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CRCA Legislation Clears Illinois House and Senate

For the past year and a half, CRCA has been working hard on legislation now in the form of HB 732 to limit the exemption in the Roofing Industry Licensing Act of what building owners' employees can perform on their employers' roofs without a license to just "Roof Repair" as defined by the International Building Code. Roof Replacement or Roof Recover operations including torching would need to be performed by licensed Illinois roofing contractors only.

CRCA's legislative consultant, Margaret Vaughn, garnered the support of the entire Illinois fire service (including the Associated Fire Fighters Association, the IL Association of Fire Chiefs, IL Association of Fire Protection Districts, IL Fire Fighters Association and the IL Fire Safety Alliance) and made the case about how dangerous roofing can be to not only workers but the occupants of a building, if not performed properly.

Despite strong opposition from the Governor's office, HB 732 passed the House with a vote of 79-30 on April 4 and passed the Senate on Memorial Day with a vote of 37-17. Special thanks to all our members who contacted their legislators in support of this issue and our bill sponsors, Representatives Dan Burke (D-Chicago) and Jay Hoffman (D-Belleville) and Senators Iris Martinez (D-Chicago) and John Mulroe (D-Chicago).

Info will be sent later this week on how to donate to CRCA's PAC fund for those IL legislators who support Roofing and Waterproofing Industry causes. Questions? Call CRCA 708-449-3340.

CRCA's Technical Committee and NRCA

CRCA's Technical Committee, led by Rod Petrick, has been working on the curing time and moisture left in structural lightweight concrete and its effects on roofing assemblies with NRCA's Technical Services Section.

Both CRCA and NRCA have been major contributors to the funding for the research with additional funding from the Roofing Industry Alliance for Progress, the foundation of the NRCA.

Research conducted by SRI, Inc., was presented at CRCA's 2017 Trade Show & Seminars Roofing Industry Breakfast at CRCA's "Roofing Week in Chicago." Check out the article in the spring issue of *CRCA Today* at www.crca.org.

CRCA Committees Always Active

CRCA is known nationally for its work in the industry advocating in codes, standards, licensing and other areas, with over 100 committee members actively involved each month.

To continue the leadership, President George Patterson organized a Committee Chair Lunch in May to foster communication about CRCA activities amongst many different committees. Thanks to the CRCA committee members and chairs for all they do to keep CRCA a leader locally and nationally.

Not on a committee? Check out www.crca.org to learn which committee you'd like to join and email info@crca.org to volunteer.

OSHA National Safety Stand Down

Fatalities caused by falls from elevation continue to be a leading cause of death for construction employees, accounting for 350 of the 937 construction fatalities recorded in 2015 (BLS data). According to OSHA, those deaths were preventable. The National Fall Prevention Stand-Down raises fall hazard awareness across the country to stop fall fatalities and injuries. According to the Builders Association of Greater Chicago, more than 200 jobsites and 4,000 workers in the Chicago area participated in the 2016 Safety Stand Down.

CRCA Members had some special company events to commemorate the 2017 OSHA National Safety Stand Down. Check out CRCA's Facebook page, CRCA-Chicago Roofing Contractors Association, to see a few of the company programs.

NRCA Updates Manuals

The NRCA has been updating its manuals on a three-year cycle by taking one portion at a time and providing updates to that section. For 2017, the Steep Slope Manual was updated with revisions to Chapter 1, 5, the Appendix 1, 2 while Appendix 5 becomes a new placeholder for future changes. NRCA Members get the manuals free as a download from the NRCA at <http://www.nrca.net/store/>. Keep up to date with the best practices from the NRCA.

CRCA Members have been on the Manual Update Committee for generations. Those that have served include: Tom Dessent, George Patterson, Rod Petrick, and many others have contributed their time and talent to other portions of the NRCA Manuals.

AIA Releases 2017 Edition of Contract Documents

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has announced, at AIA '17 Conference on Architecture, the release of the 2017 edition of the A201 family of contract documents. This release includes updated versions of the AIA's flagship documents, developed for the design-bid-build delivery model. Working with architects, contractors, subcontractors and owners, the AIA Documents Committee updates this core set of documents every 10 years. This helps ensure that the AIA legal form and agreements reflect changes and trends in the industry, and that the AIA Contract Documents remain the Industry Standard. Visit www.AIAContracts.org for more info.

CRCA's September Membership Luncheon will include a presentation on A102 (owner/contractor) and A401 (contractor/subcontractor) that were both modified this year. Save the date for September 12 and join us!

CRCA Industry Day Golf Outing

Sign up now and reserve your spot today for the CRCA Industry Day Golf Outing on Thursday, July 13 at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. Space is limited! Limited sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit www.crca.org to get more information and register. Questions? Call (708) 449-3340 or email info@crca.org.

Welcome New Members

CRCA would like to welcome its newest members:

[Chicagoland Roofing Supply](#), Addison, IL – Associate Member
[Proliance General Contractors, Inc.](#), Downers Grove, IL – Contractor Member
[Reliable Trade Services](#), Crystal Lake, IL – Contractor Member

May Events Recap

CRCA's Chicagoland Women in Roofing (CWIR) Anniversary Celebration: On May 4, 65 roofing industry men and women gathered to celebrate CWIR's one year anniversary with a Happy Hour at Crazy Pour in Villa Park, IL. The group recounted the educational experiences and camaraderie building through community service events from the first year. The group plans to schedule future events and build resources on the website to support the needs of the group determined at the January 2017 CRCA Round Table event. Please check their calendar at <http://www.cwir.org/cwir-calendar-of-events/> if you are interested in helping CWIR enrich the experiences of others as they develop expertise of the roofing profession for personal, business and industry benefit.

CRCA Scholarship Dinner: Thank you to everyone who attended the Scholarship dinner. A special thank you to Michael Good, NASA Astronaut who gave a fantastic speech on following your dreams. Thank you to Dave Good, CRCA Member, for lending us his brother for the night.

Congratulations to both the CRCA and CRC Scholarship Winners:

Danielle Allaire - CRCA
Sheilly Moreno - CRCA
Jesus Barajas - CRC
Tiffany Blankenship - CRC
Alyssa Moss - CRC
Ronan Morrissey - CRC
Payton Roque - CRC
Auston Walton – CRC

Upcoming CRCA Events

CRCA's CWIR Volunteer Event: The CRCA Committee, Chicagoland Women in Roofing (CWIR) invites men, women and older children to join CWIR at Feed My Starving Children in honor of NRCA's National Roofing Week Charitable Projects Day on Wednesday, June 7 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Everyone who would like to attend must sign up with Nicole at nicole@cwir.org. Sign up today!

CRCA at The Chicago White Sox: Order tickets today for The Chicago White Sox game on Friday, June 23 at 7:10 p.m. vs. the Oakland A's. A pregame tailgate will be hosted by CRCA Members JJ Superior Sheet Metal and Lift Works Inc. and following the game will be a firework show. Fill out the [order form](#) and get your tickets today! Deadline is Wednesday, May 31.

Save the Date

June 23: CRCA at The Chicago White Sox, Guaranteed Rate Field, Chicago
July 13: CRCA Industry Day Golf Outing, Silver Lake Country Club, Orland Park
August 12: CRCA at Kane County Cougars, Fifth Third Ballpark, Geneva
September 12: CRCA Membership Luncheon, Maggiano's Little Italy, Schaumburg
September 30: CRCA Emerging Leaders Family BBQ, Busse Woods, Elk Grove Village
October 19: CRCA Emerging Leaders Event, Topgolf, Naperville
November 14: CRCA Membership Luncheon, Maggiano's Little Italy, Oak Brook
December 1: CRCA Annual Awards Dinner, The Drake Hotel, Oak Brook
January 18-19, 2018: CRCA Trade Show & Seminars, Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace