



Alaska Mechanical Contractors Association, Inc.

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Website: www.amcaanc.com

Local news:

1. The next membership meeting, a lunch meeting, is scheduled for August 11. (We usually skip July); The board decided that if we cannot meet in person it should be a Zoom-type meeting, so that is what it will be. Details will follow next week.
2. The AMCA/ASHRAE golf tournament is scheduled for August 28. Notices have been sent and we look forward to more participants. Another notice is attached. **THERE ARE ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT TO DECIDE!!!! Send your registration in now.**
3. The Mechanical Contractors of Fairbanks have decided on a convention date and location; it is January 31 – February 5, 2021 at the Waikoloa Marriott on the Big Island.
4. I normally do not attend national MCAA or SMACNA meetings for chapter executives, but some of the recent zoom meetings and webinars have been good and free; I want to recommend them here.
5. Both national organizations have been working with congress on pension reform and are soliciting your help with letters to our representative and senators.

National news:

MCAA news:

1. The MCAA website is full of Covid-19 news, including the related recent legislation. I could not get close to doing the job as well: www.mcaa.org.
2. Usually this is the place where training opportunities are listed, but all in person training has been cancelled. There are several webinars available on the MCAA website.
3. Beginning August 3 an online HVACR Basic Electricity course will be available at no cost to all U.A. technicians.
4. The next Qualified Arc Flash Safety training webinar is scheduled for August 20.

SMACNA news:

1. SMACNA is now planning their national convention, September 27-30 in a virtual format. This may open possibilities for those of us who did not want to spend the time or money to go there to participate. Registration is now open.
2. The SMACNA website is full of Covid-19 news as well, also including the recent related legislation: www.SMACNA.com.
3. Usually we have several training opportunities listed here, but all in-person

training was cancelled. There are webinars available on this website as well.

A.G.C. News

1. The Sporting Clay Shoot is scheduled for 8/7/20.

Local events, Training, and Publications

1. The next ASHRAE program is our joint golf tournament on August 28. Their meetings stop over the summer and resume in September.
2. IAPMO also has several on-line courses available on Covid-19 related subjects, see www.IAPMO.com.
3. The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) has changed their annual National Labor-Management Conference August 18/19 to a virtual format, the registration is \$ 50.00. This gives us an easier opportunity to participate.
4. The Construction Data Digest reports that the consensus forecast for 2020 commercial construction in the U.S.A. is a decrease of 8 % and another decrease of 5% for 2021.
5. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers request input on the use of Project Labor Agreements from stakeholders. Send your comments to: Melissa.k.lynn.civ@mail.mil.
6. The ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force has released an updated Reopening Guide for Schools, Universities.
7. The Trane Co. has a webinar on August 5 at 9.00 A.M. ADT on "Indoor Air Quality; Guidance from ASHRAE and the CDC."

We recommend doing business with our associate members; they are alphabetically:

Aaron P & H.; Alaska Industrial Hardware Inc., Almex Alaska LLC, Alaska Roteq Corporation, Behrends Mechanical Inc., Brenntag Pacific Inc. Columbia Hydronics Supply, Delta P Pump & Equipment; Denali Industrial Supply Inc., DXP/Alaska Pump, Fergusson Enterprises Inc., Frontier Plumbing & Supply, Gordon & Assoc. Inc., Holladay-Parks Inc., Hollabaugh Brothers & Assoc., James P. Sheldon Co. Inc., Keller Supply Co., MBA Consulting Engineers, Mechanical Contractors of Fairbanks Inc.; Mechanical Sales Inc., Mechanical Solutions Inc., Mechanical Solutions N.W., Pac. West Sales Inc., N.R.C. Alaska, Paramount Supply Co., Parker Smith & Feek, Plumbers and Steamfitters local 367; Proctor Sales, Puget Sound Pipe & Supply, RepCo. Northwest, Schmolck Mechanical Contractors Inc., Sheet Metal Workers local 23; Stinebaugh & Co., Suntoya Corporation, Trane Co., Vertiv Co. Victaulic Inc.