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**MBA Influences Construction Industry Nationally**

The following MBA representatives have been appointed to serve on an AGC of America Committee:

**Rick Bowers, Mascaro Construction Co., LP**  
**Walter Czekaj, P.J. Dick, Inc.**  
**Joseph Franceschini, P.J. Dick, Inc.**  
**Michelle Hammons, Nicholson Construction Co.**  
**James Frantz, TEDCO Construction Co.**  
**Carl Heinlein, American Contractors Insurance Group**  
**Michael Klein, Blumling & Gusky, LLP**  
**Bernard Kobosky, P.J. Dick, Inc.**  
**Cynthia Latsko, Mobile Medical Corporation**  
**Kenneth Lee, Tucker Arensberg, P.C.**  
**Dale Lostetter, P.J. Dick, Inc.**  
**Paul Naim, Mascaro Construction, L.P.**  
**John Prim, Construction Insurance Consultants, Inc.**  
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## Important Dates

April 26, 2008  
**Rebuilding Together Day**

May 1, 2008  
**Construction Legislative Council Annual Dinner**

May 6, 2008  
**MBA Surety Roundtable**

May 9, 2008  
**Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee Annual Design/Build Contest & Open House**

May 26, 2008  
**Memorial Day \***

July 11, 2008  
**Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh's "North Shore Club Noir"**

**\* MBA Labor Agreements grant denoted days as holidays.**

## Western PA Proud History & Facts About Our Home

In 1841, an engineer from Saxonburg, John Roebling, designs the first wire rope bridge. Then in 1846 Roebling designs the first cable suspension bridge.

## National Building Museum Names AGC & Its Chapters 2008 Honor Award Recipient



The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and its 96 Chapters have been named as the 2008 Honor Award recipient by the National Building Museum in Washington, DC.

This is the first time in the National Building Museum's history that an association will receive this prestigious award.

"I credit the leadership and the vision of my colleagues at the Chapters and the AGC member companies for helping to make this

award a reality," said AGC CEO Steve Sandherr. "Our impact on the industry is great and the Museum has recognized that. I view this award as further proof of the value of membership in AGC, and added motivation to continue our efforts in all aspects of our profession — from legislative action to education and training."

AGC will receive the award on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, as the 22nd recipient, joining the ranks of highly-reputable leaders and organizations such as: Major League Baseball, the National Football League, DuPont, The Walt Disney Company, Harold McGraw, Jr., and Harold McGraw III.

Industry leaders in construction, development, architecture and

engineering, as well as leaders from both state and federal government, will attend the event, which will be held in the Museum's historic Great Hall.

The National Building Museum is the leading cultural institution dedicated to the building arts and sciences. The Museum explores the fields of architecture, planning, construction and building through exhibitions, education programs and publications.

The Master Builders' Association is the Western Pennsylvania building chapter of the AGC.

For more information on the AGC or MBA visit [www.mbawpa.org](http://www.mbawpa.org).

## Local Safety Professional Issued 20,000th CSP Certificate

The Board of Certified Safety Professionals has issued the 20,000th Certified Safety Professional certificate to Jason Malatak. Mr. Malatak is the Director for Risk Management at Mosites Construction Co.

"I am honored to be recognized by BCSP for my

recent accomplishment in successfully passing the CSP exam," said Mr. Malatak. "I must also extend my gratitude to the 19,999 other safety professionals who achieved this certification, for their commitment to the profession. It has provided me with the drive necessary to accomplish

this goal. We as a group should be proud of our dedication to the profession and must realize that ultimately, it is this drive that makes our organizations safer places to work."

For more info on the BCSP and the CSP certification visit [www.bcspp.org](http://www.bcspp.org).

## MBA Committee Corner: MBA Committees Unite Industry

During the Spring of 2008, the MBA Committees have been uniting the commercial construction industry with networking events.

The pictures below and immediate right were taken at the inaugural Construction Industry Evening of Excellence held Thursday, February 28, at PNC Park Lexus Club. This event attracted over 500 people and



recognized the winners of the MBA Building Excellence Awards. Photo captions are (left) Jason Fincke, Builders Guild; Congressman Tim Murphy; and Steven Massaro, Massaro Corp.; (above) Clifford Rowe Jr., President of the MBA and CEO of P.J. Dick, Inc.; Damian Soffer of Soffer Organization; and Kevin Hannegan, Gateway Engineers.



On March 27, the MBA Young Constructors held their 2008 Kickoff, which featured a Keynote Address by City of Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl. This event attracted over 60 future leaders of our region's construction industry.

Seen below left to right are Mike Stimpson, Massaro Corp; Mayor Ravenstahl; and Dennis Troy, DTI Inc.



