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A note from Sasha:

You may have noticed that your emails to me are often being responded to by Britain Graver, our new Administrative Assistant. I want you to know that I'm still here, seeing and reading your emails, but the assistance provided by Britain is allowing me to devote more time to growth and development, improving your member experience.

Greetings!

Have you received your free copy of Metal Construction News this month? What – you don't get one? **Subscribe here now**; it is free to members of the MBCEA and it has great articles on issues that affect our industry.



The May edition is the Top 100 Builders and I look forward to this issue every year! Predictably, Span Construction & Engineering Inc., Madera, Calif., tops the list of largest metal builders. And builders such as Briner Building Inc., Bluffton, Ind.; Fleming Steel Erectors, Tulsa, Okla.; MAR Building Solutions, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Dunn Building Company LLC, Birmingham, Ala.; Rainwater Construction Co., Atlanta, Ga. and Septagon Construction Co., Sedalia, Mo., are all there too. Do you know what else they have in common? They are all members of the MBCEA.

I applaud the work ethic, drive and professionalism of these Top 100 Builders. I am thrilled so many of our members appear on this impressive list. The MBCEA currently boasts almost 600 active members; 64% of whom are contractor and erector members. Metal buildings and their assembly is a large industry but a somewhat niche market. The MBCEA provides a place for contractors and erectors to get together through chapters and our national conference to talk about problems and solutions specific to our industry. We are a national network prepared to assist with labor, construction questions, business opportunities and more.

Which is why industry associations like MBMA look to us for expertise. MBMA is currently looking to engage with a few members who have solar programs and/or expertise. If you have this experience, please let **Sasha** know.

The MBCEA Board and Staff are in a full court press of Conference preparations. I hope you are planning on joining us in Nashville. We have a fabulous line-up of speakers, training and round-tables. I would like to thank David Leinbach of **Kaiser Martin Group**, Robert Tiffin of **Silvercote**, Alexander Carey of **Svenska Builders**, Jarrod Turner of **TBT Construction**, Tucker Cope of **C Tucker Cope**, and



We continue to be plagued by scammers offering to sell our Conference database and/or member information. We share your frustration with these nuisance emails and are sorry for the inconvenience.

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Dave Tomchak of **Bay Insulation** for being on our conference committee this year. Their input and efforts were invaluable in planning this event. Our association runs on Volunteer Power, so get involved. Meet new people, make new contacts, and improve our organization and the industry at the same time!

Conference Committee is not the only place to volunteer. We need subject matter experts for our training curriculum initiative. We need help forming and maintaining local chapters. Time commitments vary but we can find a good fit for your skills and availability. Working together to improve the professionalism of our industry in a way that will have lasting effects for years to come, provides a real sense of accomplishment.

Lastly, I would like to recognize **Bluescope, Nucor** and **Chief** who have all responded with financial pledges to support the new MBI/NCCER curriculum. These companies are true visionaries that understand our industry's future depends on attracting and training new craft professionals, increased safety on our job sites and the integrity of our builds.

If you share this commitment to our future, let us know in the pledge box to the left.

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Roof Live Load Study

A team of researchers from UMass Amherst is investigating live loads on low-slope (2:12 and less) roofs (roof live loads – RLL). The goal of this project is to assess whether current provisions for RLL, which specify a 20 lb/ft² (psf) load, correctly capture the intensity and distribution of potential loads and, if not, to propose a new value for the RLL intensity. Historically, live load intensities (e.g. 50 psf for interior office spaces) have been determined through a combination of field surveys, questionnaires and focus groups, and modeling. This was not done for RLL. This questionnaire represents a preliminary effort to gather information from building owners, maintainers and other interested parties to help inform assessment of current RLL provisions.

[Click here](#) to participate in this survey.



54th Annual Conference

The 54th Annual MBCEA Conference will take place in Nashville from May 8-10. We're excited about the record number of registered attendees and want to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors!



SAFETY MOMENT – Craig A. Shaffer, CSP – SafetyWorks, Inc.

THE HEAT IS ON

With temperatures rising early this year, it's time to start thinking about your heat illness prevention program. OSHA has... it will again be one of their national emphasis programs (NEP) and a focus of agency resources.

Under the NEP, inspectors have been instructed to inquire about a company's heat illness prevention program on heat priority days – days where the heat index is expected to be 80°F or more. And we all know that it doesn't take much to get to that point.

If your company does not have a formal heat illness prevention program, it's time to put one into place. Consider the following when forming your game plan.

1. Water & shade – Make sure workers have ready access to cool drinking water throughout the day and a shaded or cool area for breaks. The employer is obligated to provide drinking water regardless of whether personnel bring their own.
2. Hydration – Supervisors should be trained to schedule more frequent breaks during hot weather to allow for hydration & body temp recovery. These “hydration breaks” give supervisory personnel a great opportunity to ensure that each person on the crew is drinking water and not exhibiting heat illness signs/symptoms. Workers should drink at least two 16 oz. bottles of water per hour in the heat and be trained to not substitute caffeinated drinks (soda, iced tea, coffee...) or sports drinks for the water they need. When going to the john, if urine is not clear to light yellow in color, you may not be drinking enough water.
3. Scheduling – To the extent feasible, supervisors should be instructed to schedule the most physically demanding work for cooler times of the day (usually earlier in the morning or at night). Also, look at the week's weather forecast – do any days offer lower temps/humidity or breezy weather?
4. Attire – Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes. Cooling towels may also be helpful but be careful. They can trap heat if not periodically refreshed.
5. Acclimatization – Realize that the body needs time to acclimatize to higher heat & humidity. Supervisors must understand that production might dip during this period, but hydration breaks remain critical and will ultimately maximize work that gets done. Crews that travel to warmer climates must be especially mindful of acclimatization.
6. Employee training & monitoring – Train your crew on the hazards & symptoms of heat-related illness, what they can do to minimize its effects, and then on the importance of keeping an eye on one another. Train them on how to respond to a heat-related illness and when 911 is necessary. Train supervisors in their responsibilities and on the need to monitor heat index and how crew members are responding. Training should also emphasize the importance of frequent hydration breaks, acclimatization periods, and a buddy system.

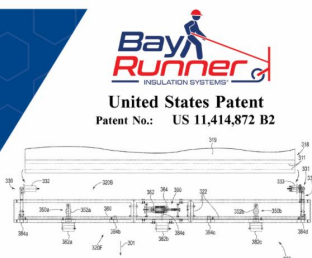
Heat-related illness can be managed and deaths prevented – relatively easily. But everyone needs to be on the same page and understand that this is a serious hazard and that we all have a role in prevention.



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Prove Your Quality with Accreditation

Last year, the AC478 Committee, chaired by Dan Halme commissioned three infomercials for our MBCEA's quality initiative - AC478. They are all loaded in our [Youtube page](#) so check them out! While you are there, hit the subscribe button, we have great content!



Please take a moment and hear from Tucker of C. Tucker Cope & Associates. [Click and enjoy!](#)

Did you know, MBCEA members get free consultative support and a mentor to help them through the program PLUS tons of free templates, tools, and documents related to AC478 in the Members Only Area– well worth the price of membership!!



Have questions? Contact [Jackie Meiluta](#) now or speak with her in Nashville. Want to speak with an erector who is accredited? They will be easy to find at Conference, because their name tag will have an AC478 ribbon. They are all proud of their accomplishment and will be happy to answer your questions.

Check out the [AC478 section](#) of the [Members Only area](#) of the MBCEA website.

MBCEA Chapters

Mid-Atlantic Chapter News

Thank you to 'The Code Man' Bill Beals with Therm-All for presenting on Energy Codes to a group of about 30 hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter this past week.

Register now for the [17th Annual MAD Golf Tournament](#) to be held at [Burlington Country Club](#) in Mt. Holly, NJ on **Monday, June 26**. Sponsorship Opportunities are also still available. This is our annual fundraiser for our scholarship program and subsidizing training. Thank you to ATAS Intl., Butler Mfg., Markel Sales and Nucor Buildings for your support!

Arizona Chapter News

ATAS International is hosting a [Panel Installation Seminar](#) at their Mesa, AZ plant on April 26 - 27, 2023. Sign up to learn more about ATAS wall panels and best practices during installation.

Carolinas Chapter News

Save the date for the **2023 Annual Meeting to be held July 13-16, at the Westin Hilton Head Island, SC!**

New England Chapter News

Keith Wentworth shared the [Career Day Resources](#) that MBCEA has for all members. [Check it out](#) if you missed it!

Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the 5th Annual MBCEA New England Chapter Secondary Education Scholarship! One or more scholarships will be awarded totaling up to \$5,000 to student(s) selected by the Committee to promote our industry and benefit our members. Encourage your employees with eligible students to apply! [Learn more here!](#) Application deadline is 5/10/23.

Save the Date: New England Chapter Annual Golf tournament to be held July 20, 2023.

Greater Ohio Chapter News

Training Topics: Controlled Decking Zone & Turn of the Nut Method

Howard Justice, Full Time Safety Director & Manager with TBT Construction will pack a lot of information into a short period time for you and your team. Space is limited, so act quickly and **register now**.

Where: Setterlin Construction | 560 Harmon Avenue, Columbus, OH 43223

When: Friday, April 21, 2023, | 10am - 2pm

Cost: \$20.00

Save these dates!

- **GO MBCEA Chapter Happy Hour** - Friday, July 14th
- **7th Annual GO MBCEA Golf Outing** - Thursday, August 3rd, Media, OH
- **Energy Code Update & COMCheck Training**, Thursday, September 21st, Cleveland, OH, cost: \$20.00

Rocky Mountain Chapter News

The Rocky Mountain Chapter is excited to hold their **8th annual clay shoot** at Kiowa Creek Sporting Club on the morning of **June 9th** this year. Registration has opened and will be a great event for all. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. See the [flyer](#) for more information.



The Future of Craftsmanship: Predictions for the Next 20 Years Joerge

Mueller

The world is changing at a rapid pace, and with it, the craft industry is also evolving. The future of craftsmanship is exciting, and there are many trends that are expected to shape the industry in the next 20 years. From the use of new materials to the adoption of new technologies, here are some of the predictions for how the craft industry will change in the coming years.

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Conference RoundTables

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These open-mic Q&A sessions are always fun, always informative. Think of it as a live forum to raise issues and discuss solutions to your common, or not so common problems. Whether you will be at Conference or not, if you have an idea to share or a question that needs answered, send [Jackie](#) a quick note and we will do our make sure your question is asked.

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[Read more about this pioneer, born in 1880!](#)

In the News / Member Spotlight

Too many to list! [Check out the Top 100 Builders at MCN](#) coming out in the May issue.

"The real enemy of safety is NOT non-compliance but non-thinking."
-Rob Long