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**Greetings!**

Ahh August! The month when you realize the year is more than half over and you still have a million things on your to-do list. So guess what, I am about to add one more thing!



For the last few months we have been talking a lot about the new Metal Building curriculum we are developing with NCCER. We speak about why it is so important to our industry and that we need to raise a million dollars. That is all true. [Click here](#) for a slick sell sheet capturing those very points. But what we have not been speaking about enough is you.

To be developed properly, we need subject matter experts (SME) to share their expertise, their insider knowledge, their ways of working. We don't need you to be a computer expert or a word-smith (we've got people for that); all we need is your brain – oh and your time, probably 1-2 hours per month. But it will be worth it. Not exactly fame and fortune but companies that supply a member of staff to committee work will be recognized on both the MBCEA and MBI websites.

So what will the SME actually do? Working as a team, the SME's will agree what skills need to be taught for each course (e.g. Framing, Exposed Wall Fastener Wall Sheeting, etc.) They will ensure the key facts and details are complete and correct. They will agree common best practice that should be taught. We get that there are a couple of different ways to do the same thing. That is why we need a diverse committee to discuss/brainstorm and agree the preferred way or most common way.

The goal of the program is to effectively train tomorrow's worker in the craft of metal building assembly – we need you to tell us what they need to know.

Jackie, Sasha, and perhaps a few others will keep the various project teams on track and capture your ideas. NCCER will turn whatever you produce into a cool online Learning System. But without you, we have nothing!

Quite a few members have already very generously stepped up and volunteered. Perhaps, a few more will today – hint – there is a sign-up sheet on the left! Over

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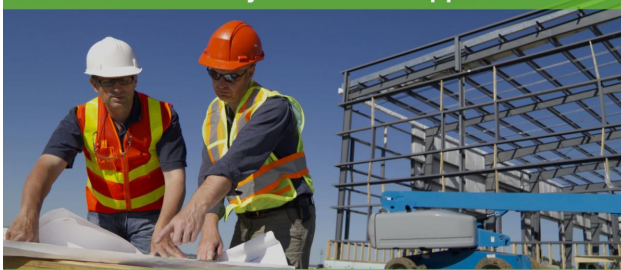
the next few weeks, Jackie will be reaching out to you regarding your availability. Please answer her call (or email). By summers end, we should have the first 4 chapters turned over to NCCER. After Labor Day, we hope to begin work on the next group.


Switching topics, please join me in congratulating Sasha and Tom, who were married on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>.

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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** Check out the **AC478 section** of the **Members Only area** of the MBCEA website . Hear from your peers on the **MBCEA YouTube channel**.

Most importantly, **sign up** for our next AC478 Roundtable to be held on 9/14 at 2 pm ET!

## Thomas Phoenix International, Inc.

Gary T. Smith, Eric T. Kay, and Sean T. Smith founded Thomas Phoenix International (TPI) in 1999, with a vision to create a company that encouraged young men to make a career out of pre-engineered building erection. They built a company that is on the cutting edge of safety, training, and quality with an open-shop apprenticeship program that raises the bar in training and safety for the metal building trades.



Company Accreditation or proof of their adherence to the highest organizational training, safety, and quality controls was the logical next step. Under the leadership of then MBCEA President, Gary Smith, with Eric Kay on the Technical Review Committee, TPI was instrumental in the development and implementation of the IAS AC-478 for Metal Building Assemblers and were one of the first companies to achieve this prestigious mark of quality. TPI Safety Director, Joe Allen serves on the current Accreditation committee and is a frequent speaker and mentor to new applicants. TPI believes IAS accreditation for Metal Building Assembly will become a prerequisite for companies who are serious about safety and quality control.

To learn more about Thomas Phoenix, visit <https://thomasphoenix.com>. To learn more about AC478, contact **Jackie Meiluta** or visit <https://www.mbcea.org/ac478>.



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## Lessons from Legends

*Shannon Fowler - Ironbridge W.C.*

What do Bob Marley, Sonny Bono, Kurt Cobain, Aretha Franklin and James Gandolfini all have in common? They died without a will. We see headlines that include: "Prince's Estate: No Will Could Mean Chaos, Tax Bills and Lawsuits."

While their lifestyle and wealth might not be relatable, the situation their families are left with is far too common. It's like that feeling when you meet someone who seems totally organized, but when you get to know them, you realize their life isn't as polished as it looks. They haven't really taken the time to safeguard their loved ones or address their own mortality, even though they've probably been advised or approached about it before.

[Learn More](#)

## Assessors Needed – IAS Metal Building Inspection Assembler Accreditation Program AC478

The International Accreditation Service (IAS) is seeking individuals to work in contract positions as Assessors for the IAS Metal Building Inspection Assembler (AC478) Accreditation Program.

The ideal assessor will have a strong background in the metal building industry with experience in field assembly of metal building systems and awareness about the IAS Accreditation Criteria for Inspection Practices of Metal Building Assemblers AC478. Experience in conducting assessments or inspections is preferred. Awareness of the items below would be helpful.

- AWS D1.1 and AWS D1.3, Structural Welding Code
- Ironworker Quality Construction Practices, Metal Building Systems
- Metal Buildings Institute, Quality and Craftsmanship Training Series,
- OSHA Regulations (Standard 29 CFR), Part 1926 Safety and Health Regulations for Construction
- Engineered drawings and manufacturer's erection drawings and blueprints
- Erection tolerances of "AISC Code of Standard Practice."
- Job Safety Analysis also known as Activity Hazard Analysis (AHA), Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) and Task Hazard Analysis (THA)
- Job site specific plans
- Satisfactory completion of the MBI Quality and Craftsmanship Training Series
- OSHA 10 Certification
- Research Council on Structural Connections

Strong communication skills (written and verbal), and the ability to work with Excel and Word documents would be preferred. If you enjoy traveling, establishing your own schedule, and would like to work with a team of like-minded professionals in the leading U.S. accreditation body, then we would be interested in having you join our team of assessors.

The International Accreditation Service (IAS) is a nonprofit accreditation service headquartered in Brea, California. For more information about IAS, visit [www.iasonline.org](http://www.iasonline.org).







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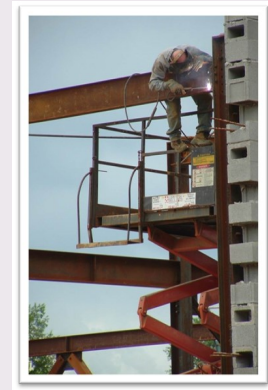
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## **SAFETY MOMENT** – *Craig A. Shaffer, CSP – SafetyWorks, Inc.*

### **SOMEONE'S ALWAYS WATCHING**

A few months ago, we took a quick look at Fed. OSHA most cited extendable boom forklift violations. This month, we'll do the same with aerial (boom) & scissor lifts (collectively known as mobile elevating work platforms, or MEWPs). When you're up in the air, you're pretty visible and someone is always watching.

1. Fall protection – In an aerial lift, you must be tied off. Usually a retractable lanyard is what the lift mfr. recommends. In a scissor lift, Fed. OSHA does not require employees to tie-off, although some employers or clients expect otherwise.



Platform access gate/chain must be closed & feet must be on platform. No standing on toeboard, platform rails, planks, buckets, boxes, etc.

2. Power lines – Min. 10 ft. clearance to power lines 50kV or less. This is clearance not only to the lift, but also to any object that may be handled from the lift.

3. Falling object protection – No one is permitted to walk, work, or pass beneath an elevated boom or platform. As necessary, establish a restricted access area beneath your lift to prevent others from being struck by a dropped, falling, or collapsing object.

4. Annual inspection – Aerial & scissor lifts require an annual inspection by a qualified lift mechanic. Inspectors typically look for a sticker or stamp denoting this.

5. Missing information – Operator's manual, platform capacity, & safety decals must be legible. The operator's manual belongs in the weather-tight compartment on the platform.

6. Trained operator – Operators must be trained. But unlike forklifts, OSHA does NOT require periodic (3-yr.) skills re-evaluations.

However, as an operator transitions between different lift makes & models, familiarization instruction may be needed. This training focuses on lift-specific capabilities, controls, safety devices, inspection points, & operating characteristics.

7. Lift condition – Lifts must be inspected each shift before use. If the lift is damaged, modified (including unapproved attachments), or in a condition of poor repair, tag it out of service.

8. Unsafe operation – This could take many forms, like overloading the platform, operating the lift in excessively windy conditions (many restrict wind speed to 28-31 mph), elevating platform on a surface that is not stable or level, using the lift as a crane, or operating in any other

manner not intended by its manufacturer.

Being a safe lift operator starts with meaningful training, then extends to evaluation of work area hazards and use of safe equipment. These are great machines, essential to our work. But the minute we do not respect a lift, it can kill someone. It doesn't care.

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### MBMA and MBCEA Partnership Displayed at Design Seminar and Technical Committee Meeting in Cleveland

Jarrod Turner, TBT Construction on the panel at the MBMA Technical Committee meeting.

Thank you to Vince Sagan, MBMA for the shoutout to MBCEA for the collaborative efforts in meeting air leakage codes.

[MBMA Energy Design Resources: Best Practices to Comply With Whole-Building Air Leakage Testing Requirements For Metal Building Systems](#)

If you haven't participated in our April or July **New Member Roundtables**, you're missing out! Are you sure you are familiar with ALL the Member resources, benefits and opportunities that exist with your membership? The next one is scheduled for 10/11/23, so be sure to [register!](#)

In the meantime, watch the [latest session](#) on our YouTube channel!

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## MBCEA Chapters

### Mid-Atlantic Chapter News

The Chapter thanks MBCEA members for attending our Leading Small Teams in the C-Suite and Beyond virtual meeting presented by Josh Quinter, Offit Kurman. Recording will be available soon on [MBCEA's product page](#).

Register now for our [8th Annual Sporting Clays Tournament](#) to be held at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays in Coplay, PA on Monday, October 9, 2023. Early bird pricing expires 8/31! **Thank you to ATAS International, Butler Mfg., Dominion Construction Group, Nucor Building Systems, Tell Doors, and Therm-All for sponsoring this event.** Station Sponsorships at \$125 are available and we're happy to accept any additional event sponsors at \$550! Sponsorships are due by 9/15.

### Carolinas Chapter News

- The Carolinas Chapter held our annual Summer Meeting July 13-16 at the Westin Hilton Head Island Resort and Spa. The meeting was a huge success and we had our largest attendance to-date.
- The annual event is made possible by our many wonderful sponsors.



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- The Carolinas Chapter presented 11 scholarships this year for a total of \$14,000.
- A very special thank you to Reggie Moore and **Brenton Grey Company** for sponsoring our top scholarship.
- Our Building of the year awards were very competitive this year and the winners were:
  - Agricultural Division - **Harrell Construction**
  - Government Division - **Ace Construction**
  - Manufacturing Division - **GARANCO, Inc**
  - Office Division - **Gregory Development**
  - Renovation Division - **GARANCO, Inc**
  - Retail Division - **Bartels Construction**
  - School Division - **Ace Construction**
  - Warehouse Division - **Downs Construction**
- Our Safety Award this year went to **HOKE Enterprises**
- Please follow the Carolinas Chapter on LinkedIn for updates: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/carolinas-mbcea-66a88922b/>

## New England Chapter News

**Annual Golf Tournament held July 20th, 2023 was a huge success.**

101 registered golfers with an actual attended count of 94 hit the course at 9:00 AM

Weather co-operated, fairways and greens were in top shape. As a new venue for us this year it was incredible! Red Tail Golf Club, Devens MA did an absolutely fabulous job.

Also in attendance was one of our two scholarship winners for 2023.

**Ms. Naomi Cooper, attending Stonehill College in Easton MA, received \$2500.00.** She graciously accepted with heartfelt words expressing her gratitude.

**Ms. Ayla Mae Laro attending Rochester Institute of Technology received \$2500.00.** Ayla couldn't



make it due to a work commitment but was represented by her father, accepting and passing on her gratitude for the award.

### Upcoming events:

Platform, Boom Lift and forklift training set for 9/21/2023 - watch for sign up forms.

Envelope air leakage seminar is set for 11/16/2023 - location to be determined.

Two additions to the local board of directors will be voted on 9/21/2023. This will bring our board to a full slate of officers should they be confirmed:

Director/Vice President Pat Bowman, Territory Manager New England, All Weather Insulated Panels.  
Director/Secretary Casey Larson CSR/Admin, Package Steel Systems Inc.

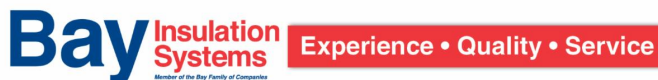
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## Greater Ohio Chapter News

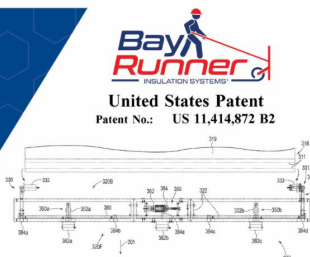
Our **7th Annual GO-MBCEA Golf Outing** is scheduled to be held at Bunker Hill Golf Course in Medina, OH on Thursday, August 17th.

Thank you to the following companies for their pledged support of this very important event:

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An informative module on Retrofit Roofing has just been released! **Check out the promo!** While you're on the **MBCEA YouTube Channel** watch our Temporary Bracing PSA in either **English** or **Spanish**.

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## MBCEA Contractor Member Benefit Reminder!

**Crew Sourcing Posts** - this member benefit is a service provided for when your projects overlap and you're in need of assistance or when you have a gap in your schedule due to a project delay. The goal is to keep everyone working and provide assistance when needed. These posts are not for bid requests and we encourage you to use the **Member Directory** to locate fellow members in your project area. Both the Looking for Erectors and Available Crew posts will be emailed to membership, posted on our Social Media pages and listed on the Crew Sourcing/Employment webpage. We endeavor to gather posts and send the email out once a week.

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