

Work of Plasterers Local 82 showcased

Members of the Architecture, Engineering & Construction (AEC) industry at Portland Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) toured Plasterers Local 82's training center in Northeast Portland April 18 to get a more in-depth understanding of the kinds of work plasterers perform. The event was part of CSI's monthly "Learning and Libations" social hour. Local 82 apprentices were wrapping up a week of classroom training and were available to demonstrate historical restoration and ornamental plastering, traditional, veneer, and venetian plastering, synthetic stuccoing, texturing, fire-proofing and more. Later, Terry Kastner, executive director of the Northwest Wall and Ceiling Bureau (NWCB), gave a presentation on stuccoing and Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems. EIFS is a cladding system that combines a finish with a layer of exterior insulation. The finish is comprised of polymeric bonded aggregate and cement reinforced with a glass mesh.

The event was arranged by John Killin, executive director of Associated Wall and Ceiling Contractors of Oregon and Southwest Washington. The association is comprised of more than a dozen contractors signatory with Plasterers Local 82.

Killin said CSI was looking for ideas for its "Learning and Libations" social hour. The group put out a call for suggestions in the fall and Killin, who also is the Oregon representative for NWCB, responded. NWCB is a nonprofit trade association for the wall and ceiling industry whose members include contractors, manufacturers, dealers, labor organizations, and other professionals in the industry.

"The CSI social hour is mostly about manufacturers who want to promote a specific product," said Killin. "We took it too a whole new level by promoting an entire scope of work. We put a full-court press on the design community to remember what a great system this is."



Above: Cherise Lakeside, a past president of the Portland Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) learns some tricks of the trade for historical restoration and ornamental plastering from apprentices at Plasterers Local 82.



Left: Plasterers apprentice Jarred West explains how he created a wall cove to a member of CSI. In the background is Plasterers Local 82 journeyman Tony Jackson.



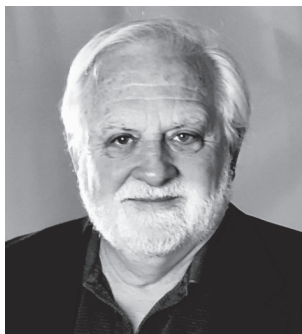
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Portland 911 dispatchers will decide between AFSCME and police union

A group of 123 dispatchers at Portland's 911 call center will decide soon whether to remain in AFSCME Local 189 or join Portland Police Association (PPA) instead.

The current contract between AFSCME and the City of Portland Bureau of Emergency Communications runs through June 30.

Local 189 represents 1,000 workers in multiple city bureaus, and is part of 26,000-member Oregon AFSCME. PPA, with 900 members, is an independent police union.

The Oregon Employment Relations Board will mail out ballots May 7. They're due back May 21, and will be counted May 22 at 10 a.m.