

# PIPE TRADES

An Update from the  
469 Political Action Committee

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Spring 2011



## Business Managers 469 PAC Report

Phil McNally, *Business Manager*

After the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 Political Action Committee's (PAC) ground breaking year in 2010, the PAC strategized and planned ambitious goals for 2011 and beyond. Encouraged by recent success, an outpouring of support from our membership, as well as keeping in mind recent threats, the PAC will work toward expanding its influence across the state. This means a more active role in legislative and city elections while maintaining our congressional and statewide activities.

### City Elections

This year we have several opportunities to help elect pro-469 city council members across the state! The 469 PAC has already begun its involvement in city elections this year - reaching out to three smaller towns - and we have already seen some success (page 4). The 469 PAC is

currently in the midst of its endorsement process for larger cities including Phoenix and Tucson.

The 469 PAC can slowly improve the perception of the organized construction trades in Arizona by working to elect candidates who believe a few simple facts: work is done safer, faster and better by quality, well-trained craftspeople. Safety on a jobsite leads to a more productive work crew and a better built project - you get what you pay for. Finding and promoting candidates who agree with these simple facts will go a long way to promoting the Pipe Trades' highly skilled workers.

### Legislative

Due to a public policy debate at the Arizona Corporation Commission between the Associated General Contractors (AGC), Arizona Builders Alliance (ABA) and the Arizona Pipe Trades 469, we anticipated anti-worker legislation in 2011 that would directly target

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## GET INVOLVED IN YOUR PAC'S UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS!

All 469 members and their families are invited to come out and support the local at one of the 469 PAC events:

**Thursday, Apr. 19, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**PAC E-mail and Computer Training, Apprenticeship Training Center, 2950 E. Thomas Rd.** Whether you own a computer, just acquired one, or never had a computer and think that a "mouse" is simply a rodent, this class is for you! It is extremely important to voice our opinions about the policies taking shape at the Arizona Legislature. The easiest and most effective way to do this is by sending email to your legislators. Our computer training workshop will review the basics, from turning on the computer, using your mouse, setting up your e-mail account to emailing your legislators and letting them know what you think. The PAC's Online Legislative Alert Center is easy to use and just a few "mouse clicks" away!

**Wednesday, Apr. 20, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

**Legislative Field Trip to the State Capitol, Meet at the 469 Hall.** The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 is organizing an informative field trip to the Arizona State Legislature! It is hosted by 469-endorsed legislators House Assistant Minority Leader Representative Steve Farley and Senate Minority Whip Senator Paula Aboud. This is a great opportunity for our members to meet their lawmakers face to face and learn about the legislative process. Transportation will be provided to and from the hall.

If you would like to sign up for either event or if you need more information, contact Feruza Amanova, Torres Consulting & Law Group, at 602.626.8805 or e-mail [Feruza@thetorresfirm.com](mailto:Feruza@thetorresfirm.com).

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469. In response, the 469 PAC, along with P.I.P.E. contractors, hosted a Legislative Kick-Off Reception to educate lawmakers about the debate. This was followed up by the Third Annual Lunch on the Lawn which allowed members to meet face-to-face with the lawmakers who will vote on this anti-469 legislation.

As expected, four anti-469 bills were drafted by the AGC and backed by the ABA. This open attack on the Arizona Pipe Trades and its members has reinforced the PAC's resolve to increase our legislative education and our efforts in legislative elections. Legislatures across the country are attacking unions and 469 is no exception. This is why it is as important as ever for our membership to be active and resolute behind the PAC and its efforts!

## We Need You!

Last year, we had 343 Arizona Pipe Trades members demonstrate their commitment to the 469 PAC by volunteering. I am very proud of that number but I think we can do better! I encourage every member to commit to one afternoon this year to help the 469 PAC. The issues the 469 PAC faces on a daily basis directly affect you and your ability to provide for your family - it doesn't get any closer to home.

Recently I sent a letter to the membership outlining the political challenges we are facing. As you know, there is a right-wing majority attacking unions nationally and here at home. Please be assured we are monitoring every development on a day-to-day basis. For the most current information, please visit [www.ualocal469.org](http://www.ualocal469.org). I will continue to keep the membership updated through additional mailings, as necessary.

## Legislative Kick-Off Reception

The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 has had a significant hand in Arizona's past - dating back to before statehood! But it is the prospect of building Arizona's future that excites us most. Whether we build power plants, ball parks or universities, we are proud that we contribute to the growth and quality of life that



*469 Business Manager Phil McNally with Pete, Chris and Bryan DeWitt of W.D. Manor during the Legislative Reception.*



*International Representative Mark Butler, Israel Torres and Corporation Commissioner Bob Stump discuss upcoming solar projects in Arizona.*

makes Arizona so special. It is this message that we conveyed to lawmakers at the Arizona Pipe Trades 469/ P.I.P.E. Legislative Kick-Off Reception.

This year, we launched our PAC activities with a Legislative Kick-Off Reception for our partner contractors and elected officials. The purpose of the reception was to educate elected officials on the

# Legislative Kick-Off Reception *continued from page 2*

history of our local and the important role we have played in making Arizona the state it is today. The reception helped the Pipe Trades 469 demonstrate and showcase our projects around the state and to introduce them to our partner contactors. 469 also was able to emphasize the quality of work our contractors and the Arizona Pipe Trades members deliver on every project, every day.

The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 will continue to work with our elected officials to help make our state and its economy strong. The reception was a critical step in educating our lawmakers about how we contribute to the economy. It is important to create open lines of communication as we look ahead to potential construction projects in Arizona. We will continue to stress the importance of local jobs for local workers. Our goal is to ensure that Arizona workers have good jobs and Arizona families thrive in

our beautiful state.

Our consistent and engaging communication with our elected officials will assist us in remaining a relevant and influential stakeholder as large, job-providing projects are planned and built in Arizona.



*Corporation Commission Chairman Gary Pierce addresses the reception and outlines his goals for 2011.*



*Assistant Minority Leader Steve Farley and Phil McNally, Jr. share a laugh at the kick-off reception.*



*Nick Ganem of Johnson Controls speaks with Rep. Hale and his wife (left to right).*



*Michael Gonzalez with Kinetics Systems, Chris Van Kirk, Rep. Tovar and Michael Cables also with Kinetics System (left to right) talk about the renewable industry.*



*Rep. Patterson with Larry Abril and Phil McNally, Jr. discuss important upcoming legislation.*

# Spring City Elections

Arizona towns with less than 70,000 residents are on a different election cycle than larger cities and state offices - holding their elections in the spring. Working continuously to increase the Arizona Pipe Trades' sphere of activities in the state, the 469 PAC invited three spring-election towns to participate in the political endorsement process - Gila Bend, Casa Grande and Goodyear.

After carefully reviewing the candidates' returned endorsement questionnaires and speaking to several of the candidates, the 469 PAC voted unanimously to endorse Wally Campbell, Sheri Lauritano and Roger Matlin for Goodyear City Council. Based on the lack of response and quality of the questionnaires the Committee decided not to endorse anyone in Gila Bend or Casa Grande.

The election cycle in Goodyear was short lived, as there was no need for a run-off election. Two out of the three 469-endorsed candidates were successful in their races: Sheri Lauritano and Wally Campbell! The 469 PAC looks forward to working with both Wally and Sheri to ensure local workers are promoted, job-site safety is a priority and city projects are built by ethical contractors.

The Arizona Pipe Trades endorsed Wally Campbell and Sheri Lauritano because they would like to

see continued energy-related development in and around Goodyear. Council member Campbell stated, "We have been successful at attracting solar and nuclear power in the immediate area. We want to attract more of these plants. They are good for our economy and our environment." She went on to explain the importance of utilizing

local, well-trained workers for these projects by saying, "I do support and will advocate for the employment of local workers by ensuring that it is stipulated in the requests for bids of any city development project."

Council member Sheri Lauritano echoed many of these sentiments saying, "It is important that the city utilize experienced professionals. When we build a city project, we need to ensure that we are using our citizens' money in the best manner. We need to make sure that the quality is of a high level so that our citizens can utilize the building or structure for years to come."

The Arizona Pipe Trades is looking forward to working with such labor conscious, forward thinking City Councilmembers as Wally Campbell and Sheri Lauritano!



*Wally Campbell -  
Goodyear City Council  
member-elect*



*Sheri Lauritano -  
Goodyear City Council  
member-elect*



## Check us out on Facebook!

The Arizona Pipe Trades is on Facebook! Sign on to your Facebook account today and "like" the UA Plumbers and Pipefitters 469 Facebook page. Last December, the PAC held a facebook drive to provide another way to communicate with members. That same day, we reached over 469 "fans". We now have nearly 650 "fans" and growing.

Through our Facebook page, you can stay informed about upcoming events and important dates. The page is also a great way to keep updated on 469-endorsed candidates, 469 political outreach and to check out photos from previous events.

Sign in and "like" the UA Plumbers and Pipefitters 469 Facebook page today!

# “Save Our Solar Jobs” Initiative Makes Early Progress

Early last year, the Arizona Pipe Trades launched the “Save Our Solar Jobs” initiative to promote the hiring of Arizona workers on large-scale solar plants. Concerned about a flood of out-of-state workers due to high construction unemployment, coupled with the numerous solar plants being proposed in Arizona, 469 decided to focus on the protection of Arizona jobs. This multi-faceted approach utilized both a political and a regulatory approach to ensuring the use of Arizona labor.

The initiative’s first focus was at the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), where 469 worked with the commission to ensure the use of Arizonans on a \$2.2 billion solar plant in Mohave County. This “Arizona First” policy triggered a vicious response from the Arizona General Contractors (AGC) and the Arizona Builders

Alliance (ABA). Working together, the AGC and the ABA were able to strip the pro-Arizona language from a solar-plant project near Gila Bend. Soon after this setback, the Arizona Pipe Trades countered the ABA and AGC at the commission. After two days of debate, 469 was able to champion language that requires the developer of this massive solar plant to work with trade organizations to utilize local labor. 469 prevailed despite the deceptive misrepresentations of facts and the anti-union sentiment generated by the AGC and ABA.



The AGC and ABA responded with two pieces of legislation aimed at promoting out-of-state workers. HB2538 and SB1403 would, among other things, limit the ACC’s ability to encourage the use of Arizona workers. The two bills, sponsored by Rep. Harper and Sen. Shooter, were targeted attacks on the Arizona Pipe Trades and its members’ abilities to provide for their families. The AGC and ABA went as far as recruiting backup from a California anti-union organization called the Coalition for

Fair Employment in Construction (CFEC). In lockstep together, the AGC, ABA and CFEC spoke to anyone who would listen to them at the legislature, attempting to spread anti-union hysteria, falsely characterizing 469’s “Save Our Solar Jobs” initiative as a “union power grab.” Like any legislative skirmish,

amendments can be made and bills can be changed – the battle is only beginning.

Not in recent memory has there been a legislative attack so singularly focused on the Arizona Pipe Trades and its membership’s ability to provide for its families. This is why now – more than ever – the Arizona Pipe Trades members and contractors need to stand together to fend off these attacks. If you would like to get involved, contact Torres Consulting and Law Group at [Feruza@thetorresfirm.com](mailto:Feruza@thetorresfirm.com) or 602.626.8805.

# “3rd” Annual Lunch on the Capitol Lawn

## A Sea of ORANGE!

The 469 PAC held its Third Annual Lunch on the Lawn at the Arizona State Capitol. The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 hosted the educational event for lawmakers and their staff to meet with 469 members and learn about what it means to be working in the pipe trades. Hundreds of members participated, including many retirees and apprentices.

Never before have we had so many legislators and staff members from both sides of the aisle attend this event. 469 members had the chance to have lunch with lawmakers and discuss issues important to the trade and their families.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped feed the several hundred attendees and make this year's Lunch on the Lawn the best ever!





*Rep. Rick Gray, Jason McDonald and three 469 apprentices (left to right)*



*Rep. Bruce Wheeler jumped on the 469 bus to thank all the members from Tucson for making the trip north for the Lunch on the Lawn.*



*Rep. Anna Tovar with two 469 apprentices*



*Jason McDonald, Rep. Katie Hobbs, Phil McNally, Jr. and Chris VanKirk (left to right)*



*Rep. Ruben Gallego (center) with a large group of 469 apprentices who had been listening to him speak about his efforts to protect Arizona workers.*



*Corporation Commissioner Kennedy (center) with 469 apprentices and retirees*



*Larry Abril, Rep. Catherine Miranda, Chris VanKirk and Rep. Richard Miranda (left to right)*

# Volunteer Appreciation

The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 continues to increase its relevance in Arizona politics. We have held more events than ever before, with a record number of volunteers, and have helped elect politicians who are committed to the goals and values of 469. This has been possible, thanks to our dedicated volunteers!

Due to our dedicated members, the 469 PAC hosted nearly 40 events in 2010. We conducted phone banks, literature drops, sign pounding and so much more! More than 350 volunteers attended our events; more than 80 of those volunteers were apprentices.

Because our volunteers played such a pivotal role in the success of our endorsed candidates, we held our first Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony at

the Annual 469 family Picnic at Sahuaro Ranch Park. The event was

an opportunity to thank all 469 PAC volunteers for their hard work during the last election cycle. Ramon Rubio and James MacZura were recognized for their outstanding volunteer service, as well as Jim Kennedy, Robert Stow and Rodney Opat, for their dedicated service.

There will be more volunteer opportunities this year. City elections are right around the corner and we need your help! We encourage each and every member to find out what the PAC is all about. We have several upcoming events – step up and see what so many of your brothers and sisters have already discovered.

## 2010 Arizona Pipe Trades 469 Volunteers

**Thank you for your support and service to the 469 PAC!**

### *Outstanding Volunteer*

Ramon Rubio

### *Outstanding Apprentice Volunteer*

James MacZura

### *Dedicated Volunteers*

Jim Kennedy

Rodney Opat

Robert Stow

### *469 Volunteers*

A.T. Desamais

Adrien Udave

Andrew Diaz

Anthony Importuna

Antonio Maldonado

Billie Wilcox

Bob Palmer

Brad Brown

Brandon Borowski

Brandon Thrower

Brian Peru

Brian Randall

Charlie Rothermel

Chris Borchers

### *469 Volunteers*

Chris Denman

Chris Gimber

Chris Payne

Chris Van Kirk

Christine Tuttle

Chuck Custin

Clay Campbell

Clayton Springer

Daniel Smith

Danny Smits

Daryl Nelson

David Hurtado

David Lambert

Dennis Perea

Derek McFarlin

Desiree Bellomy

Don (Butch) Fuller

Eric Bellomy

Eric Hageman

Erik Johnson

Frank Roush

Gary Boggs

George Szkup

Greg Corbin

### *469 Volunteers*

Greg Olea

Gustavo Valero

Hank Leyva

Harold Hillen

Henry Olea

Ignacio Velasco

James Clifford

James McDowell

Jared Tsinnijinnie

Jason Stow

Jasper Rushford

Jeff A. Semays

Jeff Kako

Jeff Morris

Jesse Chatterton

Jesse D. Decker

Jim Rose

Jimmy Whitlock

Joe Jessee

John Bair

John Neighbors

John T. Armiger

John Ziegler

Johnny Soto Jr.

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# Our Star Volunteers!



*During the Volunteer Appreciation, James MacZura was recognized as the 2010 Outstanding Apprentice Volunteer.*



*Jim Kennedy and Rodney Opat were two of the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 PAC's Dedicated Volunteers!*

## ***469 Volunteers***

Jose Roman  
Joseph Cadieux  
Joseph T Rivas  
Joshua Massagli  
Juan Martinez  
Justin Gums  
Justin Wilcox  
Kathy Mata  
Keith Montgomery  
Ken McNutt  
Kevin Alegria  
Krystal Begaye  
Kyle Charley  
Larry Abril  
Larry Bourne  
Larry Savage  
Laurant S. Pingree  
Lee McCarty  
Leith Noweder  
Levi Sutton  
Lyle Yazzie  
Manny Shirley  
Manny Uriarte  
Marcos M Ortiz  
Mark Bell

## ***469 Volunteers***

Mauricio Morales  
Mel Ingwaldson  
Michael Star  
Michael Stow  
Michael Chidester  
Miguel Colon  
Mike Harrel  
Mike Hart  
Mike Thornton  
Milton Manygoats  
Moises Corral  
Nicholas Oliver  
Omari Alexander  
Oscar Sutton  
Paul D. Joiner Sr.  
Phil McNally Jr.  
Preston Bryant  
Raymond C. Garcia  
Richard Mata  
Richard Stitzel  
Robert Pryor  
Roger Doyon  
Roger Romanet  
Roshanda Littleman  
Ross Hazlett

## ***469 Volunteers***

Shannon Lindsay  
Shawn Masterson  
Steve White  
Steven Goksel  
Steven Shearer  
Talisha Tom  
Terry Rowlett  
Tim Allen  
Todd Krist  
Todd Norine  
Tony Garcia  
Tony Maldonado  
Travis Brown  
Travis Henry  
Tyrell Finegan  
Uno Feeney  
Veda Chee  
William Moody  
Winston Chandler  
Zach Mavrolas

\*The list of names may not be comprehensive, as it is based off of people who signed in as volunteers for PAC events. Also, our best efforts were made to spell names correctly, despite occasional legibility issues on sign-in sheets.

## 2011 PAC Overview

The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 Political Action Committee (PAC) strives to continue our recognition by the Arizona political community as an involved, relevant player in Arizona state and local politics.

We will continue to promote the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 to Arizona's decision makers, reaching across both aisles to educate lawmakers about the value of 469 in Arizona and establish bi-partisan support for local workers. It is our goal to protect the policies that enable the Pipe Trades to remain competitive in Arizona and establish a solid presence at all levels of government.

The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 PAC works diligently to secure work for our dedicated members who contribute their hard-earned money to the Arizona economy.

Besides the day-to-day interaction with elected officials and their staff, there are numerous events planned for 2011 to make the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 more visible and more relevant in Arizona politics. In January, we held our **First Annual Legislative Kick-Off Reception** at Chase Field. Legislators from both parties attended and got acquainted with our P.I.P.E. contractors (see page 2). Our **Third Annual Lunch on the Lawn** was a

great hit, with more legislators and staff attendees than ever before (see pages 6-7)! In April, don't miss our annual **Legislative Field Trip** to educate our members about the lawmaking process (see page 1)!

It is extremely important that members are vocal about policies taking shape in the Arizona legislature – decisions being made at the capitol can and do affect your everyday life. In this day and age, the easiest way to express your concerns is to write an email to your legislators. The **PAC Email Computer Training** class at the Training Center is a great way to learn how to do this (see page 1).

Being proactive and helping elect pro-469 candidates is one of the best ways to change public policy in the state. There are several crucial city elections this November. The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 will be involved early and throughout the election cycle. Expect more phone banks, more Saturday volunteer events and another "**BIG**" **Day of Action!**

We ask members of 469 to step up and volunteer! We have a lot of work to do and every volunteer hour counts! If you would like to get involved contact Feruza at [Feruza@TheTorresFirm.com](mailto:Feruza@TheTorresFirm.com) or at (602) 626-8805.

## PAC Pulse becomes a powerful tool for the 469 PAC

The PAC Pulse website has become a powerful tool in the 469's legislative strategy. PAC Pulse allows members to access up-to-date information about elected officials, legislation and upcoming events. The site also allows the 469 PAC to organize legislative email campaigns to reach out to elected officials.

Using PAC Pulse, members easily can write emails to targeted candidates who are scheduled to vote on issues important to the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 and its membership. You may have already received email updates urging you to write to your elected officials. There has been an outpouring of support

for the 469's email campaigns. During the three months, members have written more than **722 e-mails** urging elected officials to oppose bills attacking the Arizona Pipe Trades 469. These



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## 469 shows its support for Tucson and Rep. Giffords

The tragic shooting in Tucson shocked the nation and left Arizona grieving. Shortly after the event, the Arizona Pipe Trades jumped into action to show its support for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and Tucson. To express its support, the Arizona Pipe Trades created a large well-wishing banner that was signed by hundreds of 469 members. The members wrote words of encouragement, as well as their thoughts and prayers for Gabby and her family.

To show its support for the community, 469 also took the advice of Congresswoman Giffords' husband and donated \$2,500 to both the Tucson



Members of 469 present Rep. Giffords' staff a "get well" banner signed by hundreds of well-wishers.



Rep. Giffords with members of the 469 at last year's Building Trades Legislative Conference in Wash. D.C. Making time for her constituents has always been her priority.

Community Food Bank and the American Red Cross – two of Gabby's favorite charities.

Gabby has been a longtime friend of the Arizona Pipe Trades – many of our members have volunteered for her campaigns both for U.S. Congress and the Arizona Legislature. The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 continues to wish her a speedy and full recovery. We will continue to keep her and all the families affected by this heartbreaking event in our thoughts and prayers.

## PAC Pulse becomes a powerful tool for the 469 PAC *continued from page 10*

e-mails make a tremendous difference and we urge you all to continue to use this online resource!

*A special thanks to all the members who have taken the time to email elected officials.*

If you would like to become more familiar with PAC Pulse the 469 PAC will be hosting its annual computer training class on **April 19th** at the Joint Apprenticeship Training Center at 10 a.m. To RSVP or if you have questions, contact Feruza Amanova, Torres Consulting & Law Group, at 602.626.8805 or [Feruza@thetorresfirm.com](mailto:Feruza@thetorresfirm.com)

PAC Pulse is easy to use and just a few "mouse clicks" away! Type <https://ssl.capwiz.com/thetorresfirm/home/> into your browser or find the

link on the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 PAC website at <http://www.ualocal469.org/pac1.aspx>. The issues being debated at the legislature could negatively & significantly affect your job, your retirement your future, and your children's futures. PAC Pulse is an easy, effective way to **get involved today!**



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### Text “469” to 31-31-31

Include your first and last name as well as  
whether you are an apprentice, active or  
retired in the body of the text message.

Receive union meeting reminders, event updates and 469 PAC activities.

Reply **“STOP 469”** to opt out.