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PA CHIEF OF LABOR COMPLIANCE IS GUEST SPEAKER AT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A relatively small crowd gathered at the LeMont Restaurant on December 3rd for the December membership meeting of SMACNA of Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Bob O'Brien, SMWIA Local 19 member and current Director of the Bureau of Labor Law Compliance, was the guest speaker that night.

Mr. O'Brien, a very dynamic individual, informed the attendees that during his brief tenure in this position, his office has already collected more than four times the amount of prevailing wage settlements

than the previous administration had collected during their entire term in office. He also discussed how the state plans to continue to ensure that all contractors on state projects are paying the proper prevailing wage.

He noted that at Penn State, there had been a number of situations where the university had not paid the prevailing wage. When questioned, they stated that they did not feel compelled to pay prevailing wage because they are a land grant institution. Mr. O'Brien convinced them that because they

received state funding that they were subject to the same laws as other state institutions.

These were just some of the successes pointed out by Mr. O'Brien.

SMACNA of Western PA would like to thank him for his service to the state and for coming in from Harrisburg to speak to our contractors.



A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT SETS THE SCENE FOR THE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

A cool, crisp Autumn night so clear that you could see all the way up the Allegheny from the windows of the LeMont Restaurant on Mt. Washington set the scene for the annual SMACNA of Western PA dinner dance. Well over 100 attendees gathered at the restaurant for drinks, great food, and dancing until very late into the evening.

"We Three" provided the musical entertainment as many people stayed late talking with friends

and dancing.

SMACNA would like to thank everyone who came out and especially those who helped sponsor the event:

K&I Sheet Metal, SSM Industries, Northstar Environmental, Ltd., and Ruthrauff, Inc. for sponsoring the open bar;

Maverick Metal Products for sponsoring the dinner wine; and

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Meyer Company, Limbach Company, Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, Eber HVAC and McKamish, Inc. for sponsoring the centerpieces.

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Schedule of Events

Remember, you can always find an up-to-date calendar of events at www.smacnawpa.org.

- **Jan. 6**—SMACNA of PA Board Meeting
- **Jan. 21**—Joint Apprenticeship Committee Meeting—5:00 PM—Local 12 Training Center
- **Feb. 4**—Trustees Meeting—8:00 AM—Local 12 Union Hall
- **Feb. 10**—Board of Directors Meeting—3:00 PM—SMACNA Office

Keep These Future Dates in Mind

- **Apr. 15-17**—Northeast States Council Meeting
- **Apr. 21-22**—SMACNA Legislative Conference—Washington, DC
- **May 1-7**—Sheet Metal Industry Week—Las Vegas, NV
- **June 17-19**—SMACNA State Convention—Pittsburgh, PA

JANUARY 2004

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NEW SMACNA ARCHITECTURAL SHEET METAL MANUAL (6TH EDITION) NOW AVAILABLE

The new sixth edition of SMACNA's *Architectural Sheet Metal Manual* is now available from SMACNA of Western Pennsylvania. This book provides the most complete set of recommended practices for design and installation of custom-fabricated architectural sheet metal in commercial, industrial, and residential buildings.

Also, something new with this internationally acclaimed standard, the CD-ROM version features a collection of 3-D SpinFire drawings. These figures allow designers to magnify, rotate, section and generally manipulate and view minute, but often critical, construction details from any angle.

This 496-page book emphasizes increased quality control for detailing and the expansion of model specifications for designers. Also, a new historical restoration section covers skylights, cornices and spires and encourages contractor pre-qualification for historic preservation work.

In addition, the new Architectural manual offers commentary and illustrations supporting new construction techniques as well as alternative methods of design and installation reflecting climatic conditions and rainfall rates. Wind uplift test reports confirm the superior performance of custom-fabricated metal roofing.

SMACNA members may purchase the *Architectural Sheet Metal Manual, 6th Ed.*, at the member price of \$42 for the book and \$50 for the CD-ROM by calling the SMACNA of Western PA office. They may also download a PDF file of the manual from the members-only area of the SMACNA National website for \$42.

Non-members and design professionals wishing to purchase the manual or CD-ROM may also call the SMACNA of Western PA office at (412) 922-0130 for pricing information.

CONTRACTORS NEED TO HELP WITH JOB TARGETING FUND

SMACNA would like to remind those contractors who have been awarded targeting money from Local 12 to inform the union as soon as possible if you do OR do not get the job. Until the union knows how much money is available for future use, they cannot release any additional money for bidding purposes.

Again, please let Local 12 know if you get a job with targeting money and also if you do not win a bid that target money was awarded on.

Thank you.

DON'T FORGET TO POST YOUR OSHA 300 LOGS!!

It is time again for contractors to gather their year-end information regarding injuries and illnesses over the past year. Remember that the OSHA recordkeeping rule now requires that the injury and illness log be posted starting February 1st for three months. The documentation must also be certified by a corporate officer prior to posting.

Further, injury and illness clarifications have been better defined from previous years and hearing has been added as a recordable category.

Members with questions can contact the SMACNA office to be forwarded to the Safety Committee Chair or you can look at the following website for a quick review of the requirements:

<http://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/ppt1/ppt1script.html>

NEW WEBSITE GETTING LOTS OF VISITORS

SMACNA of Western Pennsylvania's website is now getting a lot of visitors. Many people who use a search engine to look for "SMACNA" or "SMACNA manuals" are making their way to our site. As of December 1, 2003 we have had 1,841 hits on the site.

We have also had a number of calls from various architects and engineers who had been to the site and wanted to purchase new SMACNA manuals.

If you have not visited the SMACNA of Western PA website, you

are encouraged to do so. There are updates to the calendar so you can find out what's happening within the Association, as well as information about the Association and its members. You can send even prospective clients to the site to look at the information you have on your page.

Go take a look at what we're doing!

www.smacnawpa.org

PROTECT YOUR EMPLOYEES WHEN THE WEATHER GETS COLD—TIPS FROM OSHA

With the onset of cold weather, OSHA is reminding employers and workers to take necessary precautions, such as those listed on OSHA's Cold Stress Card, to prevent and treat cold-related health problems. Workers in **construction**, commercial fishing, maritime and agriculture are among those who need to take precautions.

Prolonged exposure to freezing or cold temperatures may cause serious health problems such as trench foot, frostbite and hypothermia. In extreme cases, including cold water immersion, exposure can lead to death. Danger signs include uncontrolled shivering, slurred speech, clumsy movements, fatigue and confused behavior. If these signs are observed, call for emergency help.

How to Protect Workers

Recognize the environmental and workplace conditions that may be dangerous.

Learn the signs and symptoms of cold-induced illnesses and injuries and what to do to help workers.

Train workers about cold-induced illnesses and injuries.

Encourage workers to wear proper clothing for cold, wet and windy conditions, including layers that can be adjusted to changing conditions.

Be sure workers in extreme conditions take a frequent short break in warm dry shelters to allow their bodies to warm up.

Try to schedule work for the warmest part of the day.

Avoid exhaustion or fatigue because energy is needed to keep muscles warm.

Use the buddy system - work in pairs so that one worker can recognize danger signs.

Drink warm, sweet beverages (sugar water, sports-type drinks) and avoid drinks with caffeine (coffee, tea, sodas or hot chocolate) or alcohol.

Eat warm, high-calorie foods such as hot pasta dishes.

Remember, workers face increased risks when they take certain medications, are in poor physical condition or suffer from illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension or cardiovascular disease.



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