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Indiana Adopts New Energy Code

Indiana has adopted a new energy code and there is much confusion on how concrete masonry fits into the mix. Canan D' Avela presented to the masonry and design industries in Indianapolis. Canan is a consulting Analytical Chemist and is registered with the State Board of Technical



Registration wherefore he also serves on the Advisory Committee. He is one of the professional examination writers and graders.

He serves on seven committees of the National Concrete Masonry Association, is Chair of the Masonry Design and Construction Subcommittee, and is an NCMA Master Course Instructor.

The Midwest Masonry Council has contracted Canan to present ICMA's AIA accredited program throughout the state. Canan's presentation was videotaped in Indianapolis and ICMA will have copies of the program available to members soon.

After hearing Canan's program, many came away with a new appreciation of the new energy code and understood that concrete masonry is and always will be accepted as an energy efficient material. There are trade-offs that need to be calculated in the new energy code regarding single wythe CMU masonry, but it can be used. For your copy of Canan's presentation, contact the ICMA office at 937-599-3682.

NCMA Honorary Member and Past President Passes



William Hacker passed away on September 4, 2010 at the age of 83.

Bill was chairman of the ICMA during 1981 . He retired from L. Thorn Company, Inc. in 1992 after 52 years of dedicated service.

While starting at a young age as a "gopher", Bill loaded trucks, drove delivery equipment, developed and guided a quality sales force and oversaw all of the operations for L. Thorn throughout his career.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Clayta Hacker, as well as, his three daughters, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

2010 Architectural Design Awards

ICMA and the MMC have decided to reschedule the Architectural Design Awards Program. The Awards Program will be held in the late summer/early fall of 2011. Call for entries will be sent out accordingly.

Ball State / ICMA Foundation Golf Scramble

ICMA hosted the second annual Ball State Student Design Foundation Golf Scramble benefiting the second year ICMA design competition. Players came from all over Indiana to compete and raise money for the longest standing Ball State Foundation in their history. Brenda Bergl from Ball State and Tony Costello, retired Ball State, attended the program and talked to everyone competing. Sponsors included Acme-Hardesty, Cemex, Hydraulic Press Brick, Essroc, Lafarge North America, Masolite, Design Organization, Inc. and Lehigh Cement. ICMA and Ball State raised money to support the program and all who attended had a great time.



PCA Funding

ICMA presented to the PCA Great Lakes Region for promotion funding in 2011. ICMA is one of only two masonry groups in Indiana to receive funds as a partner with the PCA. If you remember, the group was originally called the IKO representing Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. Now the regional group covers more territory and has gone through many changes. One change recently is how the group gets its funding. The PCA Great Lakes Region is now processing their dues month to month. This means that the regional board must forecast its members shippage of cement to accurately prepare a budget. Because of this change, ICMA has received a letter from the PCA Great Lakes Regional Office reporting a promotional investment for ICMA. However, due to the new way in which the region reports its income, there is no guarantee because of the unstable economy, that their income will meet their expenses. Subsequently, the letter is not a legally binding contract but a commitment to continue to support ICMA as long as the money is available. If you have any questions please contact Josh Naragon, Executive Director of ICMA at 937-599-3682.



Ball State Student Design Awards

ICMA is the longest running student program funded by any industry in Ball State history. The 2010 second year class entered into ICMA's Student Design program hoping to be a finalist.

This year Robert Thomas, President NCMA, Mark Wilhelms, Chairman NCMA, Larry Medley, VP Finance / Administration NCMA were in attendance along with ICMA members.

The 2010 class had better representation of CMU materials than last year due to the personal approach by ICMA's Executive Director Josh Naragon and Joel Edwards, Past President ICMA working with Ball State's Architectural Department.

Left to Right, Mark Wilhelms, Chairman NCMA
Robert Thomas, Chairman, NCMA
Larry Medley, VP Finance NCMA
David Russell, ICMA Board Member, ACME Hardesty
Joel Edwards, ICMA Board Member, Masolite



Ball State ICMA Student Design class at awards presentation.



Ball State ICMA Student Design winners and Ball State University staff.

Tri-State Meeting



Robert Thomas, President NCMA speaking at the Tri-State Meeting dinner.

ICMA, KMI and OMA came together for a Tri-State Meeting at Hueston Woods in Ohio. The program included golf, educational sessions and a keynote address by Robert (Bob) Thomas, President of NCMA. Bob talked about where the CMU industry is heading along with what NCMA is doing to help state and regional groups with promotion and marketing. NCMA is looking at a checkoff program which would raise millions of dollars to help market concrete masonry products.

Educational speakers took over on the second day starting with Brandie Schaeffer, BIA. Brandie talked about the BIA's community development program which helps promote the use of masonry as a construction material. Brandie provided insight into the world of a Community Planner, including details on the roles and responsibilities of elected officials and city staff throughout the planning processes.

Through the use of case studies, Brandie discussed the impacts of Masonry Planning Policies and how you can get involved in making an impact in your market.

The second speaker was Julie Buffenbarger of Lafarge. Julie discussed how masonry helps build green, winning green construction practices, differentiating yourself in the green market and helping your specifier choose green materials. Julie's approach to LEED training took a different approach by helping members market themselves differently to gain market share in the sustainable marketplace.

Third to present was Mark McGinley, Professor at the University of Kentucky. Mark has been working on a project funded by the Kentucky DOE regarding school construction. Mark reported his current findings regarding masonry construction versus other forms of wall construction. Mark showed a diminishing return favoring masonry over other products. The study will hopefully be concluded by the end of the year.



Association members and guests listen to Robert Thomas's presentation after dinner.

Last to speak was Luther Liggett, an attorney contracted by the Ohio Masonry Association to help work on fire regulations in Ohio. Luther discussed the E-119 fire test and how the enforcement of the ASTM standard is very lax. Luther is working with OMA to find a champion in the insurance, fire chiefs, code officials, and legislative branches to review the E-119 test and enforcement and try to get new language in Ohio code to prevent certain products from being used as a fire partition.

The meeting was very successful and all went away with new information that could help them increase their sales or start new programs to increase market share.



Luther Liggett



Brandie Schaeffer



David Russell, Acme Hardesty
Presenting at an MMC Education Day

ICMA Educational Sessions



ICMA has been providing educational sessions through its AIA Accredited Programs. ICMA has provided David Russell, ACME Hardesty, as a presenter to designers. David has gone through the training of ICMA and NCMA to provide AIA programs. David is also providing educational programs developed by NCMA. These programs are being presented at the Midwest Masonry Council's education days. If you are interested in becoming an ICMA or NCMA presenter and put on AIA accredited programs, contact Josh Naragon, Executive Director, ICMA at 937-599-3682.

ICMA shows at CSI Show

ICMA has been attending the Indianapolis CSI show for decades. ICMA supports the CSI chapter by attending and setting up a booth to provide designers new information regarding CMU masonry construction. Seen below is the booth for 2010 which includes free technical information, promotional publications and free novelties reminding attendees that CMUs are sustainable, energy efficient and aesthetically pleasing. The booth was visited by many designers and students. John Stipp, retired ICMA Past President, helped work the booth and enjoyed seeing old friends.



Tony Costello Brings New Class to Ball State

Tony Costello, FAIA is teaching a new elective class at Ball State University. Funded by the NCMA Foundation and sponsored by the ICMA, Tony is teaching a class on CMU construction, production, installation and design in Haiti. Students will work together to learn how to make CMUs in a third world country, learn construction techniques native to that region, and design structures to help rebuild the area.

After the class started, Tony Costello talked with NCMA about the masonry unit design competition. ICMA has been working with Ball State to implement a CMU Unit Design Program, and has had difficulty getting approval. Tony incorporated the Unit Design Competition into the Haiti class after realizing the Ball State was not going to commit to the program. This allows students to be exposed to the program as well as Ball State.

Kudos to Tony for bringing the CMU design program into the Haiti project and good luck to the students. The students will compete against other colleges and universities throughout the country to present to the NCMA membership at a future convention or midyear meeting. The Haiti project will be available for review at a future ICMA membership meeting.