



CRCA E-News – February 28, 2005 **CRCA Membership Meeting, CRCA at NRCA, MRCA, ICC, CRCA Trade Show**

~**CRCA Trade Show** - CRCA's 22nd Annual Trade Show is history again. The day came fast and flew by, just as life seems to do. Highlights included Steve Phillips, Esq., Hendrick Phillips, NRCA's Legal Expert, speaking, then responding to great questions to a big crowd at the Annual CRCA Chicago Roofing Industry Breakfast. Jay Refieuna, Jas. Mansfield & Sons, Inc., presented CRCA's Position Paper on Isocyanurate Insulation. Jay also presented the paper on the day earlier to the Roof Consultants Institute Region Conference. Chris Mooney, GAF's CARE Presenter had great attendance for the Foreman and Superintendents Program. And, the Chicago Area Chapter, Roof Consultants Institute joined CRCA on a panel to discuss relationships between the Roofing Contractor and Consultant. The Trade Show Floor had the fun and excitement living up to past year's action.

CRCA sends it's sincere thanks to all speakers, and volunteers Rod Petrick, Ridgeworth Roofing, Trade Show Chair, Chris Adler, Adler Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., & Fred Creed, All Weather Products, Trade Show Committee Members, plus CRCA Board Members who staffed the CRCA Booth; Mark Cronin, Knickerbocker Roofing, Tom Dessent, Dessent Roofing, Alex Hernandez, Clark Roofing, Mike McMillan, Jas. Mansfield & Sons., Jim Petry, E.W. Olson Roofing, Tony Roque, M.W. Powell all for making CRCA's Show a big event. Mark your calendar now for next year's show...January 19 & 20, 2006 will be here before we know it.

~**CRCA Committee Meetings** – CRCA's Annual Committee Meetings set the tone for CRCA's year. And, this year's meetings January 25, 2005 really got us moving on 2005's programs. The energy generated in CRCA's Committee Meeting came from involvement by the CRCA Membership. Programs for Membership Meetings were set, goals carved out for Industry Affairs activities with the City of Chicago and State of Illinois, plus, Contracts and Insurance has ideas on how to help us buy insurance better, Health and Safety planned a membership meeting and the Membership Committee developed ideas for promoting the membership, rounding out the day.

~**CRCA March 15 Membership Meeting - CRCA's 1st 2005 Membership Meeting, March 15, 2005**
... features a panel of CRCA Friends and Leaders discussing OSHA Jobsite Visits. Are you ready for one? You won't want to miss this program. Register online at <http://www.crca.org>, the events page.

~**NRCA Education Seminars in Chicago** - NRCA's national efforts, coupled with MRCA & CRCA's local input, means a great partnership. NRCA has been offering MRCA's "CERTA Torch Application Training" at the local level as part of a national strategy to keep insurance coverage for roofing torch applications. CNA agreed to insure roofing contractor firms who use torches as long as they've been through the CERTA Program. The OSHA-sponsored Train-the-trainer Safety Program and a new "Roofer EMS" roof asset management tools, are NRCA Education initiatives, with classes slated to be in Chicago. To assure you won't be left out, register at www.nrca.net, or call (800) 323-9545.

- OSHA Train The Trainer - March 30

- OSHA 10 Hour - March 29

- Roofer EMS April 21 & 22

~**CRCA Leaders Keep Leading** - CRCA Members Rich Bondarowicz, Smart Roofing, Mike Herlihy, Olsson Roofing, Alex Hernandez, Clark Roofing, and Bill McHugh attended the NRCA Board Meeting recently. Mike Promen, Clark Roofing was recognized as a past President of NRCA while at the NRCA Member Breakfast. CRCA Members Jim Brosseau, Bennett & Brosseau, Joe McDevitt, Roofs, Inc., Rod Petrick,

Ridgeworth Roofing, and Jay Refieuna, Jas. Mansfield & Sons, also attended the recent MRCA Board Meeting. CRCA's involvement at the national and regional levels brings our ideas to the rest of the country while we learn from others

~CRCA supports NRCA at International Building Code Committee Hearings - CRCA supported NRCA's Jim Kirby at the ICC Committee Code Hearings in Cincinnati last week on a proposal to allow foamed plastic insulation to be used directly applied to concrete decks, when covered by a Class A Roof System. NRCA had several code proposals, many of which were supported by the committee. "This proposal makes sense from both a fire and roofing perspective, and the CRCA supports the proposal" was the summary of testimony presented by Bill McHugh on behalf of Rod Petrick, CRCA Industry Affairs Chair, and CRCA. Final Action Hearings take place in Detroit, September 25 - October 2, 2005. This is where International Code Council Voting (typically building officials) membership votes to approve or disapprove the proposal which would become part of the 2006 International Building Code.

~ERA Roofing Technology Conference set for Chicago - The EPDM Roofing Association (ERA) has scheduled the second in a series of regional Roofing Technology Conferences. The seminar will take place in Chicago on April 14, 2005 ... at the Rosemont Convention Center. The eight-hour ERA event begins at 8 AM, with breakfast and lunch included, and is being offered to industry professionals at a cost of \$95 to those who register prior to April 1. Registration and more information are available by visiting the ERA Web site at <http://www.epdmroofs.org/education/programs.shtml>., or call (703) 684-5020.

~CRCA Member Donates Materials - Bone Roofing Supply, Inc. donated 2 x 4's and plywood to provide shelving for the LaGrange Community Nursing Program recently. The Community Nursing Program is where all those donated toys went after the CRCA 2004 Annual Awards Dinner. Thanks, Jim Bone, for being a generous CRCA Member supporting the community.

~CRCA Website - <http://www.crca.org> CRCA's new website has been developed to promote the Chicago Roofing and Waterproofing Contractor and Associate Members. For additional publicity for your firm, submit a "company description" as described on the Membership Profile Page sent with your Dues invoice. Can't find the form, email us and we'll send more info...Or, download away, it's on the website.

Bill McHugh - CRCA Executive Director

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