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Important Dates

December 25, 2010
Christmas Day *

January 1, 2011
New Year's Day *

January 21, 2011
**2011 MBA Annual Meeting
& Dinner**

February 24, 2011
**The Construction Industry
Evening of Excellence at
Heinz Field**

March 21-24, 2011
**AGC Annual Convention
Las Vegas, NV**

April 30, 2011
**Rebuilding Together
Pittsburgh Day**

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

History & Facts

The first internet emoticon was created in Pittsburgh by a Carnegie Mellon University computer scientist. The smile :-)) was created in 1982.



*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 Prepares for 2011

The MBA Education Committee is planning an aggressive schedule for 2011. As many career disciplines in construction move towards a continuing education requirement, the MBA is revamping its Education Committee to assure that the association's professionals obtain the required learning units necessary for their specific career needs.

The committee is focusing on educational courses in safety, sustainability and leadership development, but the committee is open to suggestions. The MBA requests the membership's

assistance to fulfill the educational goals of the association. If members have educational seminar ideas that would be of interest to the region's construction industry, they are advised to bring this idea to the attention of the MBA. With the pool of talented and educated professionals associated with the MBA, we are confident that we can find a suitable candidate to present on any topic. Or, if you would like to present the topic, please make that known when suggesting a seminar. MBA Affiliate Members are encouraged to continue to offer Affiliate seminar suggestions in 2011 and beyond.

All educational courses will be promoted in the MBA News, the association's electronic newsletter that is sent on the second and last Tuesday of each month.

Also, if professionals would like assistance or additional information pertaining to their specific career educational requirements, you are advised to contact the MBA. Please direct your inquiries to the MBA Education Committee at 412-922-3912 or info@mbawpa.org.



AGC's 92nd Annual Convention

Join the nation's construction industry March 21-25, 2011 in Las Vegas for the Associated General Contractor of America's 92nd Annual Convention. AGC's Annual Convention delivers the working knowledge contractors need to improve operations, expand into new markets and build their business.

Education sessions featuring expert

speakers will cover a variety of topics impacting A/E/C professions, including:

- The latest impact of state and federal regulations on the construction industry;
- Best practices for Building Information Modeling (BIM);
- Contract negotiation techniques and guidance;

- Practical advice on labor management; and
- Green building development.

The 2011 Convention will be held in conjunction with the CONEXPO/CON-AGC tradeshow, the largest North America construction tradeshow. For more information visit <http://convention.agc.org>.

MBA Successfully Negotiates Labor Contracts

The MBA Labor Negotiation Steering Committee settled several contracts in 2010. Under the leadership of John Mascaro, Jr. and Dean Mosites, two task forces formed to negotiate with the Greater PA Regional Council of Carpenters and the Laborers' District Council of Western PA. Mascaro led the Laborers

Negotiations Task Force, and Mosites led the Carpenters Negotiations Task Force.

"The membership of the MBA is fortunate to be represented by progressive and proactive leaders in John and Dean," said Jack Ramage, Executive Director of the Master Builders' Association.

Both the Carpenters and Laborers contracts were set to expire May 31, 2010 and both were able to settle on multiple year contracts.

Information on these two contracts, along with all construction labor contracts can be found on the MBA's website.

MBA News



MBA Building—The MBA Gold LEED Certified Headquarters is a great option for the membership to host its next meeting. For members that need meeting space for staff training or superintendent training, please contact the MBA today to see if the association's headquarters can accommodate your needs. The building has first-class audio-visual equipment that can make your next company function a memorable event. Plus, parking is not an issue and it's FREE.

To inquire about meeting space, contact the MBA.

Construction Career Center—Does your company have an open position? Or are you a construction professional seeking employment? If you answered yes to either question, contact the MBA today to post your notice in the Construction Career Center.

The MBA Logo, A Symbol of Excellence—As a reminder to the membership, you are encouraged to proudly display the MBA logo on your jobsites and websites. If posting the logo on your website, please include a link to the MBA's homepage. To receive the MBA's logo, contact the MBA.

MBA News—To keep the Western Pennsylvania construction industry informed of the latest news, the MBA launched the MBA News last year. This electronic newsletter is sent twice a month.

Local associations have benefitted from posting news and events in the MBA News, as the email reaches the entire construction industry.

CAP has utilized this resource to deliver its updates to the industry, and to lower its printing costs. Recipients of the CAPsule are encouraged to sign up to receive the MBA News by visiting www.mbawpa.org.

SAVE THE DATE

The Construction Industry Evening Of Excellence February 24, 2011

The fourth annual Construction Industry Evening of Excellence will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2011, at the Heinz Field East Club.

Building upon the successes of the previous Construction Industry Evening of Excellence events, held always on the last Thursday of February, this 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 links for Evening of Excellence Updates.

The attendance has increased each year and in a short time this event has become the place to be for

construction professionals. This early season networking event attracts Pittsburgh's influential developers, building owners, contractors, design professionals, labor leaders and politicians. To assure yourself a ticket for this popular event, visit the MBA homepage today and remember to stay informed by receiving Evening of Excellence updates.

Construction Miscellaneous News

New Crane Standard—During 2010, the major construction regulatory news centered on the release of OSHA's revised Cranes & Derricks Construction Standard. The revised standard specifies the updated industry work practices required to protect employees during the use of cranes and derricks in construction. This final

standard also addresses advances in the designs of cranes and derricks, related hazards and the qualifications of employees needed to operate them safely. For more on this item, contact the CAP Safety Department 412-922-4703 or rmccall@mbawpa.org.

PA Establishes Construction Workplace Misclassification

Act—To crack down on employer's misuse of independent contractor classification, PA passed legislation in 2010 to establish criteria to classify a person as an independent contractor or as an employee in the construction industry. For more on the Act, contact the Industry Relations Department at 412-922-4703 or jobrien@mbawpa.org.

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