



CRCA E-News – 10.20.04 - City of Chicago Testimony, CRCA Meets Industry Influences, CRCA OSHA Safety Partnerships, November Membership Meeting, CRCA at MRCA, Etc.

~CRCA Testifies at City of Chicago Hearings - CRCA Industry Affairs Chair, Rod Petrick, Ridgeworth Roofing, Inc. testified before the Chicago City Council's Committee on Buildings, Ald. Bernard Stone, Chair in September. Rod's testimony gave input to the City of Chicago about high and low slope roofing reflectivity requirements for Chicago. More details about the code requirements and implementation dates to follow in the next CRCA Enews

~CRCA Meets with Chicago Area Industry Influences - CRCA has been active visiting with many important industry groups in September. The Roof Consultants Institute, Chicago Area Chapter, Chicago Association of Realtors, City of Chicago Department of Buildings (Stan Kaderback, Commissioner), Association of Licensed Architects and American Subcontractors Associations have all been contacted by CRCA over the past month. Look for CRCA to be very active promoting the use of the Specialty CRCA Member Contractor for Roofing, Waterproofing and Allied Members in the future.

~CRCA Safety Partnership Renewals - CRCA has established a partnership with OSHA where CRCA Member Contractors can quantifiably set themselves apart as safe Roofing and Waterproofing Professionals. "The Chicagoland Roofing Safety Partnership's goal is to provide a safe and healthful work environment for CRCA Member Contractor Firm employees", states **Joe McDevitt, CRCA Vice President, Roofs, Inc, Health and Safety Co-Chair.** Firms who are currently approved enjoy the advantage promoting their LEADER Status in proposals and company literature. If you are not a LEADER Contractor, contact the CRCA Office to learn more. If you are a LEADER Contractor, be sure to return the renewal notice as soon as possible.

~CRCA Members at MRCA & NRCA - CRCA President Jim Brosseau, Bennett & Brosseau Roofing, Inc. was featured in the MRCA Magazine for a Japanese Contractor Exchange held this summer. The Japanese Contractors from "Tozai", East West Asphalt Association, toured projects at Chicago's City Hall Garden Roof, Chicago Avenue Pump Station, and University Center's Rooftop Garden. **CRCA 2nd Vice President Rod Petrick, Ridgeworth Roofing Co., Inc.** spoke at the MRCA Convention in Kansas City, October 15, 2004 on the ENERGY Star - Solar Smart programs and the City of Chicago regulations. **Drew Hupp, Mader Roofing Co., Inc.** was the featured person in NRCA's "details" section in October's MRCA Magazine as well.

~CRCA Call for Directors - CRCA is known nationally as a strong, active group of Roofing and Waterproofing Professionals. CRCA's successes are attributed to the dedication and service to volunteers who are on the CRCA Board and Committees. Each year, CRCA Elects three members to it's Board of Directors. The **CRCA Nominating Committee, Chaired by Bill O'Brien, American Roofing and Repair Company** is seeking volunteers from CRCA's Contractor Membership to fill the vacancies. Use the FAXBACK form sent previously to respond by October 23, 2003. Or, reply to this Email for an electronic version. Elections take place at the CRCA Membership Meeting, November 16, 2004.

~CRCA Membership Meeting - CRCA's next Membership Luncheon Meeting is November 16, 11:30 am at Maggiano's Little Italy, Oak Brook, IL. **CRCA Program Committee co-chairs Mike McMillan, Mansfield Roofing, and Tony Roque, M.W. Powell Co.,** promise an exciting program. Watch for more specifics on the program shortly.

~CRCA Members in the News - CRCA Steep and Shingle Committee Chair, Drew Hupp, was interviewed for an article that appeared in the Chicago Tribune about "Preparing Your House for Winter". **Drew and Tom Billish, Crawford Roof Management Co.** provided comments for Roofing Industry and CRCA.

~CRCA 2005 Trade Show - Well, although it doesn't seem so...2005 isn't very far away. CRCA's 2005 Trade Show Programs and Exhibits are all in the final planning stages, as is the "Midwest Construction Magazine" circulated with the CRCA Trade Show 20 page brochure insert. The piece is sent to thousands of architects, engineers, contractors and owners throughout the midwest in addition to distribution at the CRCA Trade Show January 20 & 21, 2005. There are still a few spaces left for advertisements. Reply now (this week) to place an ad in this important CRCA Publication, circulated by McGraw Hill Companies.

~CRCA Retired Member still volunteering - Jim Karczewski, retired President of F.J.A. Christiansen Roofing Corp., with a financial donation from CRCA and the Roofing Industry Advancement & Research Fund participated in the Diocese of Joliet's Catholic Construction Corps (CCC) Mission to the Navajo Nation in Window Rock, Arizona. The CCC group built a 30' x 50' entrance to a high school gymnasium, resided a Navaho house, installed a new roof on a Indian Hogan Ceremonial House, completed the exterior and interior of a home built last year and built a deck and wheel chair

ramp for a handicapped Navajo man. CRCA Leaders don't really retire, they move on to lead other volunteer groups do good things for people nationwide.

"I am looking for a lot of men who have an infinite capacity to not know what can't be done." Henry Ford

Bill McHugh, CRCA Executive Director

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