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In Memoriam

James Kling

Western Pennsylvania's design and construction community mourns the passing of James Kling, AIA, a tremendous leader, mentor and friend to the entire industry.

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Important Dates

December 25, 2008
Christmas Day *

January 1, 2009
New Year's Day *

January 15-16, 2009
PMDP Module 1

January 16, 2009
2009 MBA Annual Meeting & Dinner

February 5-6, 2009
PMDP Module 2

February 26, 2009
The Construction Industry Evening of Excellence

March 4-7, 2009
AGC Annual Convention

March 18-19, 2009
PMDP Module 3

April 9-10, 2009
PMDP Module 4

April 25, 2009
Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh Day

April 30-May 1, 2009
PMDP Module 5

* MBA Labor Agreements grant denoted days as holidays.

History & Facts

The first attempt made to merge the cities of Pittsburgh and Alleghenies was in 1853-54 and it wasn't until 1907 the two cities actually merged.



May the Peace & Joy of the Holiday Season be with You Throughout the Coming Year

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MBA Committee Corner: MBA Education Committee Co-Hosts PM Training



The MBA's Education Committee has teamed with the Constructors Association of Western PA (CAWP) to present a five-module Project Manager Development Program (PMDP) to be held at CAWP from January thru May of 2009.

The PMDP was developed by the Associated General Contractors of America with the intention of providing early-career project managers (and those that aspire to be in such a role) with the knowledge and skills to enhance

their ability to work successfully with others to ensure project success. Attendees should be individuals who are familiar with construction at a project level; people who may or may not have a post-high school education in a construction-related field; individuals with undergraduate degrees in a construction-related field with little or no project experience. The objective of the PMDP is to increase efficiency and effectiveness by providing instruction on the art and science of project management. Participation will better prepare professionals to make the transition from entry-level positions to positions of

increasing responsibility as a project manager.

The PMDP courses are available to AGC, H2AP and CAP members at a discounted rate of \$400 per course; non-members pay \$500 per course. Those members who register for all five courses at once will receive a discounted rate of \$1,800. Each of the five courses has a maximum limit of thirty (30) participants.

For a description of the PMDP and to register, please visit this website: www.agc.org/pmdp/pa (link also found on the MBA's homepage).



Final Rule Issued Mandating Federal Contractor Use of E-Verify AGC Releases Summary of the DHS E-Verify

The final rulemaking requiring Federal contractors and subcontractors to use E-Verify system administered by the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, as the means of verifying that their employees are eligible to work in the U.S. was published on November 14, 2008 and will take effect January 15, 2009.

Several AGC-suggested provisions were included in the final rule: extending the time to permit Federal contractors to participate in the E-Verify program from 30 to 90 days; providing a longer period after this initial enrollment period (30 calendar days instead of 3 business days); and increased the threshold for prime contracts to \$100,000 from \$3,000.

To receive the DHS' 274-page final rule or to receive information from DHS on how to register and use E-Verify visit the AGC website (www.agc.org).

For assistance in locating E-Verify information on AGC's website or to receive a copy of AGC's E-Verify Summary, please contact the MBA at 412-922-3912 or jobrien@mbawpa.org.



Save the Date for GreenSense—March 31, 2009

Mark your calendars for March 31, 2009. The Green Building Alliance will host its annual regional conference, GreenSense, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Keynote speakers will

include Harvey Bernstein, Vice President, Analytics Alliance & Strategic Initiatives for McGraw-Hill Construction; and Joe Van Belleghem, Principal, Windmill West. Details to follow soon from the Green Building Alliance—www.gbapgh.org.

In other Green news, Pittsburgh was named in the top ten hottest

green job markets by a recent Forbes article. According to Forbes, the green economy could soon become the nation's fastest-growing job segment, accounting for roughly 10% of new jobs over the next 20 years. To receive the entire Forbes article, send a request to jobrien@mbawpa.org.

MBA News



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

ASSOCIATE:

W.G. Tomko Incorporated

AFFILIATE:

Bank of New York Mellon

The new members have been added to the website.

Career Center:

Does your company have an open position? If so, contact the MBA today to fill the position in the next edition of the CAPsule Report.

The following resumes were received since the last CAPsule Report. Contact the MBA to receive a copy of the resume:

- Construction Superintendent with over 25 years experience.
- Project Manager with over 18 years experience.
- Construction Technology Professional with over 21 years experience.
- Customer Relations with limited experience.

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

- Painters Local 6 District Council 57
- Plumbers Local 27
- Roofers Local 37
- Bricklayers Local 9
Bricklayers
Marble Masons
PC&C
Stone Masons
Terrazzo I & II
Tile & Marble Finishers
Tile Setters

To view all area wage rates, visit www.mbawpa.org.

SAVE THE DATE

The Construction Industry Evening Of Excellence February 26, 2009

The second annual Construction Industry Evening of Excellence will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at the Heinz Field East Club.

Building upon the success of the inaugural Construction Industry Evening of Excellence held in February of 2008, the 2009 event will again feature the premier construction projects in our region

with the MBA Building Excellence Awards. For a list of the construction projects that are finalists for this year's event, visit the MBA homepage (www.mbawpa.org) and click on the press release under this event's heading.

The attendance is expected to be greater than year one, which attracted over 500 construction

professionals. Last year's early season networking event attracted Pittsburgh's influential developers, building owners, contractors, design professionals, labor leaders and politicians. To assure yourself a ticket for this popular event, you can request to receive an email notice by visiting the MBA homepage and clicking the link to receive Evening of Excellence updates.

Miscellaneous News

Mobile Medical Corporation New Hours—The business hours for MMC are as follows:

Monday thru Thursday—7:00 a.m. –7:00 p.m.

Friday—7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Saturday—8:00 a.m. to noon

AGC of America 2009 Annual Convention & Expo—The Associated General Contractors of America's 90th Annual Convention & Constructor Expo will be held March 4-7, 2009, in San Diego, CA. Make plans to register today to expand your network of associates and enhance your business. For more info visit www.agc.org.

Engineering Sustainability 2009—The Univ. of Pittsburgh Mascaro Sustainability Initiative and the CMU Steinbrenner Institute announce the first call for papers for **Engineering Sustainability 2009: Innovations that Span Boundaries** to be held on April 19-21, 2009, Pittsburgh, PA.