### US House Tax Panel Votes to Delay 3% Withholding One Year: AGC Continues Work Towards Repeal of 3% Withholding

While the legislation to delay the implementation of the 3% withholding until 2012 passed through the committee and will soon be considered by the full House, an amendment offered to fully repeal the withholding failed on a party-line vote, with Democrats complaining the amendment didn't follow House Rules.

AGC will continue to work for permanent repeal by urging the House to vote on H.R. 1023, which is bipartisan legislation with 243 co-sponsors that would simply repeal the law. A one-year or other delay of implementation doesn't fix the problem; it only temporarily relieves some of the pressure. AGC believes that with many significant deadlines looming, Congress must

focus sooner, rather than later on the repeal of the 3% withholding.

To explain the issue, in 2011 a new law will require federal, state, and local governments to withhold 3% from all payments for goods and services as a guard against possible business tax evasion.

To send your elected official a letter on the issue, contact the MBA.



### Mark Your Calendar: North Shore Club Noir on July 11, 2008

Every summer, during a Friday evening in July, Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh (RTP) brings to life the speakeasy days of the swinging 1920's with North Shore Club Noir. Eclectic performers and crap tables take center stage as funds are raised to support the efforts of RTP, which in turn

provides free home repair and rehabilitation services for low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners in Allegheny County.

North Shore Club Noir will be held at the Heinz Field East Club, on Friday, July 11, 2008, from 6 pm to 10 pm. Tickets are \$75 per person,

which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, beverages and entertainment.

Sponsored by Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, Thorp Reed & Armstrong and Reed Smith, North Shore Club Noir is the region's most entertaining fundraiser, supporting the efforts of RTP.

## MBA News



**MBA Welcomes New Members—**The MBA Board of Directors announced that the following companies have applied and been accepted:

REGULAR:

Yarborough Development, Inc.

ASSOCIATE:

Cuddy Roofing Co., Inc.

AFFILIATE:

NexTier Insurance Services, LLC

Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP

**Updated Wage Rates—**The following wage rates have been updated:

Greater PA Council of Carpenters \*

\* This Trade has adjusted its Pension Fund contributions.

For information on all local wage rates, visit [www.mbawpa.org](http://www.mbawpa.org).

**Career Center:**

The following resumes have been received since the last CAPSule Report:

- Project Superintendent with 18 years experience.
- Carpenter with Commercial and Industrial Background seeks field safety position.

**Safety Website—**The MBA Risk Management Committee has created a website for safety professionals in Southwestern Pennsylvania. The following information can be found on the website:

- MBA's drug-free program;
- Safety awards;
- Regulatory issues;
- Products & services;
- Online training.

The online training is developed in partnership with 360Training. MBA members receive a discount for training. The new safety website is linked from the MBA homepage: [www.mbawpa.org](http://www.mbawpa.org).

### Future Leaders of AIA, MBA and Carpenters on Display May 9th

On Friday, May 9th, The Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee is holding its Annual Contest and Open House, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Carpenters Training Center, 222 Second Street, Neville Island, PA.

The highlight of the event is a unique Design/Build competition, which randomly unites a young architect, a young contractor and a

carpenter apprentice. The team has to design, estimate, schedule and a build a project onsite in real time.

"This competition is an excellent hands-on opportunity for young professionals to gain an appreciation of each other's contributions to a project," said Carpenter Training Director Ray Vogel.

During the day, Carpenters

Representatives give tours of the Training Center to visitors; vendors set up booths to showcase their companies; and demonstrations are held by apprentices to display commercial carpentry, floor coverers, pile drivers, etc.

For information and directions, call 412-262-1830 or visit [www.greaterpacarpenters.org](http://www.greaterpacarpenters.org).

### Miscellaneous News

**GBA Has Moved—**The new Green Building Alliance new address is: Green Building Alliance River Walk Corporate Centre 333 East Carson Street, Ste 331 Pittsburgh, PA 15219

**MMC Extends Hours—**As of April 1, Mobile Medical Corp has extended its Pittsburgh office hours

to: Mon-Thurs: 7am to 8pm; Fri: 7am to 5pm; and Sat 8am to 12pm. To reach MMC, call 412-835-8358.

**New Website Assists Small Businesses—**[www.business.gov](http://www.business.gov) provides easy access to resources and programs that help small businesses improve their operations.

**School Construction Flyer—**With PA Schools allowed to apply for a mandate waiver from the Separations Act, many interested parties have contacted the MBA for information; resulting in the creation of 'Benefits of Single Prime Contracting in School Construction' flyer. For your copy, contact the MBA office.