



Alaska Mechanical Contractors Association, Inc.

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Website: www.amcaanc.com

THESE ARE UNUSUAL TIMES AND THEY PUT A GREAT STRAIN ON OUR SMALL BUSINESSES: I AM LOOKING FOR AMCA'S NEW NORMAL; HELP!

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.
2. The AMCA/ASHRAE golf tournament is scheduled for August 28. We will start sending out notices soon; "SAVE THE DATE"
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 webinars have been good and free.
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. MCAA/MSCA has extended the National service and Maintenance agreement with the U.A. for one year without changes due to the Covid-19 situation.
4. The next Qualified Level Arc Flash safety training webinar is 7/23/20.

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.
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 weekly webinars available on this website as well.

4. The N.A.W.I.C. conference scheduled for 8/12-15 went virtual also.
5. Consensus Docs has published a Design-Build Lean Construction addendum.
6. The webinar recording on Federal Contracting for Small Business is now available.

A.G.C. News

1. The Fairbanks Golf Tournament is scheduled for 7/10/20, on 7/9/20 and 7/17/20 the U.S.Army Corps of Engineers R.M.S 3.0 series Quality Control will be presented, the new members orientation and the On-line Plans user training is July 23 and the Sporting Clay Shoot is scheduled for *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.

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.