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Greetings!

Time may have fallen back, but we're leaning in and moving forward.



As the clocks rolled back this month, the holidays and last of the 2025 calendar pages, it's tempting to slow down and settle in. But at MBCEA, we're doing the opposite — leaning in, and charging forward with opportunities, insights, and innovations to strengthen our industry through education and connection. Whether you're a seasoned member or newly engaged, November continues to be and December is packed with ways to get involved, stay informed, and make your mark.

Conference Sponsorship: Elevate Your Brand

Planning is well underway for the 2026 MBCEA conference and there are just a few sponsorship opportunities still open. This is your chance to showcase your company to metal building system professionals, decision-makers, and innovators. From keynote visibility (a name well known trusted and funny) to branded networking events, sponsors can gain premium exposure and meaningful engagement. Hope you didn't wait, and you are making your plans for impact.

MBCEA Presents: November & December Lineup

Our "MBCEA Presents" webinar series continues to deliver high-value content. November features blue print reading (they are not all black and white...), while December wraps the year with a conversation about the rapidly heating trend of cold formed buildings. These sessions are free to all members and offer practical takeaways. [Registration](#) links are live and we have reserved a spot for you.

Hall of Fame Nominations Are Open

Know someone, or you are someone, who's made a lasting impact on the metal building industry? Enter a nomination for the Metal Construction News Hall of Fame. This prestigious recognition honors individuals who've demonstrated excellence, leadership, and service, like the most recent inductee, our Sasha! Nominations close January 15, so take a moment to celebrate those who've shaped our field. [Click here](#)

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For those maintaining AC478 accreditation, now's the time to review your documentation and prepare for renewal. MBCEA offers resources and peer support to help you stay compliant and confident.

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Not yet accredited? Our team can guide you through the process; it's a powerful way to demonstrate quality and professionalism. We have committed to have 50 AC478 Members accredited by June 2026, and our goal is to be 100 strong by 2027.

These are not early New Year's resolutions (like my only one cookie per day); these are our focus, and a commitment to our Building Manufacturer partners.

Chapter News: Local Momentum, National, well now North American Impact

Chapters across the US and Canada are closing the year with energy. There was another meeting of Ontario contractors, erectors and industry reps, and are progressing to be an official Canadian Chapter! The Carolinas Chapter hosted a successful scholarship golf outing, while the Northwest Chapter hosted a Clay Shoot and Luncheon to further bolster their membership! These local events build a community, share knowledge, and strengthen our national, now North American network. Check your chapter's calendar and get involved. Your voice, your being active, matters.

Technical Corner: Flange Braces

Our Technical Committee continues to provide our members with tips and tricks in the field, things to pay attention to. This month's Technical Corner (in this very newsletter – see below) focuses on flange braces — what to watch out for when attaching them with banded liner systems.

Moving Forward Together

The days may be shorter, but our momentum is growing. The evenings get darker sooner, but we are lighting the way to a stronger industry! MBCEA is here to support your success through education, recognition, standards, and community. Lean in, stay curious, and let's finish 2025 and reach new heights, together in 2026!

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Join those who have already pledged their support!



2026 Renewal Dues Invoices Are Due 1/1/26!

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!

Next up in our free monthly webinar series...

Blueprint Reading

November 20, 2025
12 - 1:30 PM ET

Topics to be covered:

- Drawing organization
- Detail callouts and nomenclature
- Connection callouts/bolt schedules
- Trim details and how to identify different trim conditions
- Bills of lading/parts lists

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December 11, 2025
12 - 1 PM ET

Cold-formed steel buildings have steadily gained U.S. market share over the past 25 years—and today's growing demand for resilient, efficient structures is accelerating that trend. In this session, you'll explore the basics of cold-formed steel construction and explore some of the common misconceptions regarding its strength, durability and engineering performance. You will learn what sets cold-formed apart from traditional building options and learn the key selling points that make it desirable. You'll also see how cold-formed buildings are constructed and discover how easily you can add this high-demand option to your portfolio, whether you're a building manufacturer, a reseller, erector, or a contractor ready to grow.

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Nominate Industry Greats for the Metal Construction News Hall of Fame

Metal Construction News is calling for nominations for the prestigious Metal Construction News Hall of Fame. Celebrating dedication, innovation, and brilliance, this honor recognizes those who have left an enduring mark on the metal construction industry.

Angelo Borzillo, Co-Inventor of GALVALUME Coated Steel, Passes Away

The global metal construction community is mourning the passing of Angelo "Ange" Borzillo, the co-inventor of GALVALUME® coated steel and a 2022 inductee into the Metal Construction News Hall of Fame. Here is more about his incredible legacy.



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-Justin Sayer and James Capo
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"At Commercial Metal Building Services Corp (CMBSC), our mission has always been to set the standard for safety, quality, and professionalism in the metal building erection industry. Achieving AC478 accreditation directly reflects the core values we live by every day. This accreditation reaffirms our unwavering commitment to operational excellence, field competence, and ethical conduct. It is a direct endorsement of the systems we've long had in place to ensure every project is executed with precision, transparency, and an unrelenting focus on client satisfaction. Just as CMBSC strives to be the preferred erector in every market we serve, AC478 underscores our credibility and reinforces the trust our partners and clients place in us. I view this achievement not as a destination, but as another step forward in our continuous pursuit of building better—safely, skillfully, and with purpose.

-Dean S. Davids
Commercial Metal Building Services Corp



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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 Wednesday, November 19, 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. Dan Halme will discuss some issues IAS sees during the job site assessment, specifically the letter of commencement for the concrete foundation, and how to respond to CAR's and Concerns.

[Register for Roundtable](#)



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MBCEA Chapter News

Northwest Chapter

The Northwest Chapter recently held a successful gathering at Reds Fly Shop in Ellensburg, bringing members together for meaningful discussion and collaboration.

During the event, participants outlined next steps for upcoming decisions, and progress on chapter documentation is well underway. The energy and engagement continue to build as the chapter moves forward with its initiatives.

Ontario Chapter

The MBCEA Ontario Chapter held its second official meeting on November 5, 2025, at Reds Fly Shop in Paris, Ontario, generously sponsored by Silvercote. With 43 attendees, the event focused on strengthening the chapter's foundation and advancing its mission across the province.

Key Highlights:

- **Board Formation:** The Ontario Chapter Board was formally established, with Dan Sweeney elected as President and Clinton Benn as Vice President. Additional roles include Secretary, Treasurer, Marketing, Safety, and Directors at Large.
- **Committee Launch:** Several committees were formed, including Training & Education, CSSBI/CISC, AC478 Accreditation, and Membership Outreach. Members are encouraged to meet monthly and collaborate via a shared Dropbox.
- **Membership Growth:** The current roster includes 14 member companies. Attendees discussed the benefits of MBCEA membership and the importance of expanding outreach.
- **Guest Presentation:** Justin Bruzzese, CEO of Canadian Metal Buildings, showcased the use of Virtual Reality in metal building design and construction, offering attendees a hands-on VR experience.

The Ontario Chapter is off to a strong start—thank you to everyone contributing to its success!

Be sure to [follow the chapter on LinkedIn](#).

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Join us for our 18th Annual Holiday Social at the historic Glasbern Inn, Fogelsville PA on Friday, December 12, from 6:30-9:30 pm.

[Click Here to Register](#)

We are hosting the MBCEA Presents... Blueprint Reading webinar on 11/20, so be sure to [register](#).

Texas Chapter

On Monday 27 October 2025, The Texas Chapter sent out a notice to Texas MBCEA members asking them for collecting feedback from contractors and erectors across the association so we can better understand your challenges, priorities, and how MBCEA can better support your business for the Texas Chapter. Please respond to the survey if you haven't already.

Greater Ohio Chapter

Join us Thursday, December 4th, 2025, for an educational webinar hosted by the MBCEA Greater Ohio Chapter focused on COMcheck and Energy Code Compliance for Metal Building Systems.

As energy codes have evolved, many projects are moving beyond the Prescriptive Method toward performance-based Trade-Off approaches that allow greater flexibility in selecting insulation systems and achieving compliance.

This session will walk you through:

- ☐ How to navigate COMcheck effectively for metal buildings
- ☐ Understanding the difference between Prescriptive and Trade-Off methods
- ☐ How to evaluate alternative insulation systems that still meet code
- ☐ Real-world examples from field-tested building designs

Whether you're a builder, erector, architect, or estimator, you'll come away with practical insight you can immediately apply to upcoming projects.

Event Details:

- ☐ Date: Thursday, December 4th, 2025
- ☐ Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (EST)
- ☐ Location: Online Webinar (link provided upon registration)
- ☐ Presented by: MBCEA Greater Ohio Chapter
- ☐ Cost: Complimentary for MBCEA Members

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Technical Corner: Watch out!!! Flange brace attachment with banded liner systems can be tricky

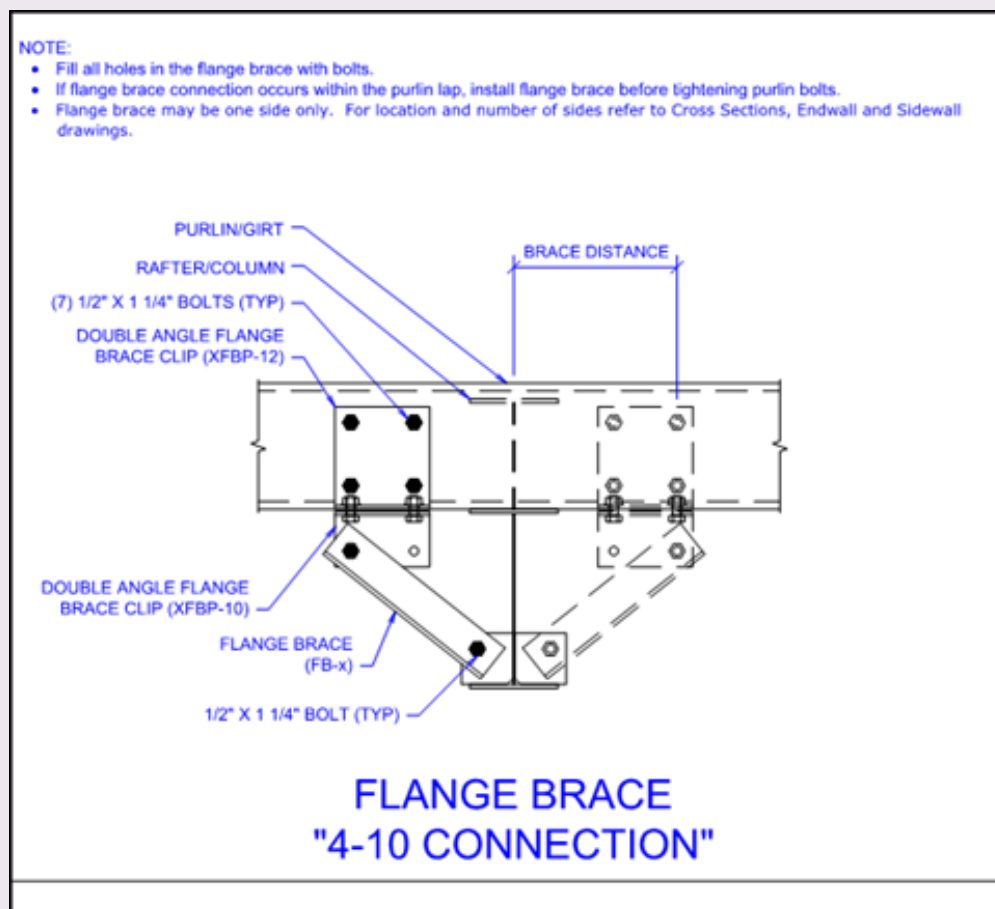
Tucker Cope, PE, M-Eng.

When ordering a metal building with banded liner insulation systems, the standard flange brace connection does not allow for a smooth installation process. Since the fabric is required to be placed in large sheets under the purlins, the flange brace protruding thru the fabric makes a "patch tape" nightmare. It is recommended to specify a "double angle" flange brace connection to ensure a smooth and clean installation.

DOUBLE ANGLE FLANGE BRACE CONNECTION

PRO: The double angle method allows the fabric to be placed smoothly from main frame to main frame & then second clip is installed

CON: Higher material and fabrication cost due to additional parts and connections



KNIFE PLATE FLANGE BRACE CONNECTION

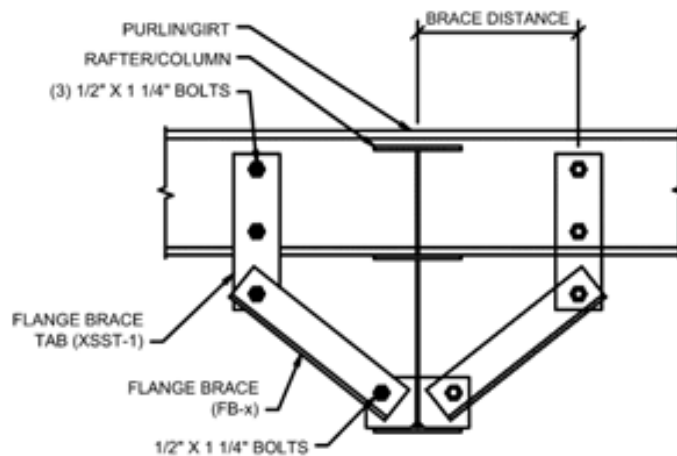
PRO: More cost effective for material due to less parts and connections

CON: Requires cuts in the liner fabric during installation and may result in a less clean finish

with inexperienced crews

NOTE:

- Fill all holes in the flange brace with bolts.
- If flange brace connection occurs within the purlin lap, install flange brace before tightening purlin bolts.
- Flange brace may be one side only. For location and number of sides refer to Cross Sections, Endwall and Sidewall drawings.



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"4-4 CONNECTION"**

Calling all Subject Matter Experts That means YOU!

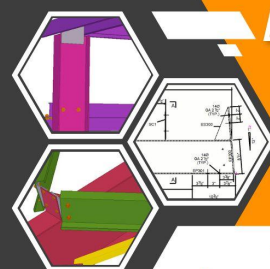
The curriculum for the new Metal Building Assembly training program is rapidly being developed and we're looking for those of you with practical knowledge to join a review team. Each subject goes through two passes with Subject Matter Experts (SME's) so we can make sure the content is complete, meaningful 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.

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

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