



# UNION HISTORY

*(May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Guy Alexander Conference Room, 312 Central Ave SE, Second Floor)*



## Guest Speaker Mike Wilde

The Local P-9 labor strike against Hormel in Austin, MN introduced Mike Wilde to the labor movement. Mike's father was on strike for nearly two years against the hometown giant and this struggle inspired Mike to attend law school and join the labor and employment law practice in 1994. His first seven years of practice focused on representing workers and their families. In 2001 he was hired as General Counsel to Local 49 of the Operating Engineers to represent trade members in Minnesota, North and South Dakota. He is also licensed in Wisconsin.

During Mike's ten years with Local 49 he participated in the National Alliance of Fair Contracting (NAFC) where he learned of the fair contracting affiliates across the Country. Several labor leaders in Minnesota became encouraged that we could replicate the success of other States in protecting the Minnesota Building Trades labor standards. In 2011, the Fair Contracting Foundation (FCF) was formed in Minnesota. Mike was hired as FCF's Executive Director and soon thereafter hired a few dedicated attorneys to enforce our State laws and maintain the high standards of Minnesota's unionized building trades members. In 2013, management joined this industry-wide effort and FCF

became a labor-management organization that includes all 15 building trades and over 1,300 union contractors.

Please join Mike for an open forum discussion about the Building Trades history, pre-hire agreements, hiring halls, PLAs and the highly important laws of Prevailing Wages and the nationwide attack against these middle class protections. Don't assume you know the laws; they're under current assault and are in jeopardy.

If we don't understand what we have, we're bound to lose it.

- ✓ Food and beverages will be provided. Bring your family and friends to learn about 292's labor history.
- ✓ Our history display in the Business Office has many 292 items, to include monthly meeting pins, previous contracts and electrical books.
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