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Greetings!

Building Legacies and Curtain Calls



As my two-year term as President ends, I reflect not only on our amazing association, its new processes for future MBCEA and chapter growth, but also on the art of endings. Great finales, whether in construction or television, are less about closure and more about legacy.

Take MASH's* legendary farewell, "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen" (1983). Just as Hawkeye and company packed up the 4077th, we too dismantle scaffolds of this leadership, knowing the structures we leave behind will outlast the war stories. Their bittersweet blend of humor and gravity mirrors our own: the laughter of conferences, the weight of industry challenges, and the pride of service to you, our members.

Fast-forward to Cheers (1993), where Sam Malone turns off the lights of his bar, reminding us that leadership is less about the building itself and more about the community it shelters. Like Sam, I have learned that our association thrives not on steel alone, but on the camaraderie of all those who make every project a shared toast.

And then there's The Office (2013), where ordinary workdays became extraordinary stories. Its finale celebrated the beauty of finding meaning in the transactional. Likewise, our daily blueprints/drawing; meetings, erecting frames, tightening bolts, etc. becomes remarkable when viewed through the lens of collective achievement.

So, as I sign off, I do so with gratitude and wit: endings are not exits, they are foundations. The scope of my presidency closed, but the certificate of occupancy is ready for David Leinbach, in the building of the next two years.

My first thank you is for you Sasha, alone. With great spirit, and downright grit, you have pushed, pulled, laughed and "oh Roberted" me as part of a wonderful team, with even better results. Truly, an amazing partnership when you let me think it was. LOL. A sincere, and most certain thank you.

Thank you, each of you, our members, for the honour of your time, your support, as we did reach new

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heights together, forever solidifying the legacy of the MBCEA.

Fade to ...Before I go, the registration for the 57th Annual MBCEA Conference and MBMA Spring Meeting is open. Click [HERE](#).

Ok, now Fade to Black.

Be Safe, Be Great,

Robert Tiffin

President, MBCEA
National Accounts Manager, Silvercote

2026 Renewal Dues Invoices Are Due

Your 2026 Dues invoice has been emailed to your billing contact. The invoices are due on 1/1/26, with member access to events, products, webinars, etc. locking down on 2/1 until payment is received. Be sure to reach out if your company hasn't seen your invoice. Better yet, plan to log into your [Member Compass](#) before 1/1/26 to pay your balance and elect auto pay for future membership renewals!

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 mbceaaawards.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!

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Conference Attendee Registration is Open

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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[Register Here](#)

Next up in our free monthly webinar series..

MBCEA for District/Regional Managers

January 15, 2026
12 - 1 PM EST

All representatives of metal building manufacturers and suppliers are encouraged to join us to get acquainted with how MBCEA benefits you and your builders. Why did your home office tell you to join the local Chapter? How can you look like the expert when speaking with your customers? What is AC478 and why should my builders apply? Get answers to these questions and more at this virtual, educational session.

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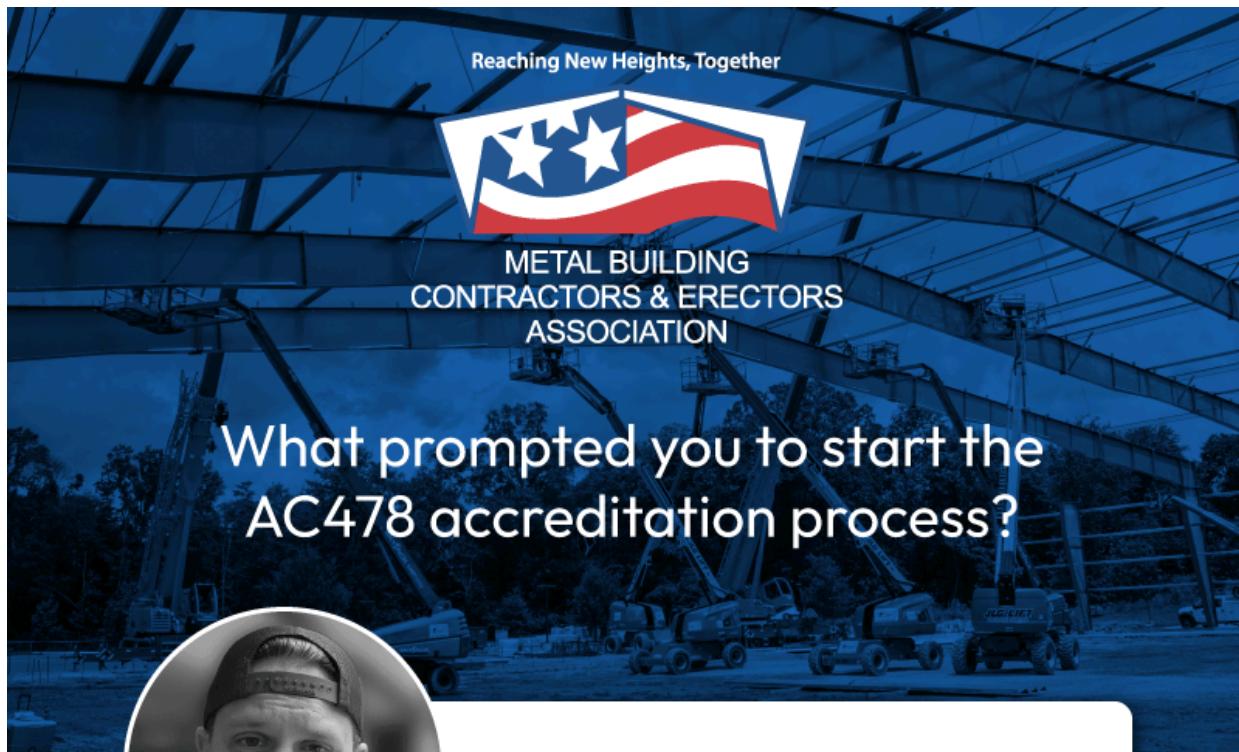
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-Jarrod Turner, CEO
TBT Construction



Learn more about AC478 accreditation at mbcea.org

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- Justin Sayer and James Capo
Ironrock Commercial Construction, LLC
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MBCEA Chapter News

Carolinas Chapter

Our Carolinas Chapter hosted a fantastic Fall Scholarship Golf Outing on November 6th at Warrior Golf Club in China Grove, NC, where 44 golfers joined us for a beautiful day on the course. Thanks to the strong turnout and generous support of our participants, we raised nearly \$5,000 for the MBCEA Carolina's Scholarship Fund. We're grateful to everyone who came out, contributed, and helped make this event such a success for our chapter. Please see below for the results from the event and thank you again to all our sponsors who made this possible. A special thanks to Kezia Faith from Building Envelope Specialists, for taking photos and videos of the day, which are shared in the link below.

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Photos from the event

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Texas Chapter

Texas Chapter held a meet and greet on Wednesday, 19 November in Houston and we had good attendance from MBCEA members.

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Construction Law Corner: The Case for Disclosure and the Attorney Client Privilege

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Dan Brown, the author of the famous book the *DaVinci Code*, has been quoted as saying that “nothing is hidden that will not be made known”, and “nothing is secret that will not come to light”. As a practicing lawyer actively involved in client counseling for many years, I can confirm this to be the case. This is particularly true when lawyers or the law is involved. Between mandatory disclosure requirements and lawyers who do their due diligence, almost nothing can stay hidden. It’s better to rely on the attorney client privilege to tell your lawyer everything and develop a strategy based on the entire picture. This issue played a central role in a case on the docket for the United States Supreme Court next year.

In *Keathley v. Buddy Ayers Construction, Incorporated*, the Court will review a case which was dismissed by a federal judge because the Plaintiff failed to disclose the existence of another case in a different court. Mr. Keathley had filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 13 of the bankruptcy code in the District of Arkansas. While this case was ongoing, he was involved in a motor vehicle accident with a truck driver employed by Buddy Ayers Construction. He filed a separate lawsuit against Buddy Ayers Construction and its employee in the U.S. District Court for the District of Northern Mississippi alleging resulting injuries. He

didn't, however, disclose the lawsuit and potential additional income to the bankruptcy court in Arkansas before a modified plan in bankruptcy was approved.

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Apprenticeship Corner: The Infrastructure of Apprenticeship

Joshua C. Quinter, MBCEA Apprenticeship Committee Chair

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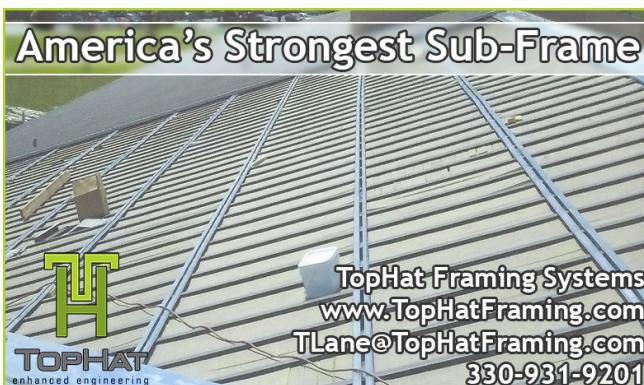
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Almost everyone understands the basic concept of apprenticeship. It's some combination of academic learning about a subject combined with on-the-job training. The on-the-job training usually comes as part of a job and results in the apprentice getting paid for the time spent learning their craft. This system of training is documented as far back as the 1700s BCE.

Apprenticeship became a formally recognized and regulated system in the United States with the passage of the National Apprenticeship Act in 1937. The original intent of the law was to establish and protect labor standards for apprentices in the United States. More specifically, the objective was to guard the welfare of apprentices, encourage their inclusion in formal labor and collective bargaining contracts, and bring together employers and labor groups to create training programs. The process was turned over to the Department of Labor to create a related regulatory framework and work with states to oversee apprenticeship.

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