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RMGA Sweetheart Social



February 18

SPEND A NIGHT OUT with RMGA Members and their Sweethearts at the New Golden Dragon for dinner, then Salt Lake Community College Grand Theatre's production of *The 39 Steps* (an adaptation of Alfred Hitchcock's classic) on Saturday, February 18th.

The RMGA Sweetheart Social dinner begins at 5:30 pm with a delicious banquet at New Golden Dragon Chinese restaurant (1716 S State, Salt Lake City, 84115), followed by the comedy *The 39 Steps*, starting at 7:30 pm at the Grand (1575 S State), where . . .

A man with a boring life meets a woman with a thick accent who says she's a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered. What will happen next? Don't miss this hilarious parody on spy stories with only four actors playing multiple roles — sometimes all at once!

Couples (\$60) and Singles (\$30) are welcome!

Call the RMGA office at 801-521-8340 or send an email to utrmga@gmail.com to join in the sweetheart social fun.

<http://grandtheatrecompany.com/> ■

THE **39 STEPS**

FEBRUARY 15 – MARCH 11, 2023

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

JAMIE SCHUMACHER

Dear RMGA Members & Friends,

Let me begin by first wishing each of you a “Happy New Year.”

This new year is going to be full of lots of changes, from new efficiency requirements, refrigerant regulations, new building codes and amendments, new federal incentive programs, and many more, there are going to be a lot to keep track of. Make plans to attend trainings, read articles and stay up to date on all these changes. The RMGA is dedicated to helping you navigate through these changes, watch for training opportunities and make it a priority to participate.

Best,

RMGA BOARD BRIEFING NOV & DEC 2022

In November, the board approved four new members, but tabled a fifth application, whose owner had a couple recent DOPL citations on their license.

The board adopted an Amendment to RMGA’s By-Laws that addresses a board member or officer vacating a board seat, either by resignation or by not attending board meetings.

The board also discussed the success of October’s Education Summit and considered topics to include in 2023: A heat pump primer and hands-on training, ACCA proposed Manual S changes, and more on airflow, especially how it relates to retrofits.

The Exam Review Committee plans to finalize the revised English versions of the RMGA Certification Exam by year’s end, then begin work on a Spanish translation. Work continues on converting the RMGA Pre-test into the Canvas format.

The board approved adding a “Bad Installation” Photo Gallery to the RMGA website, which will include a comment section for additional contractor input.

Discussion on a truck sticker advertising campaign is on-going with the focus shifting to the importance of RMGA Certification, with slogans such as “Ask About My RMGA Certification” and “RMGA Certified Technician On-Board.”

Following up on the Problem Home study proposed with UHBA, RMGA has sent an HVAC consultant to check out a system in a high-end home with serious comfort issues. A Consumer Agreement/Waiver is being drafted to address what issues a homeowner should expect from an RMGA system analysis.

Our next board meeting will be LIVE and in-person at Johnstone Supply (2940 S. 300 W.) on Wednesday, January 11th at 11:00 a.m. ■

Register as a Certified Propane System Installer

Working with Rocky Mountain Propane Association and Utah’s State Fire Marshal, RMGA plans to include propane education in our future Certification Classes.



State law exempts RMGA certified technicians from having to take a propane exam, but technicians and companies that work on propane systems will want to get listed on the State website for certified propane installers.

Get registered at <https://firemarshal.utah.gov/liquified-petroleum-gas/>

RMGA GAS CERTIFICATION CLASSES

CALL 801.521.8340
OR EMAIL
RMGAUTAH@GMAIL.COM
TO REGISTER

You can now request registration on the new
RMGA website: <https://utrmga.org/certification>

JAN IN-PERSON

(And on Zoom)

Salt Lake City

Thursday, January 19

Friday, January 20 &

Saturday, January 21

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Dominion Energy CTC Room

1000 West 100 South

Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

MAR IN-PERSON

(And on Zoom)

Salt Lake City

Thursday, March 9

Friday, March 10 &

Saturday, March 11

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

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(And on Zoom)

Salt Lake City

Thursday, May 18

Friday, May 19 &

Saturday, May 20

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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All Certification Classes are \$400. Price includes the RMGA Study Guide, IFGC, online video access, 24 hours of instruction, and 2 attempts at the exam (if necessary). Technicians should attend ALL sessions. In-person attendees should bring lunch or plan to visit a local restaurant during the lunch hour. **Take the Pre-Test to evaluate your readiness for the exam at <https://utrmga.org/pre-test/>**

Partial funding of RMGA training programs have been provided by the Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing from the 1% surcharge funds on all building permits.

Spanish Language Certification Exam in the Works

The RMGA Board recently voted to develop a Spanish language version of the RMGA Certification Exam and Certification Study Guide.

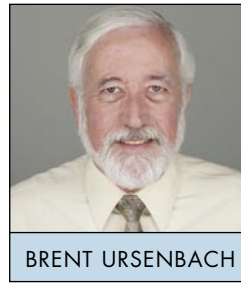
After the Exam Review Committee updates the current English version of the Exam, a Spanish translation will be developed along with a new study guide. The International Fuel Code is already in Spanish.

Our search is on for a Spanish-speaking Certification Instructor to teach our class in Spanish.



MECHANICAL CODE DISCUSSION

Utah Code — Our Responsibilities as Contractors and Inspectors



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THE UTAH CODE is the compilation of the laws of the state passed by the legislature, arranged by subject, published each year, to incorporate any changes resulting from the annual legislative session and any subsequent special sessions. The Utah Code includes laws, rules and regulations detailed in approximately one hundred different Titles. A few of the regulated areas/titles include financial institutions, cemeteries, collection agencies, bonds, corporations, elections, health, insurance, alcoholic beverages, labor, construction codes, professional licensing, and education. A complete list of and access to all Titles of the



Utah Code may be found at:

<https://le.utah.gov/xcode/code.html>

Several titles of special interest to each of us involved in building construction include Title 15A - State Construction and Fire Codes Act and Title 58 Occupations and Professions. We are generally more familiar with Title 15A as adopted building codes including state amendments are found in 15A; however, Title 58 is critical as professional licensing regulations are found in 58, including licensing for contractors, code officials, engineers, and architects. I'll focus on inspectors and contractors in this discussion. The following are selected and abbreviated sections from Utah Code Title 58:

58-56-9. Qualifications of inspectors.

(1) An inspector employed by a local regulator, state regulator, or compliance agency to enforce the codes shall:

... (c) be subject to revocation or suspension of the inspector's

license or being placed on probation if found guilty of unlawful or unprofessional conduct.

58-56-9.3 Unprofessional conduct

Unprofessional conduct is as defined in Subsection 58-1-501(2) and includes:

... (3) gross negligence in the performance of official duties as a building inspector.

58-55-501. Contractors - Unlawful conduct.

... (16) if licensed under this chapter, willfully or deliberately disregarding, or violating:
(a) the building or construction laws of this state or any political subdivision.

58-55-502 Unprofessional conduct.

... (2) disregarding or violating through gross negligence or a pattern of negligence:
(a) the building or construction laws of this state or any political subdivision.

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While I typically focus on the requirements found in the adopted building codes, it is equally important that we understand our responsibilities as contractors and code officials. Have you or others around you made one of these or similar statements?

- It passed inspection, it must be compliant.
- The owner didn't want me to take out a permit – it doesn't have to comply.
- The builder wanted it done this way.

- My bid didn't include it.
- It's too expensive to comply with the code.
- No one will catch it, or it will be covered with sheet rock.
- I've done it that way for 20 years.

Unfortunately, failure to understand our responsibilities as holders of professional licenses does not absolve us of our responsibilities. It is our duty to comply with the adopted codes and the requirements of our licenses.

The excuses above are not acceptable or reasonable. Contractors, please understand negligent non-compliance with the code is considered unprofessional conduct; likewise, inspectors, negligence in enforcing the adopted codes is also considered unprofessional conduct.

My goal in each of these discussions is to increase your success. Feel free to reach out with your continued comments and questions. Happy New Year —
Brent ■

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Email: greg@ktndray.com

Meet and Get to Know: CHRISTINA BISCHOFF



Q. Tell us about your company. . .

A. The Ogden-Weber Technical College (OWTC) has been serving Weber County with technical education since 1971. We believe in building a prosperous community by creating a technically-skilled workforce one student at a time.

Q. What is your position within the company?

A. As the Apprenticeship and Career Pathways Coordinator I work with a number of manufacturing and construction programs including HVAC and Industrial Automation. I also get to spend time in our local high schools connecting students with various pathways opportunities.

Q. If you weren't with the Technical College where would you like to be?

A. If I wasn't with the OWTC I would probably be working in human resources.

Q. What was your most unusual work experience?

A. While in college I used to do transcription work. It was probably the most boring job I ever had.

Q. What are your favorite aspects of your job?

A. I truly love working with students and building programs that I know have the potential to help changes lives.

Q. Do you have a motto that you live by?

A. Enjoy the little things.

Q. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

A. I would love to travel through Europe.

Q. What is your favorite hobby? When did you last do it?

A. I love gardening. I have about 50 houseplants that I take care of weekly.

Q. Tell us about your hidden talent.

A. I don't bake often but I make amazing cakes and have even made a couple wedding cakes.

Q. If you won a \$50,000,000 dollar lottery, what would you do?

A. After investing a chunk of money, I would go back to school for horticulture and open a nursery.

Q. Do you have a favorite movie?

A. My favorite movie is always changing. My current favorite is Last Night in Soho.

Q. If you could invite any three people to dinner (dead or alive), whom would you invite and why?

A. Joan Jett, Donald Glover, and Audrey Hepburn. Not only would they all have amazing stories to share but also I would love to hear their dialogue on what makes someone a good person and what they think would make this world a better place.

Q. People would be surprised to know . . .

A. Even though I am one of the clumsiest people you'll ever meet I can still balance up to 8 plates in my arms. I waited tables for 10 years and learned a few things in the process. ■

Christina Bischoff is with Ogden-Weber Technical College. She can be reached at Christina.bischoff@otech.edu.

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