The Executive Committee of MICA is scheduled to meet on August 6, 2011, at the Omni Interlocken Resort, in Broomfield, Colorado. The Omni Resort is the site for our 2012 annual spring convention. President Jeff DeGraaf has invited his Executive Committee to attend the meeting so that they can visit the resort to familiarize themselves with the property. Jeff is excited about holding next year’s spring convention in Colorado and wants the Executive Committee to be well aware of the resort’s location and amenities prior to next June. Jeff and the Board members will keep you informed on all of the activities and sights that await you next June.

The Executive Committee will have several items to discuss. The main purpose of the meeting is to set the budget and technical program for the annual fall business meeting of MICA. This year’s fall business meeting is scheduled for October 19 & 20, 2011, at the Embassy Suites Downtown Omaha. The venue was well accepted by the members, and we have renewed our contract with the Embassy Suites for two more years. The room rate for this year is $147 per night, single or double occupancy. The hotel offers free wireless internet access to all MICA registered guests and reduced self parking of $4 a day.

The Board will be reviewing several technical topics for presentations but is open to suggestions from the general membership. If you have a topic that you feel would be of interest to the membership, please contact President DeGraaf or the MICA office. Jeff can be reached at 636-970-1650. Jeff is open to your suggestions and input, so please call him with your ideas. He will be delighted to visit with you!

For the past four years, we have held a table top display show for our associate members during our fall business meeting. The displays have been very well received by both the contractors and associate members. During their spring meeting, the associate members discussed ways to improve the table top show. These suggestions will be reviewed by the Executive Committee at the planning meeting. We will keep you informed of the Committee’s decision on the format for the mini tabletop trade show for this fall’s business meeting. This year the manufacturer member firms will participate in the tabletop show.

The Executive Committee has several items of business to conduct in addition to setting the technical program for the fall business meeting. President DeGraaf will have the Committee review ongoing operating policies of MICA and review the budget summary from the spring convention. We will share the fall business program with you next month.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

TO: THE MICA MEMBERSHIP

I recently had the opportunity to be actively involved in the initial mobilization for a project. A new client asked me to meet one of our crews for safety training and project start up, and I thought I'd share the experience with all of you.

Arriving at the gate the first morning, I found out just how seriously this new client viewed safety. As our group stepped through the front gate, approximately 75 yards from the building that the safety and orientation class was to be held, we were given a two minute talk on how to safely walk down a sidewalk. The proper way to walk is to pay attention to your path and not to be distracted by your surroundings. If this seems so simple that it is not necessary to say, I would remind you that every item in a training manual or safety manual is there because someone, at sometime, did something that caused a need for someone else to write it down. (Check out the video “woman texting and falls into fountain” on youtube.com.)

Once we arrived safely inside the building, we did a job safety analysis on the classroom. Did you know there are several potential hazards sitting in a crowded classroom? You might get up and trip over your chair leg, or someone might have left items on the floor. Mishandling paper could cause you to cut yourself and a sharp pencil can easily puncture skin. Safety first! How many times have we heard this on so many of our job-sites all around the country? Most companies are getting pretty good at providing the necessary items such as MSD sheets, job hazard analysis, and proper PPE. Many companies now have huge safety manuals, disciplinary actions for violations and even zero tolerance for certain infractions. This seven hour class spent very little time on the normal agenda, such as, which forms to fill out, lock out/tag out procedures or 100 percent tie off. Rather, we spent the majority of our time learning about living in a culture based on safety before all else.

This company’s belief is, “although management can and should lead by example, the only person who can truly make a work environment safe, is the person working in it.” Sounds so simple, and I’m sure we all agree with this theory, but how do you get it from the classroom to the worksite? How do you get a worker to go get the right tool for the job or stop and get a taller ladder rather than use the top step? This customer starts off with a JSA, a written description of what they are going to do for the day, and possible dangers. Once in the work area, they review the site to see if it matches the JSA. This is followed by periodic reviews throughout the day, including worker interviews by safety personnel, to see if conditions have changed. If so, they stop and write a new JSA before continuing. They always do a 360 degree walk around before entering a vehicle and have a spotter whenever a vehicle is backing up, even a golf cart. They end the shift with a post job evaluation of the work performed and possible better ways to accomplish the same tasks. If the project cannot be finished in the allotted time frame safely, they don’t add long hours or too many workers, they reduce the scope of work and wait until a later date to get everything done. Bottom line, if a worker sees something at the site they believe is unsafe, they have the power to stop any portion of any project, whether involved or not.

I know our company works hard on our safety program, but I have to admit, I was very impressed with the level of commitment this company shows to keep the work environment safe. I know many of our MICA members have decided to make a similar commitment to safety. My hat goes off to all of you who have been participating in the MICA safety best practices award. It is one more step in creating a culture within your company to always put safety first!

Sincerely,

Jeff DeGraaf,
MICA President
THE ATTACK OF THE KILLER KIDNEY STONE!! (OR, TAKING ACTION EVEN WHEN IT HURTS)

I’ve probably had about 20 to 25 kidney stones in my adult life, and I don’t exaggerate one bit when I say that it is a carpet-chewing, writhing-on-the-ground-like-a-snake kind of pain. Women who have had both kidney stones and babies will tell you they would much rather have a baby for three reasons.

1] You can’t cuddle a kidney stone.
2] A kidney will never grow up and support you.
3] A kidney stone hurts a whole heck of a lot more.

I’ve had kidney stones removed in just about every way imaginable. I’ve had lithotripsy (sound waves), cystoscopies (you don’t want to know), and passing them, um, naturally (you especially don’t want to know).

FYI, kidney stones are little rocks that are formed in your kidneys, but it’s not the stone’s presence in your kidney that causes all the pain. In fact, if the stone stayed put in your kidney, the chances are you might not even ever know it was there.

The problem, and the pain, begins when the kidney stone begins blocking fluids passing through your system. As a result, fluids build up behind the stone, creating a pressure in your side like none you’ve ever felt. It doesn’t take long experiencing this kind of pain before it dawns on you that an emergency room visit would be a really good idea.

One of the first things that they do in the ER is start pumping you full of saline solution in an attempt to flush the stone out of your body.

My point is, if you have a kidney stone attack, immediate action must be taken. I’ve found that I need to either get to the ER quickly or start trying to flush the stone

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out myself by drinking lots of water. Either way, the only way to get relief is to take action, and quickly!

It’s interesting that of the three basic animal instinctive responses to danger—fight, flight or freeze, most people just freeze when they face a threat. Whether dealing with a health, work, or personal problem, most people’s first reaction is to do nothing.

But one of the biggest mistakes you can make in life is doing nothing. If you don’t begin working on a solution to your problem, the situation will deteriorate and the pain will only get worse.

Things don’t get better on this planet by themselves. It takes someone doing something about the problem before the problem is fixed.

What problem are you facing today that needs to be dealt with and what are you going to do about it? It’s important for you to realize that the problem doesn’t need to be solved in entirety today. But I am challenging you to take one step toward fixing that problem today. Make a phone call. Make an appointment. Set a meeting. Write down the beginning of a plan.

Today is the day to start fighting the battle and employing the Power of Action. As soon as you finish this article, take that first step and you will find that the rest of the steps will come much easier.


ASA AND ASA OF TEXAS TELL COURT: CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ‘DEPEND’ ON THEIR CGL POLICIES FOR COVERAGE

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The American Subcontractors Association, Inc., ASA of Texas and other groups representing the Texas construction industry told the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit that construction contractors should be able to “depend on their commercial general liability policies for coverage” and that they shouldn’t have to bear the “burden of defending against an adversarial insurer out to minimize its own obligation to defend and indemnify its insured.” On July 15, ASA and its allies filed an amici curiae, or “friends of the court,” brief in Ewing Construction Co., Inc., v. Amerisure Insurance Company, arguing that insurers should honor, not exclude, the coverage they promise in the policies they underwrite.

In the underlying case, a school district hired contractor Ewing to build a tennis facility in Corpus Christi, Texas. As part of a package of insurance products for the job, Ewing purchased commercial general liability (CGL) coverage from Amerisure. After the construction was complete, the school district claimed that the tennis courts had defects that made the courts unusable for competitive events. When the school district sued Ewing for defective construction, Ewing timely tendered the lawsuit to Amerisure. Upon review of the lawsuit, Amerisure said it had no duty to defend Ewing.

The U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, heard the case and ruled that the contractual liability exclusion in the CGL policy that Ewing purchased applied and Amerisure had no duty to defend Ewing. The court used a 2010 ruling by the Texas Supreme Court in Gilbert Texas Constr., L.P. v. Underwriters at Lloyd’s London, as the foundation of its decision. In Gilbert the Texas Supreme Court expanded the scope of the contractual liability exclusions in a CGL policy, absolving insurers from covering subcontracted work even though CGL policies promise such coverage.

In their brief, ASA and its allies told the court: “It was perhaps a somewhat overzealous search for clarity that led the court to … interpret the contractual liability exclusion in a vacuum and set aside years of precedent and commentary.” The brief further argues that Gilbert provides insurers with “a back door to deny legitimate claims” and that the court is “disregarding the recognition by the Texas Supreme Court in Lamar Homes V. Mid-Continent Casualty Co. of the purposeful inclusion by the insurance industry of coverage in the CGL policy for property damage arising out of subcontractor work.”

Patrick J. Wielinski, Esq. and Rene R. Pinson, Esq., Cokinos, Bosien & Young, Irving, Texas, prepared the brief on behalf of ASA, ASA of Texas, Texas Building Branch – Associated General Contractors of America, Associated General Contractors – Houston Chapter, and TEXO – The Construction Association.
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OSHA LAUNCHES INTERACTIVE WEB SITE TO HELP EMPLOYERS BETTER COMPLY WITH ITS RECORDKEEPING RULE

WASHINGTON – The Occupational Safety and Health Administration recently unveiled a new interactive web tool to help users determine whether injuries and illnesses are work-related and recordable under the OSHA Recordkeeping rules.

The OSHA Recordkeeping Advisor is an interactive tool that simulates an employer’s interaction with a Recordkeeping rules expert. The Advisor relies on the users’ responses to questions and automatically adapts to the situation presented. Responses put into the program are strictly confidential and the system does not record or store any of the information. The Advisor helps employers determine:

- Whether an injury or illness (or related event) is work-related.
- Whether an event or exposure at home or on travel is work-related.
- Whether an exception applies to the injury or illness.
- Whether a work-related injury or illness needs to be recorded.
- Which provisions of the regulations apply when recording a work-related injury or illness.

“The Recordkeeping Advisor was developed to better help employers understand and comply with their responsibilities to report and record work-related injuries and illnesses,” said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels.

OSHA’s Injury and Illness Recordkeeping page links to the Recordkeeping Advisor and other guidance materials to help employers understand and comply with Federal recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

The OSHA Recordkeeping Advisor is one of a series of elaws (Employment Laws Assistance for Workers and Small Businesses) Advisors developed to help employers and workers understand federal employment laws. A full list of Advisors can be found at the elaws Web site.
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FUTURE MICA MEETING DATES

Fall 2011 Annual Fall Business Meeting — October 19 & 20, 2011, Embassy Suites Downtown, Omaha, NE.


Fall 2012 Annual Fall Business Meeting — October 17 & 18, 2012, Embassy Suites Downtown, Omaha, NE.

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ASA AND ASA OF THE CAROLINAS CELEBRATE WIN ON LIEN RIGHTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The American Subcontractors Association, Inc., and ASA of the Carolinas celebrated a major legal victory on July 19 when the North Carolina Court of Appeals agreed with them and rejected a lower court decision that threatened to diminish the value of contractor mechanic’s liens.

“This is a major win for construction subcontractors,” said 2011-12 ASA President Kerrick Whisenant, Cornerstone Detention Products Inc., Tanner, Ala. “Mechanic’s liens are one of the oldest payment assurances available to construction subcontractors, and ASA will always fight to protect them when they come under assault.”

If the court had ruled to change the effective date of liens, N.C. subcontractors would have been at much greater risk of losing the priority of their liens, reducing the value of their liens. Subcontractors often rely on their liens to assure payment when projects go awry.

In the case of Wachovia Bank National Association and Preserve Holdings, LLC., v Superior Construction Corporation, a contractor, Superior Construction Company, constructed improvements for a multi-building condominium project and filed suit on a lien after not being paid nearly $1 million. The construction lender obtained a lien for the project (based on a deed of trust) after the contractor started work. The lender convinced a trial court that the contractor’s decision to sign partial lien waivers changed the effective date, and therefore the priority, of the contractor’s lien claim. The lender claimed that the contractor’s lien claim is effective only as of the first day for which the contractor has not executed partial lien waivers for progress payments.

On Oct. 28, 2010, ASA and ASA of the Carolinas filed an amici curiae, or “friends of the court,” brief before the North Carolina Court of Appeals. In their brief, ASA and ASAC stated: “The Trial Court’s decision, if not reversed, will have a particularly severe and unnecessary harsh impact on the very subcontractors the lien statutes are designed to protect. A subcontractor’s right to lien a project is by way of subrogation to the contractor’s right to lien the project, and the first furnishing date for a subcontractor’s lien is the date of the first furnishing of the contractor. The Trial Court’s holding misapprehends the relation back doctrine, misreads the lien waiver, and ignores the (Continued on page 20)
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effect of waivers on subcontractors.”

In its opinion the Court of Appeals said: “Having examined the relevant language on appeal, we conclude that the trial court erred by construing the partial lien waivers to effectively change the date of first furnishing and that the partial lien waivers merely precluded Defendant Superior from asserting a lien relating to the amounts already paid for work performed at The Preserve without having any further effect.”

DOE OFFERS CONDITIONAL COMMITMENT FOR A $105 MILLION LOAN GUARANTEE FOR FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND CELLULOSIC BIO-REFINERY IN IOWA

Washington D.C. - U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced the offer of a conditional commitment for a $105 million loan guarantee to support the development of the nation's first commercial-scale cellulosic ethanol plant. Project LIBERTY, sponsored by POET, LLC, will produce up to 25 million gallons of ethanol per year and will be located in Emmetsburg, Iowa. POET estimates the project will generate approximately 200 jobs during construction and 40 permanent jobs at the plant. POET estimates the project will also bring approximately $14 million in new revenue to area farmers.

“This project will help decrease our dependence on oil, create jobs and aid our transition to clean, renewable energy that is produced here at home,” said Secretary Chu. “The innovations used in this project are another example of how we are seizing the opportunity to create new economic opportunities to win the clean energy future.”

“Projects like the one we are announcing today show that our investments in next generation biofuels are paying off,” said Secretary Vilsack. “Project LIBERTY will produce up to 25 million gallons of ethanol per year, create over 200 jobs, and generate millions of dollars in revenue for the local economy. This project is an important step in the Obama Administration’s effort to break our nation's unsustainable dependence on foreign oil and move toward a clean energy economy.”

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comes so close to Independence Day," said Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), a senior member and former Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. "This is all about decreasing American’s dependence on oil from unstable and often hostile foreign sources. And this pioneering facility will kick-start a major domestic industry producing advanced biofuels from plentiful feedstocks like crop residues, native grasses and woody materials, creating thousands of jobs in rural America. I thank Secretary Chu and the Department for their commitment to accelerating America's transition from dependence on imported oil to greater reliance on to clean, domestically produced biofuels."

Unlike many conventional corn ethanol plants, Project LIBERTY will use corncobs, leaves and husks - sources provided by local farmers - that do not compete with feed grains. The project’s innovative process uses enzymatic hydrolysis to convert waste into ethanol and will produce enough biogas to power both Project LIBERTY and POET’s adjacent grain-based ethanol plant. Project LIBERTY will displace over 13.5 million gallons of gasoline annually and fulfill more than 25 percent of the projected 2013 Renewable Fuel Standard Requirement for biomass-based cellulosic ethanol. POET plans to replicate their unique process at 27 of their other corn ethanol facilities, which would have a projected combined annual capacity of one billion gallons per year of cellulosic ethanol. The company estimates that 85 percent of Project LIBERTY will be sourced with U.S. content.

CONSTRUCTION MARKET FORECAST: THE GENERAL ECONOMY IS SEEING MIXED SIGNS

RALEIGH, N.C., June 10, 2011 – FMI, the largest provider of management consulting and investment banking to the engineering and construction industry, announces the release of the Construction Outlook: Second Quarter 2011 Report.

In FMI's Construction Outlook for the second quarter 2011, there are signs that the economy is recovering – even for contractors – but you have to look hard to see them. The stock market has taken on a more bullish trend since the bottom of the recession, but that bull has yet to visit Main Street, which is struggling to fix the potholes, not to mention the infrastructure buried beneath the
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The costs of construction materials have been rising faster than the slow increase in construction activity would suggest. Recently, commodities investors woke up to the idea that the recovery may once again be delayed. Their concerns are justified when one considers the uncertainties in the news, including a slowdown in GDP growth to just 1.8% after a solid fourth quarter pace of 3.1%. Construction markets are also affected by national and global uncertainties including the ongoing political upheaval in the Middle East and northern Africa; the resurgence of concern over the European debt crises, particularly Greece; and the ongoing budget battle in the U.S. Congress.

Report highlights include:

- Total construction in 2011 will climb 2% after declining 9% in 2010.
- Construction employment remained abysmal and little changed since the depth of the recession.
- The nonresidential sector will decline just 2% in 2011 after a 19% decline in 2010.
- Most of the areas showing growth, excluding residential, are in markets related to infrastructure.
- Sewage and waste disposal, and conservation and development construction will contribute to a positive climb in the nonbuilding segment.
- Power will continue to be a growing construction market (2% growth for 2011) as there is no sign that our need for more of it will abate. We expect growth to accelerate over the next five years as more attention is paid to renewable energy sources.
- The much-expected nuclear renaissance could stall once again as regulating bodies and engineers reassess safety measures based on the devastating results of multiple catastrophes at Japan’s Fukushima nuclear plant.

CARROTS OR STICKS — BOTH CAN BE EFFECTIVE MOTIVATORS

Getting people to abide by the rules can be a challenge but there are a number of ways of going about it. Whether dealing with family members, students, or fellow workers, it is relatively easy for the parent, teacher, or supervisor to establish and explain expectations. We let them know how they are to behave, what they are to learn, and how to perform their tasks. This involves the setting of ground rules, the dos and don’ts. But getting people to “do the right thing” — abide by the rules and meet the expectations — is the next challenge. There are a number of ways of going about it, and a combination of them can be particularly effective.

Setting an Example. The most fundamental approach, without which no other will work very well, is for the person in authority to demonstrate the desired skill or behavior. Just as a parent who is rude or tells lies is unlikely to have well-mannered, truthful children, so employees will not follow safe work practices when they see their supervisor bypass a machine guard or neglect to wear prescribed protective equipment.

Coaching. It’s unrealistic to expect workers — or anyone else — to get everything exactly right the first time. So errors need to be carefully noted and corrected, repeating instructions as necessary and patiently explaining why it is so important that they be followed. This is probably one of the most important aspects of a supervisor’s job.

Clarifying Consequences. It’s only fair that people who are expected to follow certain rules, to do things a certain way, understand exactly what will happen if they do so. Such a desirable consequence, and praise, is a reward, or “carrot”. But people must also know what will happen if they do not live up to expectations. These undesirable consequences may be regarded as punishment, or a “stick”.

When It Comes to Safety

For failing to follow safety rules, the worst punishment is not imposed by the supervisor; it is an accident and possible injury, perhaps a severe one. This outcome is stressed
repeatedly in the safety training of virtually every company. Companies differ, however, in the kind of carrots offered for safe job performance. They may be awarded to the workforce as a whole, for achieving a record number of days without lost-time injuries, or to individuals, for serving on a safety committee, assisting with a training activity, or correctly answering the “safety question of the week”. Many companies provide carrots for both team and individual efforts. Such incentives range from gifts (or certificates) to money, to special dinners, to extra paid time off; the list is long, varied, and imaginative.

The individual employee’s good safety habits enhance his fellow-workers’ eligibility for such awards, but his or her failure to follow the safety rules can endanger others as well. If a serious accident occurs, it can also damage company property, slow production, and result in major compensation costs. This is where the stick of discipline is appropriate. Most human relations experts have favored the concept of “progressive” discipline, — from a warning or reprimand for a first offense to dismissal as the ultimate resort. The most important thing to remember about both the carrots and the sticks is that to be fair and effective they must be clearly understood and consistently applied.

OBITUARY OF AL WOTHERSPOON

Allen H. Wotherspoon, 88, of Kearney, died Wednesday, June 15 2011, at Good Samaritan Hospital. Al was born November 4, 1922. Al was a native of Omaha, Nebraska. He graduated from North High School in 1940. He served the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Al went to work for his father after serving in the Army Air Force. His dad sold the company, and Al worked for an acoustical and insulation supply company. In 1959, he returned to his father’s old company and purchased the company, Midwest Asbestos, in 1961. He retired from active management in 1978.

Al and his wife Alma, moved to Green Valley, AZ, in 1989 and enjoyed their retirement for 14 years. On the advice of his nephrologist, they moved to Tucson in 2003 to be closer to the necessary medical facilities. Al had several major health concerns since 2003. They moved to Kearney, Nebraska several years ago to be closer to family.

Al was very active in MICA during his professional career. He served as MICA’s 15th President in 1971 — 1972. While in MICA, Al served on the NIAC Board of Directors and served as a special consultant to the MICA Manual Committee. Those of us who knew Al will remember his big smile and caring personality. Al was always willing to help. He welcomed Cindy and me into MICA and made us feel at ease. He will be missed. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Alma Wotherspoon at 208 East 48; Apartment 123; Kearney, NE 68847. Memorials suggested to the National Kidney Foundation.

KNAUF INSULATION ANNOUNCES FORMALDEHYDE-FREE VERIFICATION

Satisfying the growing indoor air quality (IAQ) needs of the commercial and industrial marketplace, Knauf Insulation North America announces that products in their Pipe and Equipment Insulation line are now verified as formaldehyde-free through the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute.

The verified products include Earthwool™ 1000° Pipe Insulation, Insulation Board, Friendly Feel® Duct Wrap, and Elevated Temperature products. Knauf Insulation is the first insulation company to independently certify and verify products within its pipe and equipment insulation line as formaldehyde-free through GREENGUARD.

“This is a unique step that goes above and beyond our certification to the higher-level GREENGUARD Children and Schools low emissions standard. With the increasing number of specifications for formaldehyde-free insulation, we wanted to have a credible third-party organization verify that our products meet these strict specifications,” said Glenn Brower, director of technical marketing for Knauf Insulation.

From copper pipe and sheet metal ducts to industrial furnaces and tank storage, Knauf Insulation’s full suite of pipe and equipment insulation products provides commercial and industrial facilities with proven insulation solutions delivering energy efficiency and operational cost-savings. At the same time, the products help contribute to superior indoor air quality.

“We are proud to be an industry leader in sustainability and also in environmental air quality standards. This has been important to us since 2001, when GREENGUARD was first launched and Knauf Insulation became the first insulation manufacturer to meet low emissions requirements and achieve certification,” Brower said.

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