

ACCWPA

Air Conditioning Contractors Western Pennsylvania

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2025

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Meeting Dates

2025

May 8th

Board Meeting and
ACCWPA Apprentice
Graduation

Speaker: Robert Pelles

Place: Carmody's Grille

June 12th

SOCIAL OUTING

Giant Oaks Winery,
Finleyville, PA

July & August

Board Mtgs if Necessary

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*The mission of the Air
Conditioning
Contractors of Western
PA is to assist its
members in managing
their companies more
efficiently, therefore
becoming more
profitable, together
with increasing their
exposure and
credibility within the
community.*

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INFORMATION...**

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ACCWPA APPRENTICE GRADUATION

2025 ACCWPA Apprentice



Graduation Time!



Thursday, May 8th



4905 Grand Avenue (Neville Island)
Pittsburgh, PA 15225 – 412-458-1813
Upstairs Meeting Room



3:00 pm – Board Meeting

5:30 – 6:00 pm - Social (cash bar)

6:00 – 7:00 pm – Guest Speaker Robert Pelles

Graduation Diploma Presentations

7:00 pm – Dinner Buffet and Social resumes (cash bar)

Dinner Buffet - \$55.00

RSVP: 724-687-7860 (phone, email, or fax)

NO cancellations after May 5th, noon!

No Shows will be billed.

Join us to celebrate our graduates!!!



REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 3



Not a Contractor or Associate member? We'd love to serve you, too.

For additional information visit

www.accwpa.org

or call 724-687-7860

Email: pforker@accwpa.org

Additional reasons for membership are:

- Company membership applies to all employees of your firm.
- **NEW!! Contractors Free Associate Membership in Service RoundTable!!**
- Networking!!!
- Monthly meetings with informative presentations that benefit both the Contractor and Supplier.
- Relevant technical training and educational classes.
- 4-year Apprenticeship School with curriculum that is focused only on the HVAC industry!
- Monthly newsletters and email communications filled with industry information and updates.
- Insurance for member's company discount.
- Social Outings that everyone can participate
- And much more to come!



Join today!

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2025

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*** Important – RSVP is a must! ***

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Company _____

Name _____

Email address _____ Cell # _____

Carmody's Grille - \$55.00

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IF YOU ALREADY MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS, THANKS!

Membership Benefits...

Air Conditioning of Western PA

will continue to be your local industry partner,
as we have been since 1950.

Annual Membership Brings You the Following Benefits:

- Networking events
- Discounts on seminar
- Current info from local suppliers
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- Apprenticeship program
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- Monthly newsletter
- Information of industry news
changes within the industry
- Insurance for member's company discount
- Code enforcement updates • Local lobbying
- ACCWPA Apprenticeship School
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- Golf Outing / Trap Shoot
- Education opportunities for your technicians
office staff – Associates bring in Mfg. Reps.
- Advocacy agenda promote contractor interest.
- Labor and HR legal advice before utilities
- Helping members to stay ahead of the curve
- 6-8 Monthly informative meetings



LEGAL TOOLS . . . Federated Insurance

QUESTION:

We have an employee who is putting in extra hours fixing mistakes in their work. Sometimes, the employee does this on their own without our asking them to fix the mistakes. Do we need to pay the employee for these extra hours since they are basically just doing the same job twice? If the work was done correctly the first time the employee did it, they wouldn't need to put in the extra hours.

ANSWER:

Under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, if an employer requires or allows employees to work, the time spent is probably hours worked, entitling the employees to compensation. Time spent doing work that is not requested by an employer but is still allowed is generally hours worked. The employer knows or has reason to believe that the employees are continuing to work and the employer is benefiting from the work being done. This time is commonly referred to as working off the clock.

Thus, when an employee must correct mistakes in their work, the time must be treated as hours worked. The correction of errors, or rework, is hours worked, even when the employee voluntarily does the rework. Management has a duty to exercise control and see that work is not performed if the employer does not want it to be performed. An employer cannot sit back and accept the benefits of an employee's work without considering the time spent as hours worked.

That said, in an at-will employment relationship, employers can manage employee mistakes as a performance issue. If an employee is continuously making mistakes in their work, an employer can choose to discipline the employee, up to and including termination. An employer should always consistently apply its policies, including those regarding performance management, to avoid claims of illegal discrimination or unfair treatment.

Upcoming Meetings!

2025

Meetings Schedule!

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August 19th

ACCWPA Golf Outing
QuickSilver



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Silence, Let
Success makes
the Noise!**

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HEAT STRESS IS REAL!

HOW YOUR BODY COOLS OFF

1. Circulating blood to the skin so the body can give off excess heat.
2. Sweating – evaporation off of skin cools the skin surface. Only effective if the humidity level is low enough for evaporation.

When the body cannot dispose of excess heat, it stores it. When this happens, the body's core temperature rises and the heart rate increases - **you may suffer from heat stress and often lose the desire to drink.**

It will take your body about 5-7 days to get used to the heat. A few basic precautions should lessen heat stress:

- Know the signs of heat stress and what to do – see above.
- Drink small quantities of water or other **non-caffeinated** drinks often – e.g. 6 oz. every 30 minutes.
- Report any problems to management.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU GET TOO HOT

Heat stroke – most serious health problem! Body cannot regulate its core temperature; **sweating stops** and the body can no longer get rid of excess heat.

Look for the signs:

- mental confusion, delirium, loss of consciousness, convulsions or coma, disorientation
- hot dry skin which may be hot, red, spotted, or bluish
- body temperature of 105° F or higher

Victims of heat stroke will die unless treated promptly. While awaiting medical help, remove the victim to a cool area and his or her clothing soaked with cool water. Fan vigorously to increase cooling.

Heat exhaustion - results from loss of fluid through sweating when a worker has failed to drink enough fluids or take in enough salt or both.

Look for the signs:

- skin is clammy and moist, profuse sweating
- complexion pale or flushed
- body temperature normal or slightly higher
- extreme weakness, fatigue, giddiness, nausea, or headache
- high pulse rate

Rest victim in a cool place and provide an electrolyte solution (used by athletes to quickly restore potassium, calcium, and salts). In severe cases victims may vomit or lose consciousness - seek medical attention.

Fainting - problem for the worker unacclimatized to the heat. Blurred vision and fainting (brief blackouts) may occur. People usually recover quickly after a brief period of lying down. To reduce fainting, move around.

ACCWPA
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*Integrity is the
essence of
everything
successful.*

**PEACE, LOVE
and JOY
thru out 2025!**

SmartWords
One Kind
Word can
change
someone's
entire day!

Inspiration



HEAT STRESS IS REAL!

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Heat cramps - painful spasms of muscles caused by drinking large quantities of water without replacing the bodies' salt loss. Tired muscles are most susceptible to cramps. Cramps may occur during or after work.

Heat rash - "prickly heat" may occur where sweat is not easily removed from the surface of the skin by evaporation. Prevent by resting in a cool place and allowing the skin to dry.

Article sent by: Jay Rosencutter

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ACCWPA **Golf Outing** **Quicksilver**

2000 Quicksilver Road, Midway PA 15060

10:00 am Shotgun Start

Tuesday
August 19th, 2025



Misc. Info

Every Job is a

SELF- PORTRAIT

Of the Person
who does it.
Autograph your
work
with
Excellence!

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Membership Advantages:

Networking with other contractors. This source of information is invaluable in handling problems within your own company. ACCWPA members help fellow members to be successful!



ACCWPA distributes ACCWPA Newsletters monthly to members and selected non-members, so that all those in the HVAC/R industry can keep informed of issues regarding our trade, and Chapter activities. We hope the non-members will see this newsletter as an example of the quality services that ACCWPA provides.

Contributions or suggestions can be emailed to pforker@accwpa.org

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