



## **UA Local 488 COMET (Construction Organizing Membership Education Training) Course**

UA Canada in conjunction with Local 488 will be hosting a Construction Organizing Membership Education Training Course (COMET) on Friday, March 15, 2018 from 9:00 am – noon in the Clifford Priestley Room.

This course is three (3) hours in length and provides apprentices and journeymen with useful information about the challenges facing the union in the upcoming years. In addition, the course will provide thought-provoking questions and suggestions for how to navigate the piping industry in these changing times. Participants will be encouraged to think about important issues facing them and their peers and to brainstorm and identify short-term and long-term solutions.

The COMET program was developed for several purposes. These include the following principles: • Organizing is the right thing to do. It is the mission of the union to meet the needs of workers and to elevate their conditions of life and labour.

- Organizing is the most effective way to rebuild declining bargaining strength. Increasing the percentage of workers organized in any jurisdiction increases the market share and enhances bargaining power. Organizing enables the union to win better wages and benefits for our members.
- COMET is an important prerequisite to an effective construction organizing campaign in that it

emphasizes membership awareness and enlists broad support for organizing activities.

**Additional Information:** Please note that there is space for a maximum of twenty (20) participants. There is no charge for this course, but we ask that you register by contacting Stacey Bilger, Local 488 Administrative Assistant, at (780) 482-9514.