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Greetings!

Fall Prevention

Did you see the title and immediately jump to expectations of an article about OSHA approved Fall Prevention, or Protection, and the many opinions woven through both?



Well, I hope the following does not disappoint, as it's more of the play on the word Fall; as in Autumn, fall as in "behind the pack" and if you don't stand for something you will fall for anything.

August marks a natural transition point as some say that summer is winding down, and history reads that many of us are gearing up for a busy fall season.

Did you have a good summer? Annual vacation, now memories, with crazy pictures that you scroll and scroll to find when a related story needs proof?

Did you get out to participate in any of the [Chapter](#) events, either your respective, or any other cause it sounded great? As I type this I am in Lee's Summit, MO on the eve of the Midwest Chapter Annual Golf Outing. Did not know about it? Here is the link to the EVENTS page on our site, it's like a calendar ☺ but better. www.mbcea.org/events/ Check it out; there are, and will continue to be chapter event postings. Check them, and feel free to register!

Last week, the Greater Ohio Chapter hosted their 9th Annual Golf Event at Bunker Hill Golf Club in Medina, OH. I am not sure who Orris or Vic knows, or if they have Mother Nature's email, but the weather they host on their day is amazing. A great turnout, check out the post:

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7359506306187108352>

These events are open to MBCEA members, so don't fall behind the pack, and miss the next opportunity to network with your industry peers, your industry suppliers, and the opportunity to support the fundraisers for scholarships.

If Fall brings back memories of going back to school, or even more recently getting your families back into school mode, how about taking on an educational

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challenge?

The most obvious is the AC478 Accreditation. Don't know what that means? Please take this sentence as an invitation to log into our next conversation on September 17th. www.mbcea.org/events/ac478-roundtable-september-17 I would say all the cool kids are, but based on the homes.com [superbowl](#) ad, I am not allowed to say things like that. I can say that there are accredited members who can share successes they are realizing based on their declaration of being AC478.

If you have an hour, a laptop, and a lunch, log into any one of our MBCEA presents monthly FREE (as in inflation immune FREE) Webinars. The next one is on August 21 and is a BIM 101 Panel Presentation. [Register Here](#), now, c'mon go ahead, I'll wait.

Lastly, the power of standing for something goes deeper than the Aaron Tippin country song. Today, our association grew a bit more, albeit with a new member, an existing member enrolling in for AC478 accreditation, watching Chad Anderson stir a kettle at a shrimp/low country boil (thank you again [Mar Building Solutions](#)), to having one of my sales team honestly admit he reads my newsletter, to posting a question on the Forum section of the app. We grew because we stand, we work, we learn, we play together.

We are the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association, our fall prevention, our mission, as we have all agreed to choose to support the professional advancement of metal building contractors, erectors, and our industry.

Be Safe, Be Great,**Robert Tiffin**

President, MBCEA
National Accounts Manager, Silvercote

**Call for Presentations for 2026
Conference - due today!**

The April 22-24, 2026, 57th Annual MBCEA Conference will take place in Colorado Springs. It will be a management retreat-style with fewer tracks and a strong focus on content geared towards owners/managers. That being said, the education our members have asked for in 2026 is about A.I., Technology, Management Software, Industry Trends. If you can suggest a presenter, fulfill any of these topics, or feel you have a strong offer for this audience, please email Britain at admin@mbcea.org

with the topic, outline/bullet points, and presenter for consideration. Thank you!

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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 if you'd like to join the Framing, Framed Openings, Exposed Fastener Roofs, or Standing Seam Roofs committee.

Next up in our free monthly webinar series... BIM 101 Panel Presentation

Thursday, August 21, 2025 - 1 pm ET

The goal of this panel presentation is to educate metal building assemblers on what BIM is and help contractors and manufacturers see the value in it.

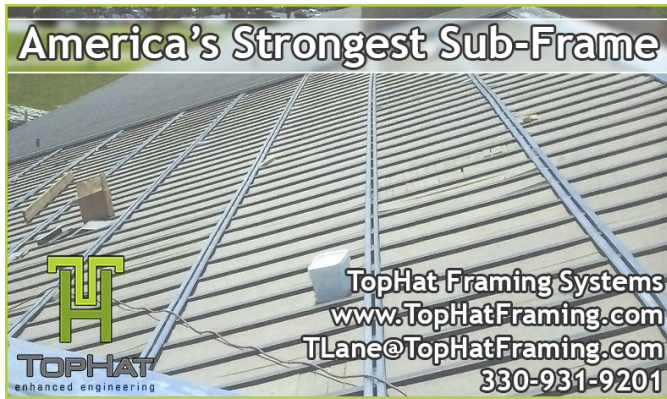
The Subject Matter Experts participating on the panel are Jake Ball, BlueScope, Chair of MBMA BIM Task Group; Marco Francisco, AWIP; Jeff Clark, BIM Built Innovations; and Tucker Cope, C. Tucker Cope.

There will be plenty of time for Q&A throughout this discussion.

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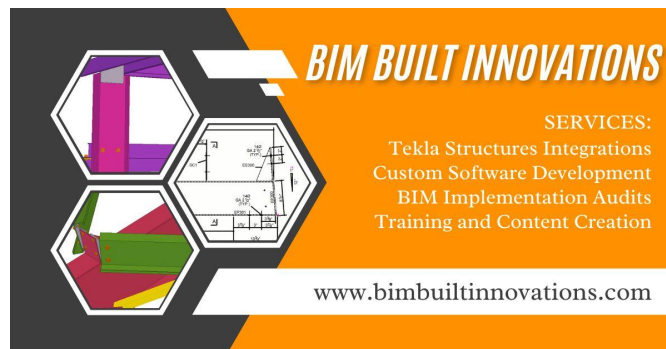
Floods: **Flood Preparedness and Response - Introduction | Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

Constuction Law Corner: Using Baseball Arbitration to Control Outrageous Outcomes

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Alternative dispute resolution is premised on the concept of providing a more efficient and economical approach to resolve disputes. While many active lawyers will tell you that arbitration is neither cheaper nor more efficient in its typical usage today, this is not to say that arbitration should never be used. It is instead a call to be thoughtful about the dispute resolution process you select. There is one unique form of arbitration that can be helpful in situations where an opponent has unrealistic expectations.

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Apprenticeship Corner: MBCEA APPRENTICESHIP IS REAL

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For many members of the MBCEA, apprenticeship remains a lofty but esoteric goal. In the

conversations I and the other members of the Apprenticeship Committee have with people, the perception is that it's a laudable objective that we will reach some time in the distant future. I am happy to report that nothing could be further from the truth.

The first MBCEA supported apprenticeship program for metal building assembly is up and running in Pennsylvania. In partnership with the ABC Keystone Chapter, the first class is scheduled to start the state approved program in very short order. Students will be provided with both the valuable classroom work needed to understand important concepts and the on-the-job training that is so critical to the success of any apprenticeship program. The seats will be filled by workers from MBCEA member companies and the curriculum will consist of training that both MBCEA and MBI played a role in developing.

The point? MBCEA supported apprenticeship programs are in the "here and now". This is not to say that there isn't work to do, but progress is being made and the reality of apprenticeship programs that will support industry development for years to come is real. It's important that everyone join the cause and try to find a way to support the MBCEA's efforts at apprenticeship.



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Raeco recently achieved AC478 accreditation. Tom Jurgens, Owner said "We believe this accreditation provides our clients with unmatched peace of mind, knowing they're partnering with a contractor whose commitment to excellence has been independently verified. For us, it's about maintaining the trust our clients place in us by consistently delivering projects that are safe, high-quality, and built to last." He continued, "while the IAS AC478 accreditation is a tremendous honor and a testament to our team's hard work, our dedication to quality extends far beyond any accreditation. Ultimately, it's about our clients. It's about understanding their unique building goals and ensuring we not only meet, but exceed, their expectations with every project we undertake."

For more information about the IAS AC478 accreditation program visit mbcea.org. For more information about Raeco Builders, LLC, visit raecobuilders.com.



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

AC478 Roundtable Thursday, September 17, 2025 - 2 pm ET

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 and IAS will run through an overview of process steps, timeframe, navigating the website portal, for example, address change, upload documents, point out how-to videos.

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MBCEA Chapters

Carolinas Chapter News

Save the date for the Carolinas Chapter Golf Outing on Tuesday, October 14th. More information to come soon.

Mid-Atlantic Chapter News

It's time to register for the 19th Annual Mid-Atlantic Chapter Golf Outing! To accommodate those on vacation, provide the most exposure for our sponsors, and create the best networking experience for our members we have pushed the golf tournament back to Friday, September 19. If you've already registered, you don't have to register again. If you were unable to make the July 25 date, please register now for the new date.

[Click here](#) for all the information, to register, and sponsor. We always have a great time, revisiting with old friends and making new, while raising money for scholarships. Please join us!

Thank you to Therm-All for sponsoring this event.

Tennessee Valley Chapter News

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of MBCEA held it's first social meeting on July 18th, 2025 at The Nashville Gun Club in Nashville, TN. The Clay Shoot was a huge success with more than 50 Members and Non Members in attendance.

We would like to thank the Event Sponsor Nucor, the Food Sponsor Triangle Fastener, and the station sponsors Roof Curb Systems, Design Systems Builders, Kirby Building Systems, Stewart Richey, Steelworx and Ceco.



The meeting was held at the club after the shoot and featured MBCEA President Robert Tiffin giving an informational speech regarding benefits of MBCEA membership as well as asking what direction each member would like this chapter to move.

The Tennessee Valley Chapter is encouraged by the feedback from the Membership and more events are being scheduled now according to Membership wishes. The Chapter would like to especially thank Robert for making the trip to Nashville to speak, and to every member that showed up to enjoy in the fun!

Randy Sharber Chapter President

Technical Corner: Cutting Through the Energy Code Tangle

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