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CRCA Leaders in Washington D.C.

CRCA leaders including Past President Rod Petrick, 2017 President George Patterson, Former Board Member Alex Hernandez, and Executive Director Bill McHugh were all in Washington D.C. for NRCA meetings this month.

While in D.C., visits were made to Capitol Hill and offices of Illinois Senators including Dick Durbin.

CRCA Seeks Input for Chicago Crane Operator Ordinance Issues

The CRCA has great respect for the Crane Operators and the City of Chicago for the excellent tower crane record in the City when compared with other large cities. CRCA has been working with the City of Chicago for several years on the issue that Local 150 Crane Operators are the adjudicator for roofing industry workers who operate smaller cranes lifting roofing materials to rooftops. Several CRCA Member Companies have operators who have passed the written exam and practical exam. CRCA Members have issues with questions about tower cranes on the exams as these workers will never operate a tower crane. They have also commented about the time to complete the practical exam. Does your company have someone who you feel has been wronged by the exam process? Provide CRCA's office with specific information about the situation and we will go to the City of Chicago and advocate on your behalf. Send information including the person's name, date of the exam and specific problems from their perspective to linda@CRCA.org. CRCA will follow up with the City on the CRCA Member Company's behalf.

CRCA's Annual Awards Dinner

[Registration is open](#) for CRCA's Annual Awards dinner on Friday, December 1 at The Drake – Oak Brook. The reception will start at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Come for the dinner, stay for the show! The NuBlu Band will be performing led by Blues Legend Buddy Guy's daughter!

CRCA has a room block at The Drake - Oak Brook. [Book online today!](#) The group rate is \$109. Don't delay - the registration deadline for the dinner and the hotel is *Tuesday, November 14*. [Register today!](#)

Don't Forget the Gift Cards! At the Annual Dinner, CRCA will be collecting gift cards to give to the [Community Nurse Health Center](#) in LaGrange. This is a wide-reaching organization that provides medical and dental care to those in need. They serve over 20 communities including Hodgkins and McCook. Please bring your desired amount gift cards to places like Target, Walmart, Jewel, etc. Don't forget to put the amount on the gift card!

CRCA Hurricane Relief Donation Match

Hurricanes across the country have hit, devastating families and businesses. Communities have been flattened and historic flooding has happened. Now, after several weeks have passed, many have forgotten the damage. CRCA has not forgotten and through CRCA, members have donated over \$18,000 to date. Any donations CRCA Members make to the American Red Cross are eligible for a matched donation. Together, with your help, CRCA can make a difference to those affected.

To make a donation to the American Red Cross [click here](#).

Please send receipts of personal donations to linda@crca.org for the match program.

CRCA December Webinar

[Register today](#) for the CRCA December Webinar "**Understanding OSHA's Multi-Employer Worksite Doctrine and Unforeseeable Employee Misconduct Defense.**" Join us on Thursday, December 7 from 10-11 a.m.

With construction booming, many roofing contractors find themselves struggling to provide enough labor at each project. As a result, more and more roofing contractors are engaging subcontractors to help with the current work load. Subcontracting work, however, does not absolve the roofing contractor of responsibility for safety under OSHA, even in a situation where all of the work is performed by a subcontractor. OSHA can issue a citation to the controlling employer, the correcting employer, and the creating employer, in addition to the exposing employer.

Don't miss this session. Attorney Philip Siegel with Hendrick, Phillips, Salzman & Siegel will present. [Register now!](#)

OSHA Extends Crane Operator Certification Requirements

Recently, OSHA announced that it is seeking another year extension to the new crane operator certification requirement.

OSHA announced that it will propose changes to the Subpart CC—Cranes and Derricks that will extend the deadline for crane operator certification by one year, to November 10, 2018. The following is a set of questions and answers that discuss this proposal and its effects on the construction industry,” is stated on the Frequently Asked Questions area of OSHA.gov.

According to OSHA, the reason for extending the compliance date for crane operator certification is to ensure it has enough time to complete a rulemaking, addressing two issues raised after publication of Subpart CC – Cranes and Derricks.

First, Subpart CC—Cranes and Derricks requires that operator certification be by “type and capacity.” The two largest testing organizations have issued certifications by “type” but not “capacity.” These certifications are not currently valid under Subpart CC. The Agency is concerned that this will disrupt the construction industry severely, both for employers and crane operators, who thought their certification would be valid.

Second, many crane industry representatives requested that OSHA revise the crane standard to preserve a requirement that employers assess the ability of their operators to run the cranes to which they are assigned.

More on this as OSHA proceeds down the rulemaking path.

New Underlayment Association

A group of manufacturers has formed the Asphalt Underlayment Council to promote asphaltic roofing underlayments in the codes, standard and other areas. Visit them at www.AUCUnderlaymentCouncil.org.

New RCI, Inc. CEO

Lionel van der Walt has been chosen to succeed James Birdsong as Executive Vice President and CEO of the RCI, Inc., formerly the Roof Consultants Institute. The association broadened its scope into building envelope, hence the change to RCI. Lionel’s experience includes an officer in the South African Air Force, International Air Transport Association, and as President of Cargo Network Services. RCI states that his goals are to enhance RCI’s influence and recognition in the industry while providing continuous improvement to RCI education and accreditation programs. Best wishes to Lionel and RCI.

CRCA Member Alumni on the Move

Hunter Panels’ Matt Peterson was involved at CRCA for many years. He moved a few years ago to Hunter Headquarters in Maine and was recently promoted to General Manager replacing Jim Whitton as he retires. Congrats to both Matt and Jim.

Welcome New Members

CRCA would like to welcome its newest members:

[Affordable Roofing Inc.](#), Aurora – Contractor Member

[Tecta America Illinois Roofing](#), Lisle – Contractor Member

October Recap

CRCA October Webinar: The October webinar session “Commercial Low Slope Energy Code for Roofs – New & Existing” is posted in the [Presentations](#) section of the CRCA website. Missed the session? Check out the slides or listen to the recording.

CRCA’s Emerging Leaders October Event: Thank you to everyone who attended the CRCA Emerging Leaders October Event at Topgolf – Naperville. A very special thank you to our sponsor Malarkey Roofing Products for helping make this event a success. Also, thank you to our presenter Mike Nigro of Nigro, Westfall & Gryska, P.C. for presenting on lien rights on both private and public jobs. CRCA’s consultant lobbyist Margaret Vaughan gave us an update on CRCA’s legislative actions. Chicago Area Chapter RCI’s President John Dashner also presented about CAC-RCI.

October Committee Meetings Recap

CRCA Emerging Leader Committee: The Emerging Leaders Committee had a teleconference to discuss the BBQ event and put out a survey to get feedback on the event for next year. The committee also discussed their October 19 event at Topgolf Naperville including the presentations and timeline of the event.

CRCA History Committee: The History Committee had a teleconference this month to review history materials that have been put together and previously collected. Goals were put together for the committee and how it would like to move forward in the future.

CRCA Program Committee: The Program Committee met to discuss the upcoming CRCA Annual Awards dinner on Friday, December 1. The committee also discussed 2018 programs and events.

Want to be involved? Submit your interest in a committee to CRCA’s Office. The President appoints committee members for 2018 soon.

Upcoming CRCA Events

CRCA November Membership Luncheon: Jackie Hart from Estimating Edge will speak on “Do You Estimate in the New Millennium? Jackie travels nationally speaking on this topic.

CRCA's Chicagoland Women in Roofing committee chose the program which promises great insights into this key contractor activity.

[Register today](#) for the CRCA November Membership Luncheon on Tuesday, November 14 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Maggiano's Oak Brook.

Save the Date

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