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NEW CRCA Associate Director

CRCA's Associate members, in addition to contractor members, serve on the CRCA Board of Directors. A few years ago, there was only one Associate Member Director. Under Past-President George Patterson, the Board added a second Associate Director. For 2018, a third Associate Director has been added. CRCA Member Brad Schwab, The Schwab Group, joins Kim Kwasiborski, SJ Mallein, Inc. and Greg Dedic, North Coast Roofing Systems.

Save the Date: Upcoming CRCA Events

April 25 – CRCA CWIR Anniversary & Networking Event.
Presenter: Jennifer Holsinger,
Hunter Panels

May 15 – CRCA Scholarship Dinner. Presenter: Larry Wert,
Tribune Broadcasting

June 3 – CRCA Sunday with the Sox

July 12 – CRCA Industry Day Golf Outing

August 11 – CRCA Day at the Ballpark – Kane County Cougars

August 25 – CRCA BBQ & 5K

September 18 – CRCA Membership Meeting & Luncheon

November 13 – CRCA Membership Meeting & Luncheon, Elections

December 7 – CRCA Annual Awards Dinner

December 11 – CRCA Committee Day (Committee Members only, by invitation)

NEW CRCA Associate Member Packages

CRCA's Membership & Marketing Committees joined forces to develop a new program for Associate Members. The idea was to provide CRCA Associate Member Packages. The packages are where members can buy items not available to non-members and gain exposure. The publicity is in *CRCA Today*, CRCA's Directory, www.CRCA.org website home, member list and events pages. There's even a limited opportunity to have a tabletop display at CRCA Membership Luncheons and signage at ALL CRCA Events, including the CRCA Trade Show & Seminars. Plus CRCA dues for the year are included And, it's all wrapped up in one check, once a year.

Check out where your ad would be at www.CRCA.org on the home page. Don't miss this exciting NEW opportunity. Contact

Register here today!

CRCA @ NRCA's DC Fly In



CRCA's leadership and friends well represented at the NRCA's Fly In to Washington DC. NRCA CEO Reid Ribble challenged the industry to join together in DC to bring the roofing industry voice to the legislators. From Immigration Reform to Workforce Development and Regulation, CRCA's leaders and 25 roofing industry

professionals from the State of Illinois brought the message to key legislators about issues including a path to legal immigration. Shop class was removed from high schools in the 1980's and as a result, the construction industry workforce has been deeply affected. Plus, we need funding towards development of construction industry education to help train people interested in our industry. Finally, we requested that OSHA become more collaborative and education focused in its approach to safety. Let's find a way to get back to partnerships to educate for better compliance. Thanks NRCA, for a great event. <http://www.nrca.net/>

CRCA @ IRE

The CRCA had tremendous exposure at the International Roofing Expo. We were represented at the Affiliate Executive Council Meetings participating in meeting with other roofing associations from around the US and Canada, NRCA's CEO, Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman, and NRCA's staff as well. Plus, we presented on CRCA's collaboration with NRCA and others during the Structural Lightweight Concrete and Moisture in roofing assembly program with Matt Dupuis, SRI, Inc. CRC's Bill McHugh also moderated the NRCA's Union Contractor Council breakfast panel based on an agenda that was developed with CRCA's leaders and other associations nationally.

CRCA Leaders were involved in NRCA's formation over 100 years ago and are still engaged today. Several participate in NRCA's Board of Directors. CRCA's Rod Petrick was elected as a Vice-Chairman at NRCA. CRCA's Past President George Patterson, and CRCA Members Luke Duffy and Alex Hernandez also serve on NRCA's Board of Directors.

Illinois SB 237

Thanks to your help Illinois Senate Bill 237, the coal tar sealant ban, did

not get enough votes to pass the Senate Environment and Conservation Committee. Thank you to everyone who contacted their state senators to voice their opposition, it really did make a difference. This bill is not scheduled for any hearings at this time, but CRCA will keep updated on this and any legislative issues that may impact the roofing industry.

CRCA Submits Proposals to State of Illinois Energy Code Development Process

CRCA's Industry Affairs Committee worked together to assemble code proposals for the Illinois Adoption of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code. CRCA's work with the State has been well received over the years. Look for more info in the next few Enewsletters as the process continues.

Roofing Makes Tax Reform Bill

For a roof, the depreciation period is 39 years. In Section 179 of the Federal Tax Code, a new proposal was approved to reduce the "Roofs" depreciation period from 39 years to the year the expense occurred. Roofs are included in the definition for "Qualified Real Property".

The new tax reform legislation states that :
"any of the following improvements to non-residential real property ... (A) Roofs (B) Heating and Ventilation (C) Fire protection and alarm systems (D) Security systems", ... are part of the legislation that allows depreciation to take place the year the improvement took place.

This is a big deal for the roofing contractor and roofing industry. That building owner that was close to buying a new roof now, but it was too expensive, now has a new reason to make the investment. The company gets a tax deduction for that new roof. Make your customers aware of this new legislation. It might get you that next project.

Page 130 of the link has the section on "Roofs".

<http://docs.house.gov/billsthisweek/20171218/CRPT-115HRPT-%20466.pdf>

CRCA Trade Show & Seminars

The CRCA Trade Show Committee is already hard at work planning the 2019 event. Planning is underway on some

new and exciting seminars such as:

Workforce Recruitment, Responsible Spec Writing, Ventilation and much more. The committee is also developing a steep-slope program, "Anything But Shingles," which will include information on cedar shake, metal roofing, metal shingles and more.



Check out the picture of CRCA's Trade Show Committee. Thanks to them, "Roofing Week in Chicago – 35 Years Strong" – and many shows before this one – were all great with our growing attendance every year! We had record attendance, Education, Relationship Building and a first-class Trade Show all in one place January 18 & 19, 2018.

The CRCA Trade Show & Seminars featured seven hours of education, all registered with RCI, AIA, ALA and others for continuing education credits. Plus, the 150 exhibit booths at this year's show kept attendees until the very end.

On behalf of the CRCA Trade Show Committee, thanks to all the speakers, attendees and exhibitors. Without you, we are not able to have such a great show. [Click here for a recap of all of the seminars.](#)

We look forward to seeing you in January 2019 for another great Trade Show!

Roofers Coffee Shop

Check out Roofers Coffee Shop, a



community of roofing professionals that share ideas, do research, sell items, find items and get help. It is one of the premier networking sites in the industry, helping contractors find information, materials, services, tools, labor and training all in one place. [RoofersCoffeeShop.com](#) has become the place to celebrate the roofing industry and the great people that work in it.

CRCA Committees Updates

The CRCA Committees have been quite active in the first quarter of 2018. CRCA's successes come from the volunteer leaders and staff working together to build a great roofing industry in Chicagoland and beyond at the State of Illinois as well.

Emerging Leaders has launched the Mentor Network. This important tool intended to empower and guide up-and-comers in the roofing industry by pairing them with individuals who have been leaders within the roofing industry.

NRCA Membership



CRCA Members, if you are not a NRCA Member, consider joining. CRCA works closely with NRCA on various code and standards issues in Chicago, at the State of Illinois and also the International Code Council's International Building and Energy Codes.

While on membership, if you know a roofing company that is not a CRCA Member but should be, email their contact to us at info@CRCA.org and send them to www.CRCA.org to learn about all of the incredible member benefits.

FREE Spanish Safety Classes

The Latino Worker Safety Center conducts safety classes in Spanish, Polish, Arabic and English at the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council's offices, downstairs in the same building as CRCA's HQ.

LWSC has free 4-hour safety classes on fall prevention this winter. Check them out at <https://www.latinoworker.org/> or 888-595-5972. Ask for Dan Ramir and let him know your workers are from a CRCA Member Company

Coming soon...

The CRCA 2018 Directory is almost ready for print and will be in your mailbox the next few weeks. This is a great resource tool for both CRCA Contractors and Associates to use when needing to find CRCA Member products and services.

The CRCA Directory puts your company in front of potential customers all year long. With circulation of about 3,000 roof consultants, general contractors, building owners and managers, architects, etc., it enhances membership value at CRCA.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact jessica@crca.org.

Industry Affairs Committee met to discuss technical issues and 2018's initiatives at the State of Illinois, City of Chicago and International Code Council.

Program Committee set dates for all 2018 Membership Meetings and Events. **Register today** for the May 15th Scholarship Dinner.

Steep and Shingle Committee provided speakers for CRCA's Trade Show & Seminars and are working with local municipalities to create a universal roofing specific permit application.

Affiliate Relations is a brand new CRCA committee, designed to develop and expand CRCA's relationships with other construction and design associations. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

Not on a committee? Visit the CRCA Committee page at www.CRCA.org, then email linda@crca.org which Committee you want to join. That's all it takes to get your involvement started.



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