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Hello Sasha,

As a technically challenged older adult, I want to ask if you have heard about the brand new MBCEA mobile app? **Simply search MBCEA in your app store and download.** Once you log in you have an instant forum for Q&A and upcoming events. Post and share some information or brag about a new project. There's already a good question in the forum area under the Training/Safety/Technical header. It is a private forum for the MBCEA so please get on there and give us some feedback. We hope you use it. It took me about 2 minutes to download the app and find something interesting.



Have you seen the 2023 Building of the Year video? Check it out on our [home page](#) or [YouTube channel](#). It's a very impressive and photogenic project and the video is also quite good! Congratulations once again to Don Moore and Lemartec. **I urge all of you to start considering which project you will submit for Building of the Year 2024.** The contest opens in December and the winner is announced at our Conference in April. The winner will once again be highlighted in a video like this that we share and promote. The winner can also use the video on their website, social media, etc.

Now that the weather is cold, I hope you are all thinking about April in San Diego and the Annual National Conference. **Sponsorship opportunities are now open and sure to sell out fast.** If you have never attended this event before, please consider it – you will be glad you did. Save the date April 24-26. The Conference Committee is building a fabulous line-up of education and networking. This year we focus on management; next year we are in Charlotte, NC and will focus more on field needs.

There is so much going on at MBCEA these days: a new app, fantastic marketing and industry promotions, opportunities to learn and share at conference and on-line events. We continue to progress the new Metal Building curriculum initiative. We continue to strengthen our relationship and involvement with the MBMA; in fact, Robert Tiffin and I will be speaking at their December meeting. Last month we participated at METALCON with a booth and two sessions: Retrofit and Accreditation.

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Our members frequently say they get so much more out of membership than the small annual fee. Please remember this when you receive your renewal invoice! **You have until 1/31 to renew but why delay, pay it today.**

As 2023 winds down, I think we need to reflect for a moment on how far the association has come in the last 10-15 years. We have certainly more than doubled our membership, perhaps tripled. Our online presence is strong, even stronger are the array of benefits we provide. We have a healthy and mutually beneficial relationship with MBMA. Reaching New Heights Together is more than just a tagline.

If you have an idea for the good of the membership, I'd love to hear from you. Happy Thanksgiving!

Regards,

Jen Heimburger
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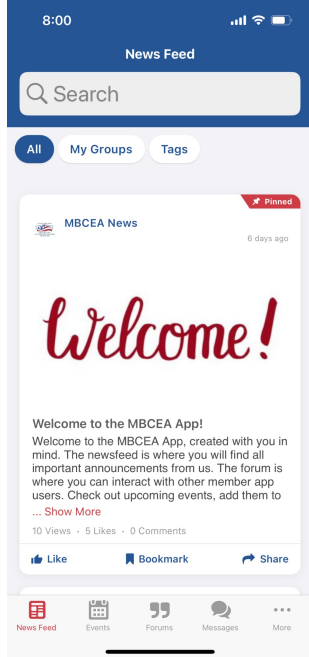
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MBCEA Announces a New Mobile App!

The latest benefit of membership can be found in our MBCEA app which will allow for year-round member engagement at your fingertips. The News Feed will contain important information about upcoming events, member benefits, and announcements. The forums are where you will be able to post an issue or question that you're facing, share best practices, and ask for resources. Direct message other app users. Register for events and save to your phone calendar. Advertising throughout the app will be made available via banners to our Industry Members. We'll also be using this as our event app. Download and



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Attend the November Roundtable to get all your questions answered and hear from those who recently gone through the process.

Thursday November 16 at 2PM - [Register Now](#)

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](#).

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New Worker Walkaround Rule Problematic

Joshua Quinter - Offit Kurman

OSHA is proposing a new rule that would allow an employee to choose a third party representative to accompany an OSHA inspector on a job site inspection. This third party representative could be a union representative, a community activist, or even a family member. There does not appear to be any real criteria as it relates to the qualifications of the selected third party representative. This rule, if it passes in its current form, is a bad idea for a number of reasons.

First, contractors are in charge of and responsible for safety on the job site. When an OSHA

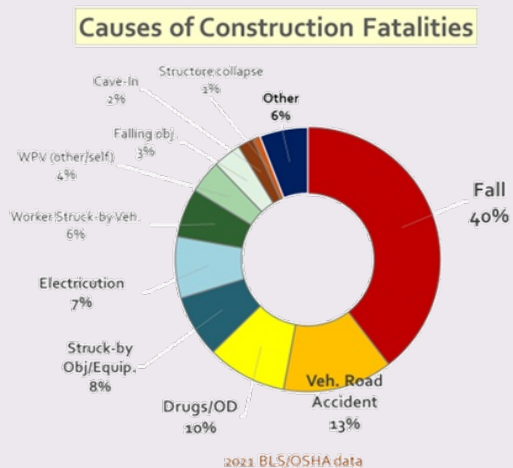
representative comes on site, he or she brings an added element to the safety obligations. The contractor remains obligated for the safety of all personnel on site; but OSHA inspectors, since they work for the government, don't always believe they are required to follow the same safety protocols for a variety of reasons. This new rule introduces another person into category. More importantly, the rule does not provide any requirement for safety training or certifications to ensure the selected third party can be there safely.

[Learn More](#)

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

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

You may have recently noticed the increase in awareness and resources devoted to mental health for workers in the construction industry. Suicide among construction workers has become a serious topic, as it now accounts for about 4% of construction deaths – yes, these suicides occurred ON THE JOB. This is twice the number of workers killed from trench cave-ins and doesn't even account for worker suicides that do not occur during work hours.



While Fed. OSHA does not directly regulate employer suicide prevention programs, they do provide resources devoted to this topic (link at end of this article). Of course, investigation of complaints and at-work deaths continues to be a part of their function and, if necessary and appropriate, the General Duty Clause could be applied.

Like most of you, I am a professional in a field other than counseling. But I try to do a better job of identifying situations where someone may be reaching out for help, just not in a very direct way. Although sometimes subtle, there is a difference between someone just bitching and someone who may be struggling with underlying issues. The resources provided at the end of this article help with making this distinction.

Asking for help – especially needs relating to mental health and especially through construction co-workers – is a tall order for most people. We all have issues – marital, kids, gambling, drugs/alcohol, financial... many are minor and can be managed. But some folks are less able to feel that sense of control over their problem(s) or get themselves to a point where they are incapable of seeing a path forward. They need help but may be afraid to ask friends at work because they don't want others to know their problems or "be made an ass out of." Yet construction is unlike most other industries in that your co-workers become de facto family. This relationship may sometimes be a little complicated or dysfunctional, but teamwork and the rewards of problem-solving and hard work make the relationships among our crew members something unique.

I love my brother, but distance between us probably keeps us from being at each other's throat all the time. But I would never want to see him suffer. I have an ear and know when to set pettiness aside. I also know where I could go if professional help is needed. That doesn't make me special – it makes me just like you and just like any other human being with a soul.

Many people who contemplate suicide exhibit signs. It may be their way of reaching out for help without having to directly ask. Sometimes we just need a little help from our friends.

Construction Suicide Prevention Resources, Toolbox Talks, & Posters



MBCEA Chapters

New England Chapter News

Upcoming events:

Platform, Boom Lift and forklift training set for has been postponed. Watch for future announcement.

Envelope air leakage seminar is set for 11/16/2023. Location will be Portsmouth Country Club. Registration will be available shortly.

Carolinas Chapter News

The Carolinas Chapter had a great Notebook Class on Temporary Bracing of Metal Buildings. We had excellent attendance with 60 people showing up. A special thank you to Keith Wentworth for a very thorough presentation. Also, this event wouldn't have been possible without our Key Event Sponsor, [Osprey Safety Systems](#), and our event lunch sponsor, [Chief Buildings](#).

Mid-Atlantic Chapter News

The **Mid-Atlantic 16th annual Holiday Social is taking place on Friday, December 8, 2023**, from 6:30-10:00 pm in Peddler's Village, Lahaska, PA! It was such a beautiful venue that we had to go back again this year. So if you missed it last year, join us this year! Plan on bringing your staff as your holiday party. We look forward to celebrating our accomplishments, enjoying good food and company, networking and awarding scholarships. See the [registration form](#) for hotel information (**room block expires 11/8**), the schedule, and more.

Special thank you to **ATAS International, Butler Mfg., Dominion Construction Group, Tell Manufacturing and Therm-All** for sponsoring this event! Your support and participation are appreciated. There's still time to add your name to this list (see [sponsorship form](#))! We look forward to spending a wonderful evening together.



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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](#).

To purchase your copy of Guidelines for Temporary Bracing, [click here](#). MBCEA members take 50% off the purchase price with your 2023 discount code. The discount code will also give members a \$200 discount on the annual subscription to the IMP and Retrofit Roofing modules.

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

Our **New Member Roundtables have been receiving great feedback!**"I was on the call yesterday – very informative and worth the time!", says Chris Hertzog, President of A.C.E. Building Service. The [next one](#) isn't until January, but you may benefit from watching [October's session](#) on our YouTube Channel. Hint, it shows you how to create an account on our website!

"There is always, always something to be thankful for."

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