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National Issues Conference

Contractors Take Action On Federal Procurement Reforms, Three Percent Withholding Repeal, Immigration Reform

After a morning of educational sessions during The Campaign for Quality Construction National Issues Conference in May, SMACNA contractors spent two vigorous days making their case to Congress on some complicated issues. They joined with allied associations to improve prospects of legislative success and to raise the profile of union-signatory contractors on Capitol Hill. Together contractors made more than 180 visits to their Capitol Hill legislators and staffs.



Rep. Dave Reichert



Rep. Wally Herger

The attendees heard from a bipartisan array of members of Congress, legislative and regulatory staff along with other issue experts. Among the speakers addressing the conference were Rep. Wally Herger (R-2-Calif.), Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-11-Ohio) and

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Review Commission Court Decision Affects Multiemployer Enforcement Policy

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) lost significant ability to issue citations to general contractors and others with overall construction site safety responsibilities when the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHRC) voted to overturn a citation issued to a general contractor in the case of Secretary of Labor v. Summit Contractors Inc., OSHRC, No. 03-1622, 4/27/07.

SMACNA's legal counsel has prepared a detailed summary paper on the court decision that can be found as a Safety Bulletin on the SMACNA Web site, safety Web page at www.smacna.org/members/safety.

The decision was based on interpretation of the "controlling" employer aspect of the multiemployer enforcement policy. The divided Commission decision was unexpected to many in the labor law field and could impact how safety and health programs, as well as related insurance issues, are handled on large construction sites.

In general, employers are cited by OSHA when their own employees are exposed to hazards on jobsites. Employers are generally not responsible for the safety and health of workers from other companies. However, the multiemployer enforcement policy provides

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This standard provides minimum criteria that apply to new buildings and major renovation projects (new portions of buildings and their systems): a building or group of buildings, including on-site energy conversion or electric-generating facilities, which utilize a single submittal for a construction permit or which are within the boundary of a contiguous area under single ownership and address sustainable sites, water use efficiency, energy efficiency, the building's

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SMACNA's mission is to provide products, services and representation to enhance members' businesses, markets, and profitability.

Political Pacesetters Get A Private Book Signing

SMAC PAC's Political Pacesetter Council (PPC) members recently met one-on-one with Pat Buchanan during a private book signing. The meeting occurred prior to a luncheon sponsored by SMAC PAC for its key contributors. The Pacesetters were in Washington, D.C. with many other involved SMACNA contractors for the National Issues Conference.

At the conference opening dinner, Georgette Ezyske of Central Sheet Metal Fabricators Inc., Middlesex, N.J., was introduced as the newest Political Pacesetter. She joins 17 other \$5,000 PPC contributors and five PPC Chapter Representatives.



For additional information on the Chapter Representative Program of PPC, contact Dana Thompson at SMACNA's Capitol Hill office at (202) 547-8202. ▼

Sullivan Expresses Support For Contractor Issues

In remarks by SMWIA General President Michael Sullivan at the Campaign for Quality Construction National Issues Conference in May, SMWIA expressed support for the legislative efforts being undertaken. He noted that the conference offered a unique venue where everyone can work together to tackle the issues facing our respective industries. He added that "regardless of who we are as individuals, we all share one common cause, and that is we are all stakeholders in the construction industry."



Michael Sullivan

As part of his remarks to contractors, Sullivan touched on several legislative issues that are important to the sheet metal industry, including Davis-Bacon; Immigration Reform; Trade; the Misclassification of Workers; and Pension Reform. Sullivan added his support to contractor efforts on The Cool and Efficient Buildings Act and the efforts to support repeal of the three-percent withholding law. ▼

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Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-14-N.Y.) The final morning session featured two union partners including SMWIA General President Mike Sullivan and Rep. Dave Reichert (R-8-Wash) who provided an inspiring finish to the conference.

Gaining repeal of the new requirement that federal, state and local governments withhold three percent from payments for goods and services to guard against possible business tax evasion is going to be a battle. Repealing laws is not easy and the tax committees are counting the withholding dollars as future income. Speaking on the issue, Rep. Wally Herger (R-2-Calif.) reminded the crowd that the three percent withholding requirements will impose new burdens on businesses by significantly impeding business cash flow and cause taxpayers to get stuck with a larger bill. "Grassroots activity is critical," he explained. "It starts at the local level."

By far, the most complex issue of the conference was the comprehensive reforms SMACNA is seeking in the federal procurement process, highlighting contractor accountability. "Contracting in the federal government is big business," explained Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-14-N.Y.) as she covered issues surrounding contractor accountability. "Contracting is complex. We must have a centralized system and database to keep track," said Rep. Maloney.

Other procurement issues were addressed by a panel of officials from the Federal Procurement Policy office. They discussed in detail the ongoing deliberation of whether to ban reverse auctions in federal construction contract selection procedures.

"In the case of reverse auctions you want to make sure you have a level playing field and that everyone is following the same rules," said Emily Murphy of the law firm, Miller and Chevalier, Washington, D.C.

Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-11-Ohio) who serves on the House Ways and Means Committee explained that she is committed to helping businesses which would help local communities. "Tell me whatever we can do to make businesses better for you. Push us and hold us accountable," said Rep. Tubbs Jones.

This year's conference co-sponsors included SMACNA, National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA), the Finishing Contractors Association (FCA) The Association of Union Constructors (TAUC), and The International Council of Employers of Bricklayers and Allied Crafts (ICEBAC).

If you did not attend the Campaign for Quality Construction 2007 National Issues Conference but would like to receive a copy of the issue papers and related information, please contact SMACNA's Capitol Hill office at (202) 547-8202 or visit: www.smacna.org/legislative/index.cfm?fuseaction=updates. ▼



Rep. Carolyn Maloney



Emily Murphy



Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones

President's Column



Richard J. Cramer Sr.

NHF Study Shows Ways To Be More Competitive

The latest New Horizons Foundation study, "Comparison of Operation Cost Factors: Union Versus Nonunion HVAC and Sheet Metal Contractors," was mailed to each SMACNA member a couple of weeks ago. You might be tempted to file this away to read later, but please don't do that. This report is a must-read now for every contractor and chapter executive.

In it you will find an analysis of both union and nonunion construction costs and learn exactly where we union contractors need to focus our energies to be more competitive. This is the first time I can remember where we've compared our business model to that of our competitors.

As you read the survey results, you'll find both good news and bad news.

On the plus side, union contractors' productivity is higher, our field supervision cost is lower, and we don't have significant employee turnover. In addition, union contractors experience less expensive rework – a big plus for us and our customers.

However, according to the survey union contractors' bid prices tend to run higher. This varies on public and private work and by job size. In addition, labor costs are predictably higher. Crew mix differences are very significant—with nonunion firms using on average three laborers for each tradesman. Whereas, union firms average less than one apprentice for every journeyman. And, duct fabrication costs are higher for union firms.

We shared this report with our labor partners at our SMACNA-SMWIA Joint Executives Meeting and came away from the meeting pleased with the positive reception it received. Our labor partners fully understood why the study was done.

In fact, they requested we provide copies of the report to their entire General Executive Council that is made up of their top vice presidents. In addition, they've agreed that the findings should be covered in-depth at the 2008 Partners in Progress Conference.

Overall, what do the report findings mean to us? Union contractors do have a higher cost structure, however that is offset in part because of our productivity.

To become even more competitive we must consider changing and fully utilizing our crew mix and enhancing our management productivity. One of our biggest opportunities involves our ability to provide support to the field to further improve our output and competitive positioning.

Our big takeaway from this study is that it is incumbent upon us—union HVAC and sheet metal contractors—to provide the management support required to become even more productive and to become "best in class" in both field and management productivity.

We need to be on the forefront with lean manufacturing, Building Information Management Systems and other practices that can give us a competitive advantage.

It was a very bold move for The New Horizons Foundation to initiate this report. Plus, it is a valuable tool for contractors eager to change and grow into new markets. I challenge each of you to analyze the way you run your business and make the changes this report suggests.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Cramer Sr.
SMACNA President

SMACNA And SMWIA

Executives Discuss Industry Opportunities

In an ongoing effort to grow as national labor/management partners, SMACNA's executive committee meets twice yearly with the SMWIA's executive committee.

Among the issues addressed at the most recent meeting in April were: SMACNA Educational Efforts on Collective Bargaining Implications of Pension Protection Act Amendments; a Best Practices update by SMACNA and SMWIA; an update on the Joint Task Forces; A review of the LMCC funded study, "Meeting The Workforce Needs Of The Unionized Sheet Metal Industry" and a review of a recent New Horizons Foundation study, "A Comparison of Operation Cost Factors: Union versus Non-Union HVAC and Sheet Metal Contractors."

These regularly scheduled meetings bring together two national executive committees who don't negotiate a labor contract but work on projects and programs resulting in jobs for SMACNA Contractors and are in the best interest for our industry. ▼

Seeking Your Electronic Collective Bargaining Agreements

Have you e-mailed the SMACNA Labor Relations Department a copy of your new collective bargaining agreement? If not, please e-mail a copy to jsquirewell@smacna.org. If you are unable to e-mail the agreement, please send a hard copy to: SMACNA Labor Relations Department, 4201 Lafayette Center Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151.

The Labor Relations Department's goal is to make all chapter agreements available online via the "Chapter Executives Only" Web site.

Chapter executives may access the agreements by clicking on the following link: www.smacna.org/chapters/agreements/.

Click on the state name to view chapters within that state. You will then be able to access PDF files of the agreements. ▼

Stainless Steel Prices Skyrocket

According to The Data DIGest, a publication of the Associated General Contractors of America, the construction industry is seeing some of the steepest price increases in stainless steel. The demand for stainless steel is being driven in part by construction of ethanol plants, which use stainless for stills.

According to the Renewable Fuels Association, in May there were 87 plants under construction or expanding, with planned capacity that would more than equal the capacity of the 118 plants currently operating. Similarly, the National Biodiesel Board reported that as of January 31, there were 85 plants under construction, which would produce twice as much as the 105 plants then open. ▼

BCTD President To Retire In October

On May 17, Building and Construction Trades Department (BCTD) President Edward C. Sullivan announced that he will retire effective Oct. 1, 2007, concluding his seven-year tenure as the head of the department. He chose to announce his retirement now so that the department's Governing Board of Presidents can factor new leadership into their strategic and operational planning for the BCTD.

Prior to his election in 2000 to the top post in the department – consisting of 12 international unions (Asbestos Workers, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Elevator Constructors, Bridge Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons, Painters and Allied Trades, Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers, Sheet Metal Workers, and United Association of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters) – Sullivan was General President of the International Union of Elevator Constructors (IUEC). ▼

Contractor In The News

SMACNA Contractor Receives Small Business Award

Dave McFarlane, of McFarlane Sheet Metal, Grand Forks, N.D., received the Small Business Award for the State of North Dakota.

Over the years he has worked diligently in the government arena to make things better for his company, the small business community, his local community and his state. ▼



Recently Dave McFarlane, (left) and his wife Kathy met with U.S. Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-At Large – N.D.)

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impact on the atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality (IEQ).

The public review and comment period began on May 25th and ends July 9th. The standard covers a wide range of topic areas new to American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)—such as building site selection. This is the first time that the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has partnered with ASHRAE to develop a standard. The Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) and ASHRAE have previously partnered on standards development related energy efficiency and lighting.

All three organizations are American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard Developing Organizations.

USGBC's LEED Green Building Rating System, which addresses the top 25 percent of building practice, was referenced as a key resource. When public review is completed, Standard 189P will provide a baseline to drive green building into mainstream building practices.

SMACNA was a voting member of ASHRAE's Special Projects Committee 189. SMACNA members are encouraged to review the proposed standard and submit comments directly to ASHRAE using the below link.

Of particular interest to SMACNA members are the higher ventilation requirements, a requirement for the lowest leakage class of ducts and the limitation of HVAC fan horsepower. Many paths were considered for reducing fan horsepower, including limiting duct friction rates to 0.05 in wg/100 feet of duct, but limiting the available fan horsepower was considered as the best way to provide duct designers a clear and simple metric to design the most efficient duct system possible. High duct pressures and fitting frictional losses increases HVAC system operating costs by increasing fan horsepower requirements. It was noted that in many existing commercial buildings fan horsepower accounts for as much as 40 percent of the annual electrical energy use.

Of interest to architectural sheet metal contractors are the requirements related to high albedo and solar reflectance type roofing.

To review the ASHRAE news release link to: www.ashrae.org/pressroom/detail/13571.

To access the proposed standard link to: www.ashrae.org/doclib/20070525_SAmay252007.pdf. ▼

SMACNA Monitoring OSHA's Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda

The U.S. Department of Labor, including the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), publishes a semi-annual regulatory agenda which includes information and timing on new regulations and standards. The proposed standards often include topics that affect the sheet metal and HVAC industry. The following is a summary of several issues that SMACNA will be tracking in the upcoming months:

Employer Payment For Personal Protective Equipment

Generally, OSHA standards require that protective equipment [including personal protective equipment – (PPE)] be provided and used when necessary to protect employees from hazards that can cause them injury, illness, or physical harm. In 1999, OSHA proposed to require employers to pay for PPE, with a few exceptions. The agency continues to consider how to address this issue through the proposed rulemaking process, and re-opened the record on July 8, 2004, to get input on issues related to PPE considered to be a “tool of the trade.” SMACNA provided written comments on this proposed rule in August 2004.

OSHA is anticipates publishing a final rule in November 2007. Members may see SMACNA's written comments at www.smacna.org/safety/. In addition, SMACNA has developed a PPE information pamphlet entitled “Did You Know” that provides information on PPE used in the industry.

Confined Spaces In Construction: Preventing Suffocation And Explosions In Confined Spaces

There currently is no standard for confined space safety in construction, as there is for general industry. OSHA is developing a proposed rule for confined space safety on construction sites with a “Notice of Proposed Rulemaking” due later in 2007.

Updating OSHA Standards Based On National Consensus Standards

OSHA has often incorporated and adopted national consensus standards, such as American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, into OSHA safety and health standards. Some of these standards were adopted as regulatory text, while others were incorporated by reference. In the more than 30 years since these standards were adopted by OSHA, the organizations responsible for these consensus standards have issued updated versions of these standards. However, in many cases, OSHA has not revised its regulations to reflect later editions of the consensus standards. OSHA standards also continue to incorporate by reference various consensus standards that are now outdated and, in some cases, out of print. OSHA is undertaking a multi-year project to update these consensus standards as they appear in proposed and existing OSHA standards.

Hearing Conservation Program For Construction Workers

In 1983, OSHA issued a health standard mandating a comprehensive hearing conservation program for noise-exposed

workers in general industry. However, no rule was promulgated to cover workers in the construction industry.

OSHA published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking to gather information on the extent of noise-induced hearing loss among workers in different trades in the construction industry, current practices to reduce this loss, and additional approaches and protections that could be used to prevent such loss in the future.

Work continues on collecting and analyzing information to determine technological and economic feasibility of possible approaches to minimizing exposure. No timetable for rulemaking has been set; however, a standard for hearing conservation is very likely to get much attention in 2008.

For further information on OSHA's semi-annual agenda items or to order free copies of the “Did You Know” PPE training pamphlet, contact Mike McCullion, director of safety and health at mmccullion@smacna.org or (703) 995-4027. ▼

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OSHA the ability to regulate general contractors and others with “general supervisory authority” of the worksite, typically on larger construction projects.

The April 27, 2007 decision made by the OSHRC centers on interpretation of language in 29 CFR 1910.12(a), which is one of the original regulations established under the OSHAct of 1971. In the OSHA construction standards, this regulation, in part, says that an employer may be cited for a violation of the standards that involve “his employees”.

The implications of this court decision are many and will be determined in full if the court case is upheld. However, OSHA has already filed a “petition to review” against the Commission's ruling and the case could be remanded back to a higher appeals court.

Subcontractors have been, and continue to be, subject to citations by OSHA inspectors for safety and health violations which are created by the subcontractors or involve their employees. During this interim time period on appeal, and if upheld on appeal, the Summit decision could cause some general contractors to view the decision as relieving them of their duty to be vigilant and maintain an overall safe workplace. In such circumstances, subcontractors may need to increase their vigilance of worksite safety and their own worker's compliance with safety measures.

SMACNA will be following this court case as it develops and providing members with pertinent information. For additional information, contact the SMACNA safety and health department at (703) 995-4027. ▼

Residential Contractors Forum

Hot Topics On Tap For The Residential Market Sector: Open Floor Discussion

Be prepared to take part in an open discussion with audience participation at this year's Residential Contractors forum during SMACNA's annual convention, Oct. 21 to 25, in Las Vegas.

John Garofalo, of Callahan/Roach and Garofalo, will lead and moderate this lively session. Mr. Garofalo is an insightful, energetic and results-oriented leader who will share his professional experiences in marketing, financial management and leadership development.

Mr. Garofalo will mediate the session by introducing and encouraging discussion on various issues such as: recruitment, training and retention of residential service technicians, merits of flat rate pricing, new home construction market, service contracts and venturing into other areas such as commercial work. Members of the Residential Contractors Steering Committee will attend and offer their insight and advice.

For more information on the annual convention, Oct. 21 to 25, in Las Vegas, contact, Mary Lou Taylor, director of meetings and convention at (703) 803-2998 or mtaylor@smacna.org. ▼

Convention Session

Explore What Personal Technologies Will Help You Streamline Your Life

Learn which devices are right for you at "iPOD, GPS, RAZRs, Oh My," session on Monday, Oct 22 during SMACNA's annual convention, Oct. 21 to 25, in Las Vegas.

Joanna Pineda, CEO of Matrix Group International, will present an overview of what personal technologies are right for you. She will explore everything from iPODs to GPS devices to the new RAZR phone, as well as all the fun, new, challenging personal technologies available.

Topics to be covered include: how much should you spend; how do you make these gadgets talk to each other (do you even need to); should you go with a Mac or a PC; how do you compare features and decide what you don't need; can you live without iLife if you have children and which devices will help you streamline and organize your life? All of these questions and more will be answered by technology guru Joanna Pineda, during this fun-filled session.

For more information on the annual convention, Oct. 21 to 25, in Las Vegas, contact Mary Lou Taylor, director of meetings and convention at (703) 803-2998 or mtaylor@smacna.org. ▼



Joanna Pineda

SMACNA Welcomes Seven New Breakfast Sponsors

SMACNA thanks SMACNA of Los Angeles, SMCA of Philadelphia and Vicinity, SMACNA of Southeastern New York, SMACNA Metropolitan Detroit Chapter, SMACNA Mid-Atlantic, SMACNA of Western Pennsylvania Inc. and SMACNA – Western Washington for their generous support of the Product Show Breakfast. Additional sponsors are still needed for the breakfast on Tuesday, Oct. 22 during SMACNA's annual convention in Las Vegas.

Sponsorship amounts for the Product Show breakfast range from \$500 to \$2,000. For your sponsorship, you will receive our thanks and gratitude, plus public recognition of your sponsorship throughout the convention in SMACNews and on our Web site.

To pledge your support, please contact Bob Roach, executive director of operations, at broach@smacna.org or (703) 803-2983. ▼

2007 Convention And Hotel Online Registration Now Available

Attendees at SMACNA's annual convention, Oct. 21 to 25, are able to register online and make hotel reservations for the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino and THE Hotel in Las Vegas.

Simply go to SMACNA's convention Web site at www.smacna.org/events/annualconvention/ and fill out the convention registration form. After you have completed the registration form you will be directed to the hotel site. Once you have finalized and submitted your information you will receive an immediate confirmation of your reservation. It's that simple!

These enhancements were designed to simplify the convention registration process. If you have any questions about the convention or the online features, please contact Mary Lou Taylor, director of meetings and convention, at (703) 803-2998 or mtaylor@smacna.org.

All members should have received a paper mailing of the convention brochure and other convention activity information. ▼

Meet The Board: Tony Miele

Tony Miele, of Allied Blower and Sheet Metal of Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, was elected to a four-year term on the SMACNA Board of Directors, effective Oct. 11, 2006.



Tony Miele

"This is an opportunity for me to serve the industry while also providing my chapter and region with firsthand knowledge of the latest trends in the industry," said Mr. Miele.

Mr. Miele is a member of the SMACNA – B.C. chapter where he has served in all of the officer chairs. He is a past chapter president and currently serves on its Board of Directors.

Mr. Miele graduated from the University of British Columbia, with a bachelor's of commerce degree. ▼

SMACNA Welcomes Two New Associate Members

SMACNA is proud to welcome Lockformer and Iowa Precision Industries as new Contributing Associate Members.

SMACNA's new Associate Member Program provides eligible industry suppliers increased marketing, promotional and networking opportunities within SMACNA.

This new dynamic year-round Associate Member Program combines the best of SMACNA's former Associate Membership, Sponsorship, and Product Show Exhibitor Programs. The end result is a higher SMACNA profile and increased visibility of industry suppliers and liaisons, who participate in the program.

There are three levels of membership with corresponding benefits – Affiliate Associate Member-\$25,000; Sustaining Associate Member-\$15,000; Contributing Associate Member-\$7,500. Each classification has its own membership fee and benefits package.

SMACNA members and industry organizations can also reap the same benefits of SMACNA's Associate Member Program with SMACNA's Patron Program. The new Patron Program is structured to mirror the different associate member classifications or levels – Affiliate, Sustaining and Contributing. Simply select the level that will deliver the one-on-one marketing opportunities your firm requires.

For more information, contact J. Robert Roach, SMACNA executive director of operations at (703) 803-2980, or by e-mail at broach@smacna.org. ▼

Sustaining Associate Members



Sustaining Patron Member



Contributing Associate Members



Support A Worthy Cause Purchase College Of Fellows Raffle Tickets

The College of Fellows raffle aims to raise money for the College of Fellows scholarship program. So far, more than 64 raffle tickets have been sold. For as little as a \$50 investment you could win \$5,000, \$3,000 or \$1,000 and also support a worthy cause at the same time.

Tickets are \$50 each or three for \$120, five for \$200, or 10 for \$400. The winning drawings will be held at the SMACNA Convention in Las Vegas, on Wednesday, Oct. 24 following the SMACNA Annual Business Meeting. Total tickets available will be limited to 1,000.

All proceeds will benefit the College of Fellows Scholarship Program. To date, the scholarship program has aided more than 50 students in achieving their higher education goals. To purchase tickets contact either Beth Coyner at (703) 995-4026 or bcoyner@smacna.org or Bob Roach at (703) 803-2893 or broach@smacna.org. ▼

College Of Fellows Welcomes New Members

SMACNA's College of Fellows elected six new members at its recent meeting.

They are Jordan Ehrenkranz of Ideal Heating, Santa Fe Springs, Calif.; David McCoy, New Mexico Sheet Metal Contractors Association, Albuquerque, N.M.; and Garland Self, Selco Heating & A/C Inc., San Jose, Calif.

Receiving this award posthumously are Gregg Doppke, ABM Air Conditioning & Heating Inc., Hawthorne, N.Y.; Richard Lomas, ABM Air Conditioning & Heating Inc., Hawthorne, N.Y.; and David Parks of Holaday-Parks Inc., Seattle, Wash.

The new members will be formally inducted into the College of Fellows at SMACNA's annual convention in Las Vegas this October. ▼

Holiday Observed

The SMACNA National offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. ▼

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Recent Electronic Mailings

SMACNA alerted members to a variety of events and services through e-mail. If you would like any of these items in hard copy, please contact Bob Roach at (703) 803-2980 or broach@smacna.org.

Chaptergram

- May 24 (Issue 16) – Golf Outing Sponsorship
- May 16 (Issue 15) – National Pension Fund Summary of Material Modifications
- May 9 (Issue 14) – Safety Survey Submittal Date Extended to May 31, 2007; 2007 Financial Survey – Extended Deadline – May 25, 2007
- May 3 (Issue 13) – Candidates for SMACNA's Board of Directors; SMACNA Quarterly Financial Report; Call for IFUS Candidates; SMWIA Memoranda on Pension Protection Act and Withdrawal Liability

Membership Update

- May 23 (Issue 11) – 2007 Financial Survey – Deadline: May 25, 2007; 2007 College of Fellows Raffle
- May 11 (Issue 10) – Convention Registration and Housing Now Online; HVAC Duct Design Manual, Fourth Edition Released; Labor Report – May 2007

To receive SMACNA electronic bulletins e-mail Jose Arias at jarias@smacna.org. ▼

Reminders

June 2007

- NJAB Meeting – June 11-13, Indianapolis, Ind.

September 2007

- NJAB Meeting – Sept. 11-12, Denver, Colo.

January 2008

- Business Management Graduate II Program – Financial Boot Camp – Jan. 28-30, Tempe, Ariz.

February 2008

- Business Management University Program – Feb. 25-28, Tempe, Ariz.

April 2008

- Partners in Progress Conference – April 3-5, Las Vegas

May 2008

- Legislative Conference – May 12-14, Renaissance Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Future Conventions

- Oct. 21-25, 2007 – Mandalay Bay Hotel, Las Vegas
- Oct. 19-22, 2008 – Grand Wailea Hotel, Maui, Hawaii
- October 11-15, 2009, Palm Desert, California
- October 17-21, 2010, Phoenix, Arizona