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MBCEA members receive free access to the Quality & Craftsmanship 101 11-module video series, \$200 off the annual subscription to the 102 IMP and 201 Retrofit Roofing Modules, and \$150 off the Guidelines for Temporary Bracing. The discount code can be found on our [Training page](#).

Every contractor and erector should have a copy of the guidelines and access the training!

Greetings!

AC478 Updates Strengthen the Path for Ontario/Canadian MBCEA Members



MBCEA members have long understood that quality, safety, training, and accountability are more than talking points—they are the foundation of successful metal building construction. With the latest update to the International Accreditation Service AC478 criteria, effective July 1, 2026, that foundation is expanding in an important way for our members operating in Ontario.

AC478, Accreditation Criteria for erection of Metal Building Systems, remains the most comprehensive quality assurance accreditation program of its kind for metal building assembly. The program verifies that contractors and erectors maintain documented safety and training programs, management systems, job-site specific assembly plans, internal audits, management reviews, and onsite assessments that demonstrate consistent performance in the field.

The updated criteria are especially significant because they incorporate Ontario specific requirements, making it possible for contractors and erectors working under these regulations and standards to pursue AC478 accreditation through a framework that better aligns with their operating environment. This represents an important milestone for AC478's international growth and could serve as a model for future consideration of additional Canadian jurisdictions as needs are identified.

Why This Matters for Ontario/Canadian Members

Ontario MBCEA members operate in a market where expectations for safety, documentation, training, and quality continue to rise. As project teams look for dependable partners, AC478 provides a recognizable benchmark that helps distinguish companies committed to doing the work the right way.

New MBCEA App Feature

Check out the website version of our mobile app! A new way for you to engage with content, events, forums, and each other - from the convenience of your laptop.

Get Paid to Train your Team

The Ketenbrink Education Fund (KEF) has immediate mini-grant opportunities open to all MBCEA Members. Train your team using the MBI Quality and Craftsmanship 101 series. KEF will grant you \$250 each for up to 5 employees who successfully complete the 11-module series and testing from 5/1/26 through 10/1/26. The tests will cost you \$110/pp but you will receive \$250 in grant money.

MBI Q&C training is a required element for AC478 accreditation.

\$50,000 has been allocated for this grant program. Grant will close when funds run out.

Note that only those that have successfully completed the testing product are eligible to apply. (Think of it as a "refund".)

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Contractors and erectors serious about training are needed to review the new MBI curriculum.

Before we "go live" we need your help to ensure each course is comprehensive and complete; engaging and informative.

Each selected contractor will be given access to one complete unit (e.g. framing) to review with your team and provide feedback.

By incorporating Ontario-specific requirements within the AC478 framework, the program becomes more relevant and useful these firms that want to demonstrate their systems, processes, and field practices through an independent third-party accreditation. This creates a stronger bridge between owner expectations, building official confidence, and contractor performance.

For members considering accreditation, this is an ideal time to learn more, ask questions, and begin preparing. MBCEA continues to encourage contractors and erectors to pursue AC478 as a mark of professionalism and accountability, and to use the program as a practical tool for strengthening operations—not simply as a certificate to hang on the wall.

Membership Value in a Changing Industry

Updates like this also underscore the exceptional value of MBCEA membership. As MBCEA prepares for a modest 3% dues adjustment for the 2027 membership year, the return on membership remains strong—and in many ways, stronger than ever. MBCEA is not simply an association that collects dues; it is a working community that helps members improve, compete, connect, and lead.

Members benefit from access to AC478 guidance, roundtables, training resources, chapter engagement, industry advocacy, networking opportunities, workforce development initiatives, and a national platform dedicated to the professional advancement of metal building contractors and erectors.

The dues adjustment will help MBCEA continue investing in the programs, tools, staff support, education, and outreach that members rely on. In a time when customers are asking more of contractors and erectors, MBCEA membership helps companies stay informed, prepared, and connected to the standards that are shaping the future of our industry.

Looking Ahead

For Ontario/Canadian members, the AC478 criteria update is more than a technical change. It is a sign that the MBS industry is continuing to mature, professionalize, and recognize the importance of consistent standards across markets.

While the current update applies specifically to Ontario, it establishes a pathway for IAS to consider future criteria updates for other Canadian provinces and jurisdictions as interest and demand grows.

Stay tuned in the coming months as additional MBCEA benefits are coming which will make your MBCEA membership even more valuable.

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2027 Dues Increase Notice

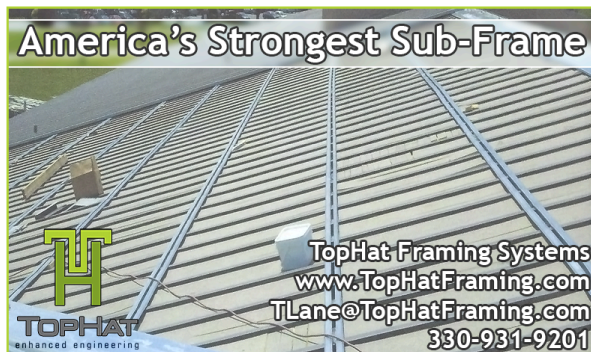
Pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of its bylaws, the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association is providing notice to its membership that annual dues will increase by 3% effective for the 2027 membership year.

This modest adjustment allows MBCEA to continue delivering strong value and meaningful benefits to our members. In recent years, we've expanded our offerings to better support your success, including a free monthly MBCEA Presents webinar series, enhanced new member onboarding, expanded educational resources, and increased staff support to provide more responsive service. Our mobile app also makes it easier than ever to stay connected and access valuable member resources anytime.

As this increase will take effect after the required notice period, renewal invoices issued on November 1, 2026 will reflect the updated dues rates for 2027.

We sincerely appreciate your continued engagement and investment in MBCEA and look forward to continuing to support your business and the industry.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.



Technical Corner

ASCE 7-22 Tornado Load Bulletin

MBCEA Technical Committee, Lynn Harwood

As states or municipalities begin to adopt the new ASCE 7-22, it is worth noting that Chapter 32, "Tornado Loads" has now been completed in the code. This previous blank chapter had been "reserved" and is a newly completed part of the ASCE 7 code. This chapter was planned and introduced for additional design concerns and is based on research advances, "critical facility protection", consistency, and life safety. While this new chapter does not replace any of the current requirements from wind design criteria (Chapter 26 through 31), it could introduce additional wind loads to the building. First, this new chapter will only affect buildings defined by the Engineer of Record as Risk Category III and IV.

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Construction Law Corner

Contractual Jury Waivers In Construction Contracts

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Construction contracts routinely contain a provision that is easy to overlook during negotiation but carries significant consequences: the jury trial waiver. For metal building contractors and erectors, these clauses appear frequently in subcontracts, vendor agreements, purchase orders, and work order documents—often buried in boilerplate terms and conditions. Before you sign on the dotted line, these provisions deserve careful attention.

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Apprenticeship Corner

The Interplay Between Apprenticeship and AI

Josh Quinter

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There is undeniably a labor shortage in the construction industry. The unavailability of well-trained workers is an even more acute crisis. Apprenticeship programs, including the metal building specific one currently being developed by MBCEA, are a key part of the plan to help resolve the lack of qualified workers. The blinding speed at which AI solutions are advancing and being introduced into the marketplace is accentuating the tension at the interface between the "people side" of the solution to the labor shortage and the "technology side".

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