MICA FALL 2020 BUSINESS MEETING CANCELED

It is with great reluctance that the Board of Directors of the Midwest Insulation Contractors Association is notifying you, our members, of its decision to act proactively in cancelling its 2020 fall business meeting. In order for MICA to properly plan and execute our fall business meeting on October 14 – 16, 2020, the Boarded decided that it needed to have greater assurance that the potential health concerns for you, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, would be at an acceptable level as determined by the CDC guidelines that would allow us to conduct a safe fall business meeting. Earlier this month, Omaha was designated as a “red zone” city by the CDC and currently, Omaha is under mandate requiring the wearing of masks in all public spaces. The Board is concerned that this mandate and potential other restrictions may still be in effect in October.

The results of our recent survey indicated that the majority of our members have these same concerns. Many of our member firms have restrictions prohibiting all non-essential travel through the end of 2020. There is a concern that some members may be forced to self-quarantine for up to 14 days when they return home from any travel outside of their state, especially if that travel takes them to a red-zone classified city or state. The survey results, coupled with the continued uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, helped the Board reach its decision to cancel the fall 2020 business meeting.

The Board is disappointed in its inability to provide you with the educational experience that is part of the fall business meeting. The Board feels that it is essential that MICA provides you with a scaled down educational experience. We are working with the NIA to still conduct the free half-day pre-meeting seminar on specification reading. We are working to deliver this seminar remotely. Further, on October 15th, the first day of our fall business meeting, we will be conducting a webinar delivered Keynote speaker presentation. The Board will conduct its fall meeting in October, and we have asked our committee chairs to schedule a remote meeting for their individual committee during October.

It is the Board’s desire to keep you connected to your association and to benefit, even if remotely, from the educational opportunities that will be forthcoming in October.

Thank you for your continued support of MICA.

Sincerely,
Tom Shimerda
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

TO: THE MICA MEMBERSHIP

“I’m just thankful for everything, all the blessings in my life. I think that’s the best way to start your day and finish your day. It keeps everything in perspective.”

Tim Tebow, former professional football player

Summer is cruising right along, and before we know it, we will be carving turkeys and doing our Christmas shopping. My family has been busy the past couple of months with my son’s baseball season. The team’s final tournament was held in Indy, but unfortunately, most of the weekend consisted of rainouts resulting in a less-than-thrilling conclusion to the baseball season. Because of this, however, Megan and I got to spend our 22nd wedding anniversary visiting with Jeff and Merry Rebholz, Jeff-co Marketing, who live in the area. In my opinion, the best part of this industry and being a member of MICA is the great people you get to meet and build relationships with, and Jeff and Merry are definitely two of those people. So while it wasn’t the weekend we anticipated, and there was some disappointment, we haven’t lost sight of the blessing it turned out to be. We’re grateful for a wonderful afternoon spent with friends!

Looking ahead to fall sports, Megan and I are now preparing to cheer on our favorite diver, softball and football players. Coordinating all these activities and schedules can be busy and hectic, but Megan and I know there will come a day when we wish we could watch our kids in sports again. We are truly blessed, and we try not to ever take that for granted or lose that perspective.

I was hoping we would be able to meet in Omaha in October, but as you already know, the in-person Fall Business Meeting has been cancelled. The Board met earlier this month and decided that we should cancel for the safety of our members. It was not an easy decision, but we felt it was the right decision. The Board is working on doing some things virtually and through webinars in lieu of the meeting. You should see something shortly regarding this. I’m hopeful we can meet in person again in January in Bonita Springs, FL, for the winter committee meetings. Before I end, I would like to thank Doug Barton, Midwest Insulation Services, for volunteering to be Vice President, and Ben Pfister for putting together all the Board Zoom meetings. I would also like to thank the Board and the committee chairs for their time and efforts during this trying period.

The following is an experience shared by Andy Stanley, the senior pastor at North Point Community Church in Georgia.

“Sometimes I just want it to stop. Talk of COVID, looting, brutality, I lose my way. I become convinced that this “new normal” is real life. Then I meet an 87-year-old who talks of living through polio, diphtheria, Vietnam protests and yet is still enchanted with life. He seemed surprised when I said that 2020 must be especially challenging for him. “No,” he said slowly, looking me straight in the eyes. “I learned a long time ago to not see the world through the printed headlines; I see the world through the people that surround me. I see the world with the realization that we love big. Therefore, I just choose to write my own headlines:

“Husband loves wife today.” “Family drops everything to come to Grandma’s bedside.” He patted my hand. “Old man makes new friend.” His words collide with my worries, freeing them from the tether I had been holding tight. They float away. I am left with a renewed spirit and a new way to write my own headlines.”

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NATIONAL SAFETY STAND-DOWN SET FOR SEPTEMBER 14 – 18, 2020

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced that the 7th annual National Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction has been rescheduled for September 14-18, 2020. While OSHA postponed the event earlier this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, the agency continues to encourage employers to promote fall safety virtually or while employing social distancing practices among small groups.

OSHA is partnering with other safety organizations in 2020 to encourage employers to provide safety demonstrations on fall protection equipment, conduct talks regarding fall-related hazards, safety policies, goals and expectations, and promote the event by using the #StandDown4Safety on social media.

"This national initiative brings much needed attention to falls, which continue to be the leading cause of fatalities in construction," said Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Loren Sweatt. "Since OSHA began doing fall prevention stand-down events six years ago, nearly 10 million workers have been reached by our message that falls are preventable. These efforts have been successful in raising awareness of the recognition, evaluation, and control of fall hazards."

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Fatalities caused by falls from elevation continue to be a leading cause of death for construction employees, accounting for 320 of the 1,008 construction fatalities recorded in 2018 (BLS data). **Those deaths were preventable.** The National Safety Stand-Down raises fall hazard awareness across the country in an effort to stop fall fatalities and injuries.

**What is a Safety Stand-Down?**
A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. Any workplace can hold a stand-down by taking a break to focus on "Fall Hazards" and reinforcing the importance of "Fall Prevention". Employers of companies not exposed to fall hazards, can also use this opportunity to have a conversation with employees about the other job hazards they face, protective methods, and the company's safety policies and goals. It can also be an opportunity for employees to talk to management about fall and other job hazards they see.

**Who Can Participate?**
Anyone who wants to prevent hazards in the workplace can participate in the Stand-Down. In past years, participants included commercial construction companies of all sizes, residential construction contractors, sub- and independent contractors, highway construction companies, general industry employers, the U.S. Military, other government participants, unions, employer's trade associations, institutes, employee interest organizations, and safety equipment manufacturers.

**Partners**
OSHA is partnering with key groups to assist with this effort, including the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA), OSHA approved State Plans, State consultation programs, the Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR), the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), the National Safety Council, the National Construction Safety Executives (NCSE), the U.S. Air Force, and the OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers.

**How to Conduct a Safety Stand-Down and FAQ's**
Companies can conduct a Safety Stand-Down by taking a break to have a toolbox talk or another safety activity such as conducting safety equipment inspections, developing rescue plans, or discussing job specific hazards. Managers are encouraged to plan a stand-down that works best for their workplace anytime. See Suggestions to Prepare for a Successful "Stand-Down" and Highlights from the Past Stand-Downs on the OSHA website.
FUTURE MICA MEETING DATES

**CANCELED** — 63rd Annual Spring Convention — June 22 — 25, 2020, Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri.

**CANCELED** — Fall 2020 Annual Fall Business Meeting — October 15 & 16, 2020, Omaha Marriott Downtown, Omaha, NE.

64th Annual Spring Convention — June 21 — 24, 2021, Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort, Bonita Springs, FL.

Fall 2021 Annual Fall Business Meeting — October 14 & 15, 2021, Omaha Marriott Downtown, Omaha, NE.

65th Annual Spring Convention — June 20 — 23, 2022, TBD.

MICA MEMBER ADDRESS/INFO. UPDATES

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hosts an Events page with events that are free and open to the public to help employers and employees find events in your area.

If you plan to host a free event that is open to the public, see OSHA's Events page to submit the event details and to contact your Regional Stand-Down Coordinator.

Certificate of Participation
Employers will be able to provide feedback about their Stand-Down and download a Certificate of Participation following the Stand-Down. The certificate pages will be active on September 14, 2020, for employers to enter their information and print their certificate.

COVID-19 REPORT DATA “ON THE DAILY”

Every day, the FTC is collecting data, watching the numbers, and spotting the trends. We’re also spreading the word about COVID-19-related scams that target consumers and businesses. Because the more you know about what’s happening, the easier it will be to protect yourself and others from these scams.

So far, we have gotten more than 175,000 COVID-19-related reports about fraud, identity theft, Do Not Call, and other consumer protection problems. You can find out about trends in your own community by clicking on your state, but recent national data shows that online shopping is the #1 fraud complaint and has caused $16 million in reported losses. These are scams that trick people into ordering products like masks, hand sanitizer, and other high-demand items that never arrive. People are also reporting scam text messages related to bogus offers to earn income, phony economic relief programs, fake charities, and government imposters.

As part of a broader trend, the overall number of Do Not Call complaints is starting to pick up again after months of declining. As the scammers take to the phones again, you can expect to see an uptick in popular phone scams, like government imposter scams that exploit the pandemic or economic stimulus programs.

To help you stay ahead of these scams, keep these tips in mind and pass them along to employees, family, friends, and your community:

- Before you order from an unfamiliar online store, check out the company or product online first. Then pay by credit card, so you can dispute the billing error, report it to your credit card company, and get your money back if something goes wrong.
- Don’t pay money or give out your personal information in response to calls, emails, or texts that say they’re from the government. The government will
ARMACELL ANNOUNCES NEW SOLUTIONS PORTFOLIO PACKAGES

Armacell, a global leader in flexible foam for the equipment insulation market and a leading provider of engineered foams, announced the launch of its Armacell Solutions Portfolio into the North American market. This portfolio groups Armacell’s insulation products into comprehensive packages aimed at making the specification of the right insulation for all the mechanical systems in a project easier than ever before.

With Armacell’s Solutions Portfolio, mechanical engineers, insulation contractors and distributors can easily identify the best products to use where insulation is critical to the performance of the equipment, for example in an air plenum, on HVAC/R mechanical piping, on chilled water and hydronic heating systems or on plumbing.

Its new portfolio is organized into three categories: Standard Performance, High Performance and Superior Performance, with each category offering three levels of price and service. Plus, customers can categorize by construction industry project types including data centers, education, healthcare, hotels, multi-family and office/mixed-use, offering customers a time-saving way to determine the right approach for key markets.

“With our new one-stop shop for insulation specification, you simply pick your job type, the system and level of performance, and insulation products are recommended for you,” says Shawn Dunahue, General Manager Marketing, AMERICAS. He continues, “We’ve backed up our portfolio with easy-to-access digital tools. You can download the associated specifications, data sheets and ebook from our website.”

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The declines were due to a significant pullback in the nonbuilding segment, which fell 31% from June to July. Nonresidential building starts rose 3% while residential building starts increased 2%.

Year-to-date through seven months, starts were 15% down from the same period in 2019. Nonresidential starts plummeted 25%, nonbuilding starts dropped 20%, and residential starts slipped 4%. For the 12 months ending July 2020, total construction starts fell a more modest 5% from the same period a year earlier.

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reading in June. Compared to a year ago, the Dodge Index was down 32%.

“The July decline in construction starts should not be interpreted as a setback on the sector’s road to recovery,” stated Richard Branch Chief Economist for Dodge Data & Analytics. “The gains in the nonresidential and residential sectors mirror the general overall improvements in the economy. The drop in public works could represent a settling back in activity following a solid spring in which some projects broke ground earlier than expected to take advantage of the fewer cars on the road during the COVID-19 shutdown in March and April. While the recovery progresses, the Congressional impasse preventing the extension of enhanced unemployment insurance benefits and small business loans included in earlier fiscal support packages casts a pallor over the future trajectory for growth. Furthermore, the gain in nonresidential building starts was entirely due to strength in the Northeast and West regions, with starts in the South Atlantic and South Central regions down sharply during the month. While one month doesn’t constitute a trend, the potential risk to construction from the rising number of COVID cases in these regions is significant.”

Nonbuilding construction fell 31% in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $132.4 billion. All categories within nonbuilding dropped during July. Utilities/gas plants fell 58% following a very large gain in June. Starts in environmental public works and the miscellaneous nonbuilding sector each lost 27%, while highways and bridges dropped 25%.

The largest nonbuilding project to break ground in July was the $1.0 billion Whistler Natural Gas Pipeline, which stretches 450 miles from Waha TX to Agua Dulce TX. Also starting during the month were the $421 million widening of Interstate 26 from Little Mountain SC to Irmo TX and the $301 million interchange improvements along State Highway 12 near Dallas TX.

Through the first seven months of the year, total nonbuilding starts were down 20% compared to the same time period in 2019. Starts in the highway and bridge category gained 4%, while the environmental public works category dipped 24% and the miscellaneous nonbuilding sector was 30% lower. On a year-to-date basis, starts in the electric power/gas plant category were down 46%. On a 12-month rolling sum basis, total nonbuilding starts were down 7% compared to the 12 months ending July 2020. Starts in the street and bridge category were down 2%, while in the electric power/gas plant category starts fell 3%. Environmental public works starts declined 13% and starts in miscellaneous public works dropped 16%.

Nonresidential building starts increased 3% in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $202.6 billion. Commercial starts gained 13% led by gains in hotels, warehouses, and office buildings. Institutional starts rose 2%
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starting was the $275 million Figueroa Centre mixed-use complex in Los Angeles CA and the $200 million first phase of the Society Orlando Apartments in Orlando FL. Through the first seven months of 2020, residential construction starts were down 4% versus the same time period in 2019. Single family starts were 2% higher, while multifamily starts were down 17% year-to-date. For the 12 months ending in July, total residential starts were 1% higher than a year earlier. Single family starts were up 4%, while multifamily starts were down 7%.

The largest nonresidential building project to break ground in July was the $400 million Mickey Leland International Terminal at George Bust Intercontinental Airport in Houston. Also starting were the $377 million Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Salt Lake Convention Center in Salt Lake City UT and a $337 million renovation of a terminal building at Los Angeles International Airport.

Year-to-date, total nonresidential building starts were 25% lower in the first seven months of 2020. Institutional building starts were down 16%, while commercial starts were 32% lower and manufacturing starts were down 52% on a year-to-date basis. For the 12 months ending July 2020, total nonresidential building starts dropped 11% from the 12 months ending in July 2019. Commercial starts were 12% lower, while institutional starts were down 10%. Manufacturing starts dropped 4% on a 12-month rolling basis.

Residential building starts rose 2% in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $296.6 billion. Multifamily starts increased 11%, while single family starts declined by less than one percent. The largest multifamily structure to break ground in July was the $500 million 101 Lincoln Ave mixed-use project in the Bronx NY. Also starting was the $275 million Figueroa Centre mixed-use complex in Los Angeles CA and the $200 million first phase of the Society Orlando Apartments in Orlando FL.

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Source: Dodge Data & Analytics
WASHINGTON — Victims of the Aug. 10 derecho storm that affected parts of Iowa now have until Dec. 15, 2020, to file various individual and business tax returns and make tax payments, the Internal Revenue Service announced today.

The IRS is offering this relief to any area designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as qualifying for individual assistance. Currently this includes Linn County in Iowa, but taxpayers in localities added later to the disaster area will automatically receive the same filing and payment relief. The current list of eligible localities is always available on the disaster relief page on IRS.gov.

The tax relief postpones various tax filing and payment deadlines that occurred starting on Aug. 10, 2020. As a result, affected individuals and businesses will have until Dec. 15, 2020, to file returns and pay any taxes that were originally due during this period. This means individuals who had a valid extension to file their 2019 return due to run out on Oct. 15, 2020, will now have until Dec. 15, 2020, to file. The IRS noted, however, that because tax payments related to these 2019 returns were due on July 15, 2020, those payments are not eligible for this relief.

The Dec. 15, 2020 deadline also applies to quarterly estimated income tax payments due on Sept. 15, 2020, and the quarterly payroll and excise tax returns normally due on Oct. 31, 2020. It also applies to tax-exempt organizations, operating on a calendar-year basis, that had a valid extension due to run out on Nov. 15, 2020. Businesses with extensions also have the additional time including, among others, calendar-year corporations whose 2019 extensions run out on Oct. 15, 2020.

In addition, penalties on payroll and excise tax deposits due after Aug. 10 and before Aug. 25, will be abated as long as the deposits are made by Aug. 25, 2020.

The IRS disaster relief page has details on other returns, payments and tax-related actions qualifying for the additional time.

The IRS automatically provides filing and penalty relief to any taxpayer with an IRS address of record located in the disaster area. Therefore, taxpayers do not need to contact the agency to get this relief. However, if an af-
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fected taxpayer receives a late filing or late payment penalty notice from the IRS that has an original or extended filing, payment or deposit due date falling within the postponement period, the taxpayer should call the number on the notice to have the penalty abated.

In addition, the IRS will work with any taxpayer who lives outside the disaster area but whose records necessary to meet a deadline occurring during the postponement period are located in the affected area. Taxpayers qualifying for relief who live outside the disaster area need to contact the IRS at 866-562-5227. This also includes workers assisting the relief activities who are affiliated with a recognized government or philanthropic organization.

Individuals and businesses in a federally declared disaster area who suffered uninsured or unreimbursed disaster-related losses can choose to claim them on either the return for the year the loss occurred (in this instance, the 2020 return normally filed next year), or the return for the prior year (2019). Be sure to write the FEMA declaration number – 4557 for Iowa – on any return claiming a loss. See Publication 547 for details.

The tax relief is part of a coordinated federal response to the damage caused by severe storms and is based on local damage assessments by FEMA. For information on disaster recovery, visit disasterassistance.gov.

**13.9 MILLION AMERICANS TO RECEIVE IRS TAX REFUND INTEREST; TAXABLE PAYMENTS TO AVERAGE $18**

In case you were reviewing your monthly checking account statement and noticed an automatic deposit from the IRS that was too small for you to buy a 30 pack of Busch Light (or the limited edition Busch Latte), the article below will explain why you received such a pleasant surprise.

WASHINGTON – This week the Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service will send interest payments to about 13.9 million individual taxpayers who timely filed their 2019 federal income tax returns and are receiving refunds.

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year’s July 15 deadline and either received a refund in the past three months or will receive a refund. Most interest payments will be issued separately from tax refunds.

In most cases, taxpayers who received their refund by direct deposit will have their interest payment direct deposited in the same account. About 12 million of these payments will be direct deposited.

Everyone else will receive a check. A notation on the check – saying “INT Amount” – will identify it as a refund interest payment and indicate the interest amount.

By law, these interest payments are taxable and taxpayers who receive them must report the interest on the 2020 federal income tax return they file next year. In January 2021, the IRS will send a Form 1099-INT to anyone who receives interest totaling at least $10.

This provision is different from the long-standing 45-day rule, generally requiring the IRS to add interest to refunds on timely-filed refund claims issued more than 45 days after the return due date.

Instead, this year’s COVID-19-related July 15 due date is considered a disaster-related postponement of the filing deadline. Where a disaster-related postponement exists, the IRS is required, by law, to pay interest, calculated from the original April 15 filing deadline, as long as an individual files a 2019 federal income tax return by the postponed deadline – July 15, 2020, in this instance. This refund interest requirement only applies to individual income tax filers – businesses are not eligible.

Interest is paid at the legally prescribed rate that is adjusted quarterly. The rate for the second quarter ending June 30 was 5%, compounded daily. Effective July 1, the rate for the third quarter dropped to 3%, compounded daily.

Where the calculation period spans quarters, a blended rate applies, consisting of the number of days falling in each calendar quarter. No interest will be added to any refund issued before the original April 15 deadline.
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SAFETY BEST PRACTICES AWARDS

The Safety and Environmental Committee of MICA has initiated a strategic objective that recognizes the importance of sound safety practices. Safety is recognized by MICA as a vital part of the insulation industry and a key success factor in any organization. The committee, in keeping with this notion, requested that the Board of Directors establish the “Safety Best Practices” Award. The Board did approve such an award to be given in conjunction with our annual spring convention.

This is the fifteenth year that we honored the recipients of this noteworthy award for our members. The participating companies have not yet been recognized due to the cancelation of our spring convention. We planned to recognize the companies at our fall business meeting, but the COVID-19 pandemic continues to play havoc with this recognition process. We do not want to delay the recognition of the participating companies any longer.

The grading process for the “Best Practices in Safety” Award Program uses a grading system that recognizes each applicant’s achievement in developing a quality safety program. The award levels are:

Platinum: 95 to 100%; Gold: 88 to 94%; Silver: 80 to 87%; Bronze: 70 to 79%.

Achieving platinum status this year were Armacell LLC, Bartelt Insulation Supply, F & H Insulation Sales and Services, L & C Insulation, Performance Contracting, Inc., and Polyguard Products.

Achieving gold status this year were Colorado Mechanical Insulation, Dako Services, Gagnon, Inc., Industrial Construction and Engineering, Iowa-Illinois Taylor Insulation, Luse Thermal Technologies, Proto Corp., QCI Thermal Systems, Inc., Quality Insulators and Vimasco Corporation.

Achieving silver status this year were Cornerstone Services Group, Enervation, and Sprinkmann Insulation, Inc.

Achieving bronze status this year was Amerisafe, Inc.

Education of our members in good safety practices is a strategic initiative of MICA. The safety award is MICA’s way of recognizing the efforts of our membership in implementing good safety practices. Safety is not a one year effort. Safety is vital for every company, every year!

We extend a special “thank you” to Gary Auman and his graders, who so tirelessly graded the safety applications. Gary gives his expert feedback, in writing, to each participating firm.
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