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# **Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, Local 83; Records**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local 83 Records
<b>ID:</b>	apap047
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1892-1989
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 cubic ft.
<b>Physical Location:</b>	The materials are located onsite in the department.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 83 Records document the day-to-day operations of the union from the years 1892-1984 using meeting minutes and other documents referenced in the minutes including correspondence, treasurer's reports, newsletters and strike bulletins.

### Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local 83 Records, 1892-1989. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local 83 Records).

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## Administrative History

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Local 83 was organized in 1892 as an affiliate of the Tin, Sheet Iron and Cornice Worker's International Association. In 1903 this international organization merged with the Sheet Metal Workers National Alliance, creating the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Worker's International Alliance. The Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 83 was chartered on April 1, 1920 by the Amalgamated Sheet-Metal Workers International Alliance and then by the Sheet Metal Workers International Association on July 22, 1924. At that time, their jurisdiction spanned through Saratoga, Albany and Rensselaer Counties of New York. Schenectady County was added to their jurisdiction by 1930. The current jurisdiction

covers the counties of: Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington.[1]

Comprised of a group of highly skilled sheet metal workers, this union serves as both an educational institution that trains future sheet metal workers through a five year apprentice program and as a forum for grievances suffered by members.[2] As the local legislative body for all sheet metal workers in upstate New York, this organization is responsible for negotiating the length of workdays, the number of vacation days, the average pay and the overtime rate. It organizes strikes when conditions at a job site are deemed unsafe or unfair, supports families of those who are on strike, and fines those who break strike lines. This organization also determines which jobs fall under the job description of sheet metal workers. To achieve this, Local 83 coordinates with other labor unions that perform similar tasks such as the Boiler Makers Union or the Air Condition and Heating Union.

## Notes

1. Press release, New York State Department of Labor, Steel Metal Workers Recruit Apprentices (Albany, NY, June 4, 2001), [http://www.labor.state.ny.us/business\\_ny/apprenticeship\\_training/press\\_releases/smw\\_gcd3.htm](http://www.labor.state.ny.us/business_ny/apprenticeship_training/press_releases/smw_gcd3.htm) (16 August 2002).
2. Landau, Mark B., Sheet Metal Workers Local Union #83 (Albany, NY, undated), <http://hometown.aol.com/SMWIA83org/>. (28 August 2002).

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## Scope and Contents

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The minutes found in the records of the Sheet Metal Workers International are photocopies from the original ledgers of this organization. At times the copies are difficult to read. This is especially true of the pre-1900 minutes as the words from the reverse side often obscured the already difficult penmanship. There is a gap in the minutes from 1909-1919.

The collection also includes newsletters a program from Local 83's 1987 dinner dance. Strike bulletins are included with the newsletters.

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## Arrangement of the Collection

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Series 1: Minutes and Related Materials, 1892-1908, 1920-1942, 1944-1949, 1951-1989, 2 cubic ft.  
Arranged Chronologically.

The minutes of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 83 document the daily activities of this organization. Included within the minutes are Treasurers' reports, discussions of incoming correspondence, reports from the Grievance Committee that coordinates incoming grievances against both employers of members of Local 83 and fellow members of Local 83, reports from the Trial Committee that coordinate court cases against members of this organization and reports from the Testing Committee that creates and administers the examination given to apprentices at the culmination of their five year apprenticeship.

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

Encoded in EAD by Graham Molho 2013

### Processing Information

Processed in 1990 by Geoffrey A. Huth and revised in 2002 by Sarah Campbell.

### Access

Access to this record group is unrestricted.

### Copyright

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rests with the researcher. Requests for permission to publish material from this collection should be discussed with the Head of Special Collections and Archives.

## Acquisition Information

All materials in this collection were loaned to the University Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, by the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, Local 83 for preservation photocopying in 1990.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Schenectady, New York
- Rensselaer County, New York
- Labor
- Sheet-metal
- Unions, Labor
- Labor union meetings
- Albany (N.Y.)
- Saratoga (N.Y.)
- Rensselaer(N.Y.)
- Correspondence
- Newsletters
- Administrative records
- Minutes
- Financial Records
- Tin, Sheet Iron and Cornice Worker's International Association
- Sheet Metal Workers' International Association
- Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers; international alliance

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## Collection Inventory

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### **Minutes and Related Materials, 1892-1908, 1920-1942, 1944-1949, 1951-1989**

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Minutes and Related Materials, 1901-1902	Box 1 (1-Minutes and Related Materials)	Folder 6
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	and Related Materials)	
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Materials)**

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