In Memoriam
Joseph B. Collins


Register Now for the Second Annual Construction Industry Evening of Excellence

Safety Training for the Focus Four Hazards

The MBA will co-present safety training with the Constructors Association of Western PA on May 11-12. Construction workers make up approximately 6 percent of the country’s workforce, but account for more than 20 percent of all job-related fatalities each year. Construction is one of the most hazardous industries in America; each year a substantial number of construction workers lose their lives and countless others are injured. The Focus Four hazards (falls, electrocutions, caught-in’s & struck-by’s) continue to account for the greatest number of preventative fatalities in the construction industry.

It is imperative that additional safety emphasis be placed on the Focus Four. It is important that safety and health programs contain provisions to protect workers from The Focus Four hazards on the job. For more information or to register, visit www.mbawpa.org.
MBA News

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

- Electrical Workers Local No. 5
- Elevator Constructors Local No. 6
- DC & 875 Glaziers Local No. 751
- Sprinkler Fitters Local 542

For information on all local wage rates, visit www.mhawpa.org.

One Call Reminder—As a benefit of membership, MBA firms are exempt from the PA One Call $50 service charge. To receive this exemption, mail your unpaid, current year only, invoice to the MBA.

New Data Shows Clear Economic Benefits of Infrastructure Stimulus Investments

Personal earnings will increase by $784 million and the gross state product will increase by $2.6 billion for every billion dollars invested in new infrastructure projects in Pennsylvania, according to new national and state-by-state data released by AGC.

The comprehensive new data, which is based on new economic research conducted for the AGC as well as federal data and economic impact estimations, demonstrates the “unmistakable” benefit of including infrastructure investments as part of the stimulus package, AGC’s CEO Steve Sandherr said.

“Investing in infrastructure will create jobs, will increase earnings and will stimulate economic growth,” said Sandherr. “Infrastructure investment addresses many critical safety, environmental and public health needs, plus is an integral component to national and international competitiveness,” said Jack Ramage, MBA Executive Director.

To view state-by-state data, go to www.agc.org/stimulus. Or request this information by emailing jobrien@mhawpa.org.

Construction Career Center—The following resumes have been received since the last edition of the CAPsule Report:

- Safety Professional with over twenty years experience.
- Business Development Professional with over thirty years experience.
- Real Estate & Construction Management Professional with over thirty years experience.

For companies with open positions in the construction industry, the CAPsule Report offers free job listings. For more info call 412-922-4703.

MBA New Headquarters Aims for LEED Silver Rating

The MBA is scheduled to move into their renovated 10,000-square-foot headquarters in April. The building is designed to meet the US Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Rating.

Located at the foothills of Foster Plaza, the headquarters will house the Construction Advancement Program, Master Interiors Contractors Association, and Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh, along with the MBA.

“As an association that’s committed to developing sustainable ideas for the benefit of the construction industry, it’s important for the MBA to lead by example and obtain a high LEED rating for the headquarters,” said Jack Ramage, MBA Executive Director.

The MBA’s “green team” for this project is led by its general contactor—F.J. Busey Co.—and its architect—Rothschild Doyono Collaborative & mde*sign.

The address is 631 Iron City Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. The construction industry will be notified when the MBA headquarters is complete.

MBA Announces New Members—The MBA Board of Directors approved the following companies as members:

REGULAR:
- dek North America, LLC
- Gurtner Construction Co., Inc.
- DG Menard, Inc.
- McHamish, Inc.
- Sealise Industries Corporation

AFFILIATE:
- Verizon Wireless

For information on these members, or any member of the MBA, please visit www.mhawpa.org.

Miscellaneous News

Operating Engineers 2009 Training News—The Operating Engineers released its 2009 Training News brochure. The CAP office has a limited number of brochures. To receive a copy call the CAP office or visit www.wpaoperators.org.

Carpenters 2009 Training Courses—The Greater PA Regional Council of Carpenters released its training schedule for 2009, which includes the ‘Our Futures’ seminar. To receive a copy, contact the Carpenters Training Center at 412-262-1830.

Clifford Rowe, Jr. Elected Chairman of GCAP—The General Contractors Association of PA (GCAP) announced the election of Clifford Rowe, Jr. to Chairman for calendar year 2009. For more information on GCAP, visit www.generalcontractorsofpa.org.

Committee Corner: MBA Legislative Committee Prepares for New Session

To assure the MBA is representing the membership on the most important construction industry issues, the MBA Legislative Committee is soliciting feedback from the membership to form the Association’s legislative agenda for the 2009-2010 legislative session.

In the previous session, the membership indicated the following issues were important and the MBA should be involved in them: modernizing the PA Separations Act; reforming the PA Mechanic’s Lien Law; Sustainable Construction Initiatives; and Contracting Licensing.

Also, the MBA Legislative Committee aims to expand its Legislative Network to enhance our advocacy efforts through involvement of members firms. This network allows the MBA to utilize the collective clout of member firms when communicating with elected officials on issues of importance to the construction industry. Please take a moment by contacting the MBA at 412-922-3912 or jobrien@mhawpa.org to tell them: 1. your home’s elected state officials; 2. your office’s elected officials; 3. state officials you have personal relationships with that do not represent your home or office locations. Growing our network is an important initiative that will ultimately benefit each member by strengthening the link between the MBA and our region’s elected officials.

In closing, the Legislative Committee has MBA Logo Label Pins available for the membership to proudly wear. To learn more about the pins, please contact the MBA office.

AGC’s 90th Annual Convention & Constructor Expo

March 4-7, 2009, San Diego, CA

Tough economic times make it more important than ever that you stay in touch with the latest industry developments and maintain your competitive edge. Get the knowledge and tools you need at AGC’s 90th Annual Convention & Constructor Expo, March 4-7, 2009, in San Diego, CA.

AGC’s efforts to build a better construction industry will take center stage when we tackle work force issues, share the latest innovations in green construction, learn of the new possibilities for using Building Information Modeling (BIM) on construction projects and get the most up-to-date information about the economic landscape for 2009.

Attendees will find unique opportunities to build knowledge and attain Continuing Education Units at more than 50 professional development courses. Plus, explore the latest in construction equipment and technology at the Constructor Expo.

For more information on AGC’s 90th Annual Convention, visit http://convention.agc.org.

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