



Alaska Mechanical Contractors Association, Inc.

**briefNEWSbrief**

**July 2019**

**Website: [www.amcaanc.com](http://www.amcaanc.com)**

**Membership:**

1. Engaging fellow contractors is a wise strategy. The more contractors you talk to, the smarter you run your business. It justifies membership.
2. If someone wants to include news in this “brief” you should get it to me before the last week of the month.

**Local news:**

1. The next membership meeting will be August 13, 5.30 P.M. at the Glacier Brew House.
2. The AMCA/ASHRAE golf tournament is scheduled for August 23 (**SAFE THE DATE**) Sign-up information will be available next week.
3. The next State Convention is scheduled for January 26 – 30, 2020 at the Marriott Courtyard King Kamehameha Kona Beach Resort. Registration and booking information is on our website: [www.amcaanc.com](http://www.amcaanc.com).

**National news:**

**MCAA news**

1. The first Women in the Mechanical Industry (WIMI) Conference in Rosemond IL. Was a huge success with over 160 women leaders from member companies in attendance.
2. Think about the Mechanical Service Contractors Association Conference in Colorado Springs, October 13-16-2019. Early bird sign-up ends 7/12/2019.
3. Get Back to Basics-People and the Project: at the Field Leaders Conference in either Detroit or Jersey City.
4. A new report analyzes the impact of the lingering pension reform impasse in Congress.
5. Pre-project and pre-task safety and health planning for construction should be an integral part of every project. MCAA has a Safety Planning Guide available.
6. The new membership directory and buyers guide has been issued.
7. 7/25 is the date of the Arc Flash safety training webinar.
8. October 29-30 is the UA-MCAA Labor Relations Conference at the Mirage in Las Vegas. Goal: Help Us Succeed Together.

**SMACNA news**

1. The General Accounting Office offers recommendations on military construction contractor safety.

2. The Department of Labor issues a proposed rule on Establishing Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs. Both MCAA and SMACNA are concerned about the effect on our programs.
3. Only 45.3% of workers in construction and extraction industries participate in workplace health programs where available according to NIOSHA.
4. Total construction spending is down 0.8% in May.
5. SMACNA has discounted its Architectural Sheet Metal manual.
6. Krueger Sheet Metal plans to construct a 60000 sqft. manufacturing plant and a 67500 sqft. warehouse in Washington's Spokane Valley.
7. American labor is experiencing a renaissance. Workers across the U.S. are ramping up union activities at a level not seen since the Reagan era, writes George Pearkey.
8. John Ovrarm of Exit Consulting Group will offer a 2-day interactive succession workshop in Seattle on 9/9-10 for business owners only.
9. The National SMACNA Convention will be in Austin TX, October 20 – 23.

#### A.G.C. News

1. Construction I.T. professionals meet at the A.G.C. I.T. conference August 7-9 in Chicago. The focus is on emerging I.T trends: Fundamentals to the Future.
2. The BIM Forum of AECO professionals is September 16-19 in St Louis. MO.
3. The Anchorage A.G.C. has scheduled the following activities: 7/11: AGC online plans user training; 7/25: Construction Leadership Council Grill & Chill; 7/30: USACE RMS 3.0, series for Architects and Engineers ; 7/31 A.G.C. Safety family fun fair. 8/8: 2-day CQM class.

#### Local events, Training, and Publications

1. The Labor and Employment Relations Association presents Labor Law and Labor Arbitration on 8/22-23 in San Francisco CA. and on 10/18 in Seattle WA
2. Local training opportunities are: N.S.T. 8/15: One day advanced training for Microsoft Excel, Skillpath 8/21: Conference for Women and 9/12: Managing Multiple Projects, Objectives and Deadlines.
3. Training.com presents numerous one hour webinars in July.
4. The 2020 ASHRAE show and conference is in Orlando FL, February 3-5-2020.

#### 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. 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.