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## Enter the Building of the Year Contest

The MBCEA Building of the Year Contest gives us all a chance to showcase the advances and innovations our industry has made in recent years. Visit [mbceaawards.org](http://mbceaawards.org) to submit your projects before February 23, 2026. Manufacturers, please encourage your builders to submit projects. Note that this is open to MBCEA members only, so this is a great time to join!

## 2026 Renewal Dues Invoices Are Overdue

2026 Dues invoices were due on 1/1/26, with a grace period through 1/31/26. Member access to events, products, webinars,

## Greetings!

### Welcome Address from the New MBCEA President

As the newly elected President of the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association (MBCEA), I am honored and humbled to serve this incredible organization and its members. Our association stands at a pivotal moment in shaping the future of the metal building industry, and together, we will build on the strong foundation laid by past leadership of Robert Tiffin and those who served before him.



### Our Vision and Goals

The MBCEA has just completed a comprehensive five-year strategic plan designed to strengthen our organization and deliver exceptional value to our members. This plan focuses on growth, quality, and education. There are four pillars of the plan that will define our success for the future of the organization.

### Expanding AC478 Accreditation

One of my top priorities is to significantly increase the number of contractors and erectors achieving AC478 accreditation. This program is the gold standard for safety, training, and quality in our industry. Accreditation isn't just a badge—it's a commitment to excellence that sets you apart. I challenge every member to take the first step: attend a webinar, join a roundtable, or speak with an accredited colleague. Let's make AC478 the norm, not the exception. Change begins with you, and together we can elevate our entire industry.

### Strengthening Membership and Chapters

Membership is at an all-time high, and we will continue to grow by attracting new members and supporting active chapters. Our chapters are the heartbeat of MBCEA, and we will provide resources and national webinars to keep them strong and engaged.

### Driving Education and Training

We are launching a groundbreaking training program in partnership with MBI and NCCER—an initiative that will revolutionize workforce development. This program will deliver formal apprenticeship-level training in English and Spanish, using modern, online tools to create highly skilled craftworkers for metal building construction.

etc. will lock down on 2/1 until payment is received. Be sure to reach out if your company hasn't seen your invoice. Better yet, log into your [Member Compass](#) to pay your balance and elect auto pay for future membership renewals!

**Financial Stewardship and Strategic Investments**  
MBCEA is financially sound, and we will continue to invest in programs that matter most to you—our members. From our National Conference to technical resources, every initiative will be designed to help you succeed.

### Join Us in Building the Future

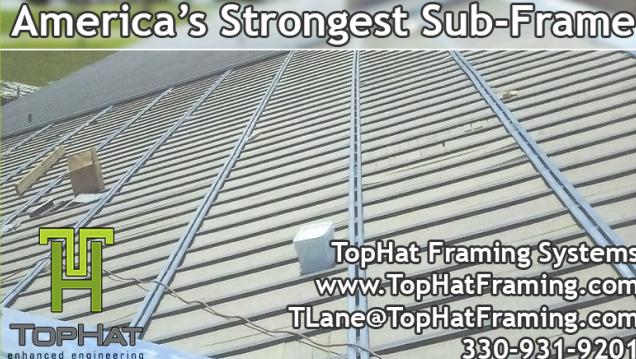
I invite you to engage fully with MBCEA: attend our webinars, participate in committees, and join us at the National Conference in Colorado Springs. Together, we will strengthen our industry, grow our network, and set new standards of excellence.

Thank you for your trust and commitment. Let's make these next two years a time of growth, innovation, and leadership.

### David Leinbach

President, MBCEA  
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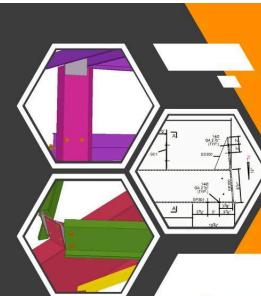
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This is the premiere event for metal building contractors, erectors, manufacturers and suppliers. This year's conference will be a management-style retreat with more time for networking and management education. Field personnel focused sessions will resume next year. This conference is co-located with the MBMA Spring Meeting. [\*\*Click here for the agenda, hotel information and to register\*\*](#). See who's coming on the [\*\*MBCEA app!\*\*](#)

## Register to Exhibit at the 57th Annual MBCEA Conference

Exhibiting at the MBCEA & MBMA Conference will enhance your visibility to decision-making attendees and industry professionals. Our attendees want to see and hear about what's new in our industry - products, tools, technology, etc. Review the [\*\*schedule, exhibit hall diagram, and register now!\*\*](#) Check out the profiles of the exhibitors already registered on the [\*\*MBCEA app!\*\*](#)

## Pioneers Club Applications Now Being Accepted

Please [\*\*submit the name of a colleague or yourself\*\*](#) for selection into the MBCEA Pioneers Club.

The distinct purpose behind the creation of this important Pioneers Club is the association's determination to give credit and recognition to metal building contractors and erectors who have been such for at least 25 consecutive years.

Accepted applications will become a permanent part of the history of our industry. The celebrated people who are selected as members of the Pioneers Club will be asked to attend the 57th Annual MBCEA Conference to accept the prestigious award.

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## **Technical Corner: Protective Wrap Removal Guidelines**

MBCEA Technical Committee

The frustration of working with and trying to remove the protective wrapping that was factory installed on trims and Insulated Metal Panels and other products is an industry problem. Removing protective wrap, often called strippable film or temporary protective film, is a necessary step in the installation of the product.

If everything would go as planned in construction; schedules remain constant, weather fully cooperates, trucking shows up on time and loads are protected, STOP, this is construction and rarely does that happen.

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-Dan Halme, President  
Halme Builders



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Have questions about AC478? Contact [Jackie Meiluta](#). Check out the [AC478 section](#) of the [Members Only area](#) of the MBCEA website. Hear from your peers on the [MBCEA YouTube channel](#).

**PROVE YOUR QUALITY WITH ACCREDITATION**

Please join us for an informative roundtable on our signature Quality initiative - AC478. On the fence about AC478? Check out the [MBCEA Youtube](#) channel for several testimonials.

Our panel of experts will entertain any/all questions on AC478.

[Register for Roundtable](#)



## MBCEA Chapter News

### Ontario Chapter

Our first official update to National. We are very excited to announce MBCEA Ontario Chapter held two successful meetings in 2025. Ontario Canada has never had an association for our construction segment before, and we are so pleased with how the local metal building community is supporting the association from contractors, erectors and vendors. We have made a lot of headway since the chapters initial meeting on August 15, 2025. A key milestone for MBCEA Ontario Chapter was at our second meeting (Q4) where we established our Board of Directors and Committees. Committees were created to focus on critical areas that our industry requires support in. Just before the end of 2025 we incorporated the chapter as a non-profit organization.

#### Board Members:

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AC478 – Justin Buzzese – Barry Daigle – Jason Degg

Membership and Marketing – Jason Degg and Dean Tindale

Metal Building Systems Committee – Ben Gunn – JP Barker – Alex McNight – Bryan Lower – Jason Degg

We are looking forward to hosting our [Q1 meeting February 12th, 2026](#), at Bevi Birra in Woodbridge ON. A sponsor for the meeting has not been confirmed yet. Committees have been challenged with meeting once a month to discuss relevant topics to their group. A full update will be provided by each committee at our Q1 meeting. We will also have a guest speaker join us to discuss metal building design to further support the chapter's commitment to education and technical excellence.

As the Chapter enters 2026, the focus remains on growing membership, strengthening industry relationships, advancing safety, quality standards and supporting the next generation of metal building professionals across Ontario. The Ontario Chapter is excited about the momentum built in 2025 and look forward to continued collaboration with National, other MBCEA chapters, and our own local association.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Sweeney – President MBCEA Ontario Chapter  
[Follow us for more updates on LinkedIn](#)

## Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Thank you to all members, family & friends that attended the [MBCEA Mid-Atlantic Chapter](#) 2025 Holiday Social!

We had an amazing time socializing, catching up, & eating great food together.

Thank you to this year's Holiday Sponsors:

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[Sasha Demyan](#), thank you for your continuous support and dedication to this chapter over the years!

The chapter is excited to introduce Bethany and Kezia Nestor as the Mid-Atlantic Admin going forward!

We are proud to announce this year's Scholarship Awardees: Daniel Leinbach, Bethany Nestor, Kezia Nestor, Lydia Nestor, and Asher Smith.

Shoutout to [Down To the Felt](#) for bringing a fun night of Casino luck to our event!

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## Calling all Subject Matter Experts That means YOU!

The curriculum for the new Metal Building Assembly training program is rapidly being developed and we're looking for those of you with practical knowledge to join a review team. Each subject goes through two passes with Subject Matter Experts (SME's) so we can make sure the content is complete, meaningful and representative of all geographic regions as well as all manufacturers and

suppliers. We have a technical writer who actually does the drafting – the SME's are there to make sure things make sense, flow properly, highlight important tips of the trades, etc.

Please email Britain at [admin@mbcea.org](mailto:admin@mbcea.org) if you'd like to participate.

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## In the News / Member Spotlight

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