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NEWS At-A-Glance

What's New at ~~CCMCA~~ MCAC Headquarters?

It's Official! The Secretary of State has formally approved our name change from CCMCA to the Mason Contractors Association of California, Inc. (MCAC).

In our December 2011 edition, we reported that delegates and the board of directors had adopted new bylaws and a new organizational name. At that time, our name change application was pending with the State. The update is that last month we received formal State endorsement of our new name. Since then we have been notifying tax authorities, financial and banking institutions, and our insurance carriers...and we're not done yet. After nearly 50 years of operation under one identity, change is a *process*. Currently, new logo designs are being reviewed and some promising contenders are emerging. Thanks to the help of our informal focus group (Ron Bennett, Tom Daniel, Jack Lynch, and Roger Coons), a set of final design concepts was just distributed to the board of directors for evaluation. Once the new logo is selected, our public makeover begins with new letterhead, email address, website, newsletter, etc. So, until then, we continue to *phase out* all things CCMCA. This is, very likely, the last CCMCA newsletter. When next we come to you, it should be as the MCAC – a new name and a new look. Also new at MCAC is our board of directors.

MCAC installed a new board of directors at the 148th State Meeting in Las Vegas on January 24, 2012. I hope you will **join me in congratulating and welcoming your 2012/13 officers:**

President: Jimmy Smith, Kretschmar & Smith, Inc.
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Sacramento, CA

Secretary: Jeff Barber, John Jackson Masonry
Sacramento, CA

Treasurer: Dana Kemp, Masonry Concepts, Inc.
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San Diego, CA

January 1 also introduced a new Associate Membership dues structure. The revised structure brings all former Chapter Associate members (except San Diego) under the umbrella of the state organization providing uniform benefits at a rate reflecting the business type of the Associate Member. Associate Members are now identified under three primary categories: 1) Professional Service Provider, 2) Material & Equipment Dealer/Supplier, and 3) Manufacturer/Producer. As mentioned, San Diego is the exception to this rule. While most chapters have experienced significant inactivity which has resulted in the state association assuming all benefits delivery and administrative functions, the San Diego Chapter has remained an active and viable regional presence for its members. Therefore, the San Diego Chapter will retain its chapter status and its corresponding dues structure. [Click Here](#) to view the letter to Associate Members describing the new member categories and dues structure or you may access the letter on the home page of the CCMCA website at www.ccmca.org.



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Truck & Bus Diesel Reporting Deadline Extended to March 30, 2012

Attention Owners of Diesel Fueled Trucks with GVWR Greater Than 14,000 Pounds! If you missed the January 31, 2012 Air Resources

Board (ARB) reporting deadline, you can breath a little easier. The ARB has issued a notice extending the January 31 reporting deadline to March 30, 2012. It is important to note that the reporting extension does not extend the particulate matter filter and other compliance requirements that became effective January 1, 2012. Fleets must report in order to use flexibility options of the Truck & Bus Diesel Regulation such as credits, extensions, and phase-in options. Click the following link to see the full ARB Regulatory Advisory on Extension of the January 31 Reporting Deadline.

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/mailouts/msc1202/msc1202.pdf>.

MCAC Scaffold Committee Expands Its Scope

Since its first conference call on January 16, 2012, the Scaffold Committee has wasted no time in moving forward to address the concerns of masonry contractors regarding some key scaffolding issues. Beyond *tie-off during erection and dismantling*, the committee has added *leading edge* and *overnight material storage* as areas of concern. The committee has consulted with a scaffold industry expert and is currently in negotiations to retain the assistance of this expert to develop best practices documents that MCAC members can use during bid negotiations (and other situations as necessary) to educate their customers and jobsite safety inspectors on safe, acceptable, and feasible industry standards in each of the three aforementioned issue areas. The committee's goal is to put a successfully negotiated proposal and budget in the hands of the MCAC Board of Directors no later than the board's March 22, 2012 conference call. Stay tuned!

2 Months to Go: Post Your Cal/OSHA 300A Log – February 1 to April 30

California law requires employers to post the Cal/OSHA Form 300A from February 1 to April 30 of the year following the year covered by the form. The form must be displayed in a conspicuous area where notices to employees are customarily located. A copy of the form must also be made available to employees that move from worksite to worksite and to employees that do not have a fixed establishment to which they report. Upon conclusion of the