Greetings!

As the nation continues to debate opening schools, COVID and the presidential election, it is nice to reflect on how apolitical the MBCEA is. Although many contractor and erector members compete for the same projects, when it comes to the MBCEA – there is only one goal: the good of the metal building industry! Similarly with our industry members. We all share a united goal and a common purpose. Our industry binds us together.

As you reflect on how wonderful the MBCEA is, I would like to take a moment and highlight a few members of our leadership team. You hear from me regularly, in this column and in other communiqués but please know that I do not work alone! I am surrounded by a wonderful group of strong and capable people.

Jennifer Heimburger of Heimburger Construction is MBCEA Vice-President. Jen is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia and part owner of Heimburger Construction. She joined Butler’s Advisory Council in 2015 and was voted Chair of the Council in January 2017. While serving on the MBCEA board she has worked on the labor development committee and is currently exploring the AC478 accreditation process.

We are thrilled to have Jen. Both Keith Wentworth, our immediate past president and I are from the Northeast, so Jen brings a fresh Mid-Western perspective. She is a well-respected member of the Butler Advisory team and brings a high degree of professionalism to her work with MBCEA.

John Iveson, of Package Steel Systems, Inc. is Secretary. John was recently inducted into the 2020 Metal Construction Hall of Fame and celebrates 44 years in the industry, erecting some of the first multi-story pre-engineered buildings in New England. Back in the day, he advocated for erector members to become full voting members of SBA, leading to the current focus on erectors in the MBCEA. He has served on the board of MBCEA’s New England Chapter since 2007 and as their Treasurer since 2015. John’s current position is District Sales Manager with Package Steel Systems, Inc. in Sutton, MA.

Dave Leinbach, of Kaiser-Martin Group currently serves as Treasurer. Dave is also serving as Treasurer of the Mid-Atlantic Division and is prior chair of the membership committee. It is interesting to note that Jen, Dave and I are all contractor-erector members, while John has worked both as a supplier and contractor. The four of us are your Executive Officers of our Association.

Robert Tiffin of Silvercote chairs our Marketing Committee. Robert has been an enthusiastic supporter of MBCEA for many years. Under his leadership we continue to progress projects like our new YouTubes, our Virtual Conference, our tagline Reaching New Heights Together, and so much more. Our Association has come so
In the last 50 years. With Robert’s leadership we are laying the groundwork for the next 50 years.

Justin Waller of RedIron Construction and John Paul Lawrence of Metal Construction News co-chair our Membership Committee. They make sure you have value for your investment and help us achieve our growth strategies.

All Chapter Presidents have an automatic seat on the national board with voting rights. This ensures Chapter issues and opportunities are addressed. This month we are highlighting the Carolinas who just had another successful summer meeting.

Supporting our Board are a few familiar faces:

Josh Quinter of Offit Kurman is our General Counsel. Josh is a frequent presenter at our Conference, blogs regularly on construction law and is also on the Board of the Mid Atlantic Chapter.

Jackie Meiluta continues to guide our AC478 and Apprenticeship initiatives. She is also actively involved in several committees.

And last but certainly not least is Sasha Demyan: the glue that binds us together, the face and voice of our Association, our very competent Executive Director.

These quick highlights do not do justice to the amount of energy and zeal these individuals bring to the Association.

If you are looking to get more from your membership or considering joining, please reach out to one of us. We are always happy to explore opportunities together.

Stay Safe!

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Hello and Happy Summer! As we move into the second half of the summer season, we are all working through how our businesses can navigate back to normal; or, how we may find ourselves moving on to a new normal. As you may remember, the MBCEA had an entire series of webinars which were held from May through June. We covered a variety of subjects, some dealing directly with business adjustments you can and should make during the Covid-19 changes we are currently dealing with. All of the feedback we have gotten has told us that these sessions were informative, timely, and helpful to those who saw them.

Were you able to catch the live sessions? We get it, things happen and we all get busy from time to time. Or, maybe you want to see some of them again to review some of the helpful details and suggestions. While we did have all of these session videos up on the Whova app for the last couple of months, unfortunately we were only able to keep them on Whova for 60 days, so you won’t be able to catch them there any more.

But, no worries! We have all of the session videos available in the Members Area of the MBCEA website, so all members can still see the sessions they might have missed, any time and as many times as you want! Not a member yet? No problem! Learn more about us and Sign Up! And while we want to make sure you get to view these amazing webinar sessions, we also want to remind you about all of the other benefits of being an MBCEA member. Don’t forget that we also offer training videos, relationships with other members, mentorship opportunities, safety handbooks, the IAS accreditation program, local chapter meetings and events, and our annual conference. And while you are thinking of it, who else do you know in the industry who could benefit from being a part of the association? Please be sure to tell them about the MBCEA, and help them take advantage of all of these benefits too! Thanks as always for your membership and support.

MBCEA Chapters

Greater Ohio Chapter News

A "BIG" Thank You to all of our attendees for coming out Friday Aug 7th, to make our 4th Annual GO-MBCEA Golf Outing at Bunker Hill Golf Course in Medina, Ohio a huge success!!!

There were plenty of sponsor giveaways and cash prizes throughout the event. A special "THANK YOU" to all of our sponsors - Silvercote, Corle Building Systems, Therm-All, Atlas Building Products, IDI Distributors. With partly sunny skies and temperatures in the upper 70's, we couldn't have asked for better weather.

We had a total of 34 in attendance.

Team with high score of 66, was John & Jack Stahl from Preferred Solutions, Lou Presnar from PDL Products, Tony Bouquot from MBMA. Three other teams finished with a score of 67. Congratulations!

Carolinas Chapter News

Click here for our recap of the 2020 Annual Summer Meeting!

Mid-Atlantic Division News

Stay tuned for an announcement about our annual golf outing tentatively scheduled for 9/25 and annual clay shoot on 11/20!

We are now soliciting applications for our 2020 scholarship program. While the program emphasizes supporting those in the metal building and/or construction industry, it is also open to member and member employees for students presently attending college and college-bound high school students.

These scholarships are a great way for MBCEA to help members provide opportunities for personal and professional development. Please take advantage of this wonderful program by applying or nominating someone else to receive the scholarship. Here is a flyer for you to disseminate to your employees and post in a public spot in your office.

New England Chapter News

It brings us get pleasure to announce that we recently presented our first MBCEA New England Chapter Scholarship last month. Liam could not be a more deserving recipient. Liam is working toward his master’s degree in
Civil Engineering with a focus on Structural Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Keep up the great work Liam, and good luck on for future endeavors.

News from the Carolinas President

The MBCEA Carolinas Chapter not only provides educational opportunities throughout the year for the members, but during the Annual Summer Meeting we have an educational session that allows for both innovative and inspiring speakers. This year we took an in depth look at Safety and Fall Protection with Osprey Safety Systems, and we had Dr. Melissa Furman of Career Potential, LLC present on generational diversity within a company including communication styles and job expectations for each age range.

The Annual Summer Meeting for the Carolinas Chapter began in the late 70's, so for over 40 years we have welcomed members' and non-members' families to join us for an educational and enjoyable weekend. Many members recall the early years their young children came to Hilton Head, and now some of those children are with us bringing their growing families to this annual event. Members' children and grandchildren can typically be seen at the Thursday night social, playing on the beach and by the pool on Friday and Saturday afternoons, and filling the dance floor after the Saturday night awards dinner to the sounds of live beach music. Family has always been a big part of our weekend and we look forward to the reunion with family and friends each year.

Read the complete Carolinas newsletter

Randel Stanley
President, Garanco, Inc.
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Prove your Quality with Accreditation

Questions about AC478? Hear from Dan Halme, Halme Builders and Art Hance, Hance Construction on why they decided accreditation was important for their company. Listen to Dr. Lee Shoemaker with an MBMA perspective. Joe Allen from Thomas Phoenix Intl. quickly explains the process and Jackie Meiluta shares what MBCEA is prepared to do for you - all in one YouTube!

Our signature quality initiative continues to evolve and grow. Dan Halme, MBCEA Chair of the Accreditation Committee hosted two recent Zoom’s.

First was a Technical Review. Walter Mershon, IAS, Tim Seyler, S&S Structures (and original chair of the Accreditation Committee) and Jackie Meiluta met to review the 2020 changes. This was an important session to make sure IAS and MBCEA are both on the same page. It was important to Dan that there be crystal clarity between the two associations about what is expected and what is assessed. It was a productive meeting. We even explored the possibility of a virtual job site assessment using technology like FaceTime and Skype.

Next up was an MBCEA open session of Accredited and prospective Accredited Companies. We had about a dozen companies on the initial call. We quickly reviewed what changed in 2020 and provided a refresher on how to read the Criteria and Rules and understand what is expected. The new format is cleaner, more concise and easier to read. We agreed this group will meet quarterly to share what is working, address any issues and help new members get ready for assessments. We look forward to welcoming more companies to the next call. If you are interested in AC478 save the date for November 6th at 1PM EST or contact Jackie Meiluta.

Metal Construction News Celebrates 40 years!

Metal Construction News magazine is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. This month’s edition celebrates that milestone with several features highlighting changes in the industry over the past 40 years. The Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association (MBCEA) has been a proud partner with Metal Construction News and is excited to celebrate 40 years of this great publication.

When Metal Construction News first published in 1980 as Metal Building News, MBCEA was the Metal Building Dealers Association. It then became the System Builders Association before evolving into MBCEA. This month’s edition looks back at four decades of articles and picks out a few of the major milestones. There is also a feature on the Metal Construction Hall of Fame, of which MBCEA is a partner and whose president helps to judge each year. Industry experts such as MBMA’s Lee Shoemaker and MCA’s Bob Zabcik also look at 40 years of product innovations. There are other articles as well, including an interview with founder John Lawrence, a look at the next ten years and more - read it now!

Congratulations to Metal Construction News for 40 years!
Safe + Sound Week - August 10-16

This week is Safe + Sound week, presented by OSHA. This event is held each year to recognize the successes of workplace health and safety programs and offers information and ideas on how to keep America's workers safe.

Successful safety and health programs can proactively identify and manage workplace hazards before they cause injury or illness, improving sustainability and the bottom line. Safe + Sound Week can help get your program started, energize an existing one, or provide a chance to recognize your safety successes.

Learn more from OSHA here.

Training Like It's 1999: Tips for More Effective Safety Training

Don't be afraid to innovate when it comes to keeping workers safe.

Before we can look at ways we can improve training effectiveness, we must first look at how adults learn. We will do this by briefly looking at what adult learning is as well as what adult-centric training needs to be successful.

Read full article by Nathan Vann, CSP in EHS Today.

Firms commit further to drones

Use of drones in engineering and construction has become well established, and many companies are licensing their own drone pilots. Companies tend to draw on existing personnel for licensing to take fuller advantage of tasks drones can tackle, including planning, management and inspection.

Read full article in Prairie Business by Andrew Weeks.

Air Leakage Testing is Coming, Are you Ready?

ASHRAE has set standards for maximum air leakage of a metal building and it is likely that those standards will become more stringent. Soon, it may be necessary to perform a whole building blower door test to verify compliance. Those changes will require special attention to air leakage concerns during construction. When that time comes, will you be ready?

MBMA and NAIMA are teaming up to get out ahead of the requirements by completing
testing on a variety of metal buildings and insulation systems. If you'd like to be on the leading edge of this work and participate, the MBMA can offer the testing at no charge.

Please contact Vince Sagan at the MBMA office, vsagan@mbma.com or 216.241.7333.

In the News / Member Spotlight

ATAS Copper Roof Crowns the New Saratoga Racetrack Club

Metl-Span is excited to announce a new animated series they are creating called Metl-Span Shorts. These are 2-3-minute videos are hosted on their website and YouTube and will cover topics related to Insulated Metal Panels such as the Importance of the Building Envelope.

ICC-ES Applauds U.S.-Mexico Canada Agreement, Offers Conformity Assessment Service in All Three Countries

MBCEA Member Vulcan Steel announces their brand new website

Would you like to feature your employees on the job in Metal Construction News?

"Site Scene" began in the February 2020 issue of MCN. Employees of several MBCEA member companies are featured. Check it out and see if you recognize them! Send in photos of your employees on the job!

Click here to read what to include, where to send them, and a common sense reminder in order to "reward and recognize the people on the job site who make this industry go."
“The first step is to establish that something is possible; then probability will occur.”

Elon Musk