

Grievances and Arbitrations¹

Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Arbitrations

MARBA received two arbitration requests this month. One was regarding the Hours of Work article and the other was regarding work rules relative to Pile Driving.

Laborers Joint Grievance Committee

The Laborers Joint Grievance Committee did not meet in May. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021, at the Laborers Burr Ridge office. There are currently three (3) grievances to be heard.

Operating Engineers Joint Grievance Committee

The Operating Engineers Joint Grievance Committee did not meet in May. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2021, at the offices of Local 150. The union will advise of the number of grievances going to full board in the near future.

Teamsters Joint Grievance Committee

The Teamsters Joint Grievance Committee did not meet in May. The next meeting is set for June 10, 2021, at Teamsters office in Burr Ridge. There is currently one (1) grievance pending.

Collective Bargaining/Labor Issues

2021 Negotiations

The last negotiation update email was sent out on Friday, May 28, 2021. At that time all the negotiations for the trades in the Chicago area were finalized. The last update can be found by clicking [here](#). Some of the tentative agreements still need to be ratified by the respective parties. Allocations for many of the trades that MARBA negotiates with are posted on the MARBA website. You can find those allocations by clicking [here](#). The newly agreed to collective bargaining agreements need to be edited and signed off on. Once that is done, they will be posted on the MARBA website. If you would like to be added to the list for negotiation update emails or if you have questions regarding a specific trade please contact Aaron Janik, Executive Director, at ajanik@marba.org.

Industry News

CISCO to Host Industry Luncheon

The Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO) will be hosting its annual luncheon on July 16, 2021, at the IBEW Local 134 Union Hall. The event, which was on hiatus last year, will feature Mayor Lori Lightfoot as the keynote speaker. Recipients of Project of the Year Awards will be honored. The highlight of the event, however, will be the scholarships that are awarded to several area high school students as well as students currently enrolled in post high school education. This event is typically attended by leaders from all segments of the industry from management, labor, to members of the legislature. If interested in attending this event, please contact CISCO directly. More information regarding this event can be found by clicking [here](#).

State of the Economy

Economic Indicators

Unemployment Rate	April 2021 U.S. 6.1%, Illinois 7.1% (41 st)
Labor Participation Rate	April 2021 = 61.7%, March 2021 = 61.5%
CPI All Urban Consumers	April 2021 versus April 2020 = 4.16%
CPI Chicago All Items	April 2021 versus April 2020 = 4.95%
CPI Midwest All Items	April 2021 versus April 2020 = 4.63%
Union Membership	2020 10.8% (Private Sector 6.3%), 2019 = 10.3%
Rate of Unionized Construction Workers	12.7% (2020), 13.6% (2019), 13.8% (2018), 14.0% (2017)
30 Year Fixed Mortgage	April 2.96%, down 0.10% (March 3.06%)
15 Year Fixed Mortgage	April 2.28%, down 0.08% (March 2.36%)
Brent Crude Oil Price	\$ 66.93 per barrel (as of May 31, 2021, 4:05 p.m.) \$145.61 per barrel all time high July 2008 \$ 2.23 per barrel all time low May 1970
Privately Owned New Housing Building Permits	0.3% above revised March rate (+/-1.2%) 60.9% above April 2020 rate (+/-1.8%)
Privately Owned New Housing Starts	9.5% below revised March rate (+/-10.8%) 67.3% above April 2020 rate (+/-21.6%)
GDP	1 st Quarter 2021 (2 nd) = 6.4% 4 th Quarter 2020 (3 rd) = 4.3%
DJIA	33,880.97 as of April 30, 2021 (close) 34,540.31 as of May 28, 2021 (close)

Janik's J.D. – An Update on Labor/Construction Legal Issues **Aaron Janik – Executive Director MARBA**

Industry Coalition Case Advances to Illinois Supreme Court

As reported in the last MARBA Matters an industry group comprised of several Associations had filed a Petition for Leave to Appeal (PLA) with the Illinois Supreme Court a decision from the Appellate Court affirming a Cook County Court decision holding the County's diversion of road and transportation funds were permissible under the County's home rule authority. On May 26, 2021, the Illinois Supreme Court granted the coalition's PLA, agreeing to hear arguments on the matter. The Court still needs to schedule this case for hearing which will likely occur later this year.

Upcoming Seminars/Events	Calendar	
<p><u>CAGC Golf Outing</u></p> <p>Join the CAGC as they hit the links to support their Construction Scholarship Foundation</p> <p>Date: Thursday June 24, 2021 Time: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Location: Harborside Intl. Golf Course Chicago, IL Cost: \$250 per golfer Contact: CAGC office or click here</p>	<p>June 4</p> <p>June 9</p> <p>June 10</p> <p>June 24</p> <p>June 24</p> <p>June 29</p>	<p>10:30 a.m. MARBA Executives (MARBA)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Laborers JGC (Burr Ridge)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Teamsters JGC (Burr Ridge)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Teamsters JGC (Burr Ridge)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. CAGC Golf Outing (Harborside)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Laborers JGC (Burr Ridge)</p>
<p>Did You Know: June 2, 1835, P.T. Barnum and his circus began touring the U.S.</p>		

ⁱ Information for MARBA Matters was obtained from the following sources: BNA Construction Labor Reports, Crain’s Chicago Business, Northwest Times of Indiana, Chicago Tribune, and Sun-Times, CDQ, and the BLS, as well as various websites and other publications.

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