The agreement covers about 1,000 Local 15 members who work for about 120 employers who are members of the Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association or Metro Association of Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors.

The May 1 vote to reject the contractors' offer stopped work by Local 15 members at commercial sites and multi-family sites, unless covered by a Project Labor Agreement.

"In the Minneapolis area, we've got a lot of PLAs, so we're keeping our members working on those," Gale said.

An interim agreement allowed work to continue on single family homes.

If members accept the revised offer May 23, Gale, said, members could be back on all jobsites by the end of that week.

## Plumbers Local 15:

### Election of officers set for June 6

Members of Plumbers Local 15 will vote in an election for officers Thursday, June 6.

Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Local 15 union hall, 8625 Monticello Lane N. in Maple Grove, and at the St. Cloud Labor Home, 1903 4th St. N., St. Cloud.

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# Retiree Meetings

## Minneapolis Regional Retiree Council:

### Next meeting June 20

The next regular monthly meeting of the Minneapolis Regional Retiree Council, AFL-CIO will be a hybrid meeting — in person and by Zoom — Thursday, June 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided for people at the in-person meeting after the meeting adjourns. The in-person meeting will be in Room 218 at the United Labor Centre, 312 Central Ave. SE, Minneapolis.

Parking is available at the Saint Anthony Public Parking Ramp (at the corner of 2nd St. SE and University Ave. SE), across University from the United Labor Centre building. The ramp recently moved to a new payment method, so contact Graeme Allen for more information about parking reimbursement.

To request the Zoom link for the June 20 meeting, or for more information about the Council, contact Graeme Allen, community and political organizer for the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, at 612-481-2144 or e-mail [graeme@minneapolisunions.org](mailto:graeme@minneapolisunions.org).

## ATU Local 1005 Retirees:

### Meet first Wednesday of the month

The Southside Retirees of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1005 are now meeting for breakfast the first Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at the Richfield VFW, 6715 Lake Shore Drive South, Richfield.

## Carpenters Retirees:

### Next meeting May 30

Carpenters Retirees will meet Thursday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m. at the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters union hall, 710 Olive Street, St. Paul. Lunch follows the meeting. The meetings will continue through October on the last Thursday of each month.

## IBEW Local 292 Retirees:

### 'Senior Sparkies' will meet June 11, July 9

The IBEW Local 292 Retirees — "Senior Sparkies" — will meet Tuesday, June 11 and Tuesday, July 9 at IBEW Local 292's union hall, 6700 West Broadway Ave. in Brooklyn Park. A buffet lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. We will be having a guest speaker.

Save the date for special 2024 events: Boat trip, June 19; Retirees summer picnic, August 8.

For more information, contact the IBEW Local 292 office at 612-379-1292.

## Minneapolis Retired Teachers, Chapter 59:

### Next meeting in September

The Minneapolis Retired Teachers, Chapter 59 will be taking a summer break. Meetings will resume in September, the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. In-person meetings take place at the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers office, 67 – 8th Ave. NE.

Fall meeting dates include in-person meetings September 24 and October 22 and a Zoom meeting November 26.

For more information, e-mail [RTC59info@gmail.com](mailto:RTC59info@gmail.com).

## Minnesota Nurses Association Retirees:

### CARn will meet June 12

The Council of Active Retired Nurses (CARn) will meet Wednesday, June 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Minnesota Nurses Association, 345 Randolph Ave., St. Paul.

CARn meets the second Wednesday of the month. Future meeting dates for 2024 include: August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11.

All retired members of the Minnesota Nurses Association are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Barb Martin at [jimbarbmartin@aol.com](mailto:jimbarbmartin@aol.com).

## Pipefitters Local 539 Retirees:

### 'Fazed Out Fitters' meet third Wednesday

Pipefitters Local 539 retirees — the "Fazed Out Fitters" — meet the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at Elsie's, 729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis. New members welcome.

## Plumbers Local 15 Retirees:

### Meet the third Tuesday of each month

All retired Plumbers Local 15 members are invited to attend retiree meetings, continuing the third Tuesday of every month at 12 noon at Elsie's Restaurant, Bar & Bowling Center, 729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis (corner of Marshall and 8th Ave.). For more information, contact the Local 15 office at 612-333-8601.

## Sheet Metal Workers Local 10 Retirees:

### 'Rusty Tinnars' take summer break

The Sheet Metal Workers Local 10 "Rusty Tinnars" retirees club will be taking a summer break.

The next meeting will be September 10.

All retired Sheet Metal workers and spouses are welcome to our monthly meetings. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, September through December and March through May. For more information, contact Frank Costa at 651-484-1363.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**If your union retiree group is meeting in-person or online, and you want to share that information, or if you have other important announcements, contact the editor at [laborreview@minneapolisunions.org](mailto:laborreview@minneapolisunions.org) or 612-715-2667.**



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The election features contested races for business manager, all three business agent positions, inside guard, vice president, and all four executive board seats.

## SEIU Healthcare MN & Iowa:

**Nursing homes where workers went on strike reach tentative agreements**

SEIU Healthcare Minnesota and Iowa May 13 announced tentative agreements with four nursing homes operated by the Estates at St Louis Park, Roseville, Excelsior and Fridley.

SEIU Healthcare members at those four locations were part of the largest nursing home strike in the history of Minnesota earlier this year.

Highlights of the agreements include recognizing the newly-organized LPNs at Fridley and Roseville in the contract so they will not need to bargain their own respective first contracts.

Other changes include 100 percent cash-out of any PTO balance when terminating employment or going casual and clarification of experience credit to strengthen contract language.

This will be a three-year agreement with increases Year 1 and Year 2 with a wage and benefit opener Year 3 (including the right to strike).

## Letter Carriers 'Stamp Out Hunger' food drive helps to restock local emergency food shelves



**MINNEAPOLIS** — Local emergency foodshelves across the Minneapolis and west metro area got some help May 11 from members of Branch 9 of the National Association of Letter Carriers. As part of NALC's nationwide "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive, Minneapolis area letter carriers collected donated food along their routes to help restock local foodshelves. Returning to the Diamond Lake post office, four-year letter carrier Henry Paszkiewicz unloaded 11 bags of groceries from his truck. "I think it turned out pretty good," he said. "The route I have, I have really good customers... It's been pretty generous." *Photo above:* Nine-year Branch 9 member Gordy Chapman, Minneapolis, collected donated food along his route in southwest Minneapolis.

Wages will increase with Year 1 on scale getting 5 percent and off scale getting 6.5 percent. Year 2 on scale will get 3.5 percent and off scale 5.5 percent.

## Sheet Metal Workers Local 10: Golf tournament planned July 13

The annual golf tournament for mem-

bers of Sheet Metal Workers Local 10 will be Saturday, July 13 at Oak Marsh Golf Course, 526 Inwood Ave N. in Oakdale. Check-in time is 12 noon, with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$75 per person and includes cart and golf balls, two drink tickets, one prize ticket, and dinner. To sign

up, call Melissa at 651-366-6410 or e-mail [mmasonfink@smw10.org](mailto:mmasonfink@smw10.org).

## Starbucks Workers United: Workers at Starbucks in Chanhassen vote to unionize

Voting May 14, workers at a Starbucks location in Chanhassen voted to unionize in a National Labor Relations Board election.

The unit includes 26 workers.

The vote came the same day that Starbucks workers in four other states — Oregon, New Hampshire, Florida and Iowa — also voted to unionize with Starbucks Workers United.

The Chanhassen vote followed recent pro-union votes by workers at the Starbucks location at 2544 Nicollet Ave. in Minneapolis and also in Moorhead.

The Chanhassen location at 190 Lake Drive E. is the 10th Starbucks in Minnesota to organize with Starbucks Workers United.

Since 2021, workers at hundreds of Starbucks locations have voted to unionize. The company, which has obstructed organizing and efforts to negotiate contracts, in March 2024 announced a breakthrough agreement with Starbucks Workers United to begin discussing a framework to establish a process for organizing and collective bargaining.

*Sources: Labor Review reporting and local unions. Next deadline: July 10.*



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### Dues Reminder

Please remember to pay your January-June 2024 dues. You are able to pay online for your dues on the Pipefitters Local 539 website. You do not need to log in to do so.

### Annual Picnic: July 20

The Annual Pipefitters Picnic will be July 20. More information will be sent out to in the mail.

### Condolences

Condolences to the family of Mark Dehmer.

If you would like something added to the Pipers section of the Labor Review, call the office at (612) 379-4711.

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## IBEW Local Union 292 Minneapolis Electrical Workers

### Brotherhood Committee

The Local 292 Brotherhood Committee assists members in need or distress, with either gift cards from our Local 292 food shelf or teams of Brothers or Sisters helping around the house. If you need assistance or know of another member in need, please call our Brotherhood line at 612-617-4247 or e-mail [brotherhood@ibew292.org](mailto:brotherhood@ibew292.org).

### Drive with Caution in Work Zones

Once again the dreaded road work season has started. Remember to be patient and cautious in work zones.

See you at the General Membership Meeting, 5:30 p.m. on the Second Tuesday

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These work zones along roadways are dangerous places to work, so please slow down, pay attention and stay off your cell phone. We worked hard with contractors and the state legislature to get the new laws passed that increase fines associated with distracted driving in work zones. We want our members to make it home safe.

### Condolences

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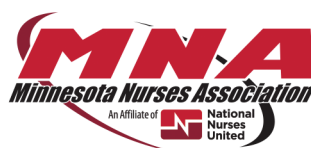
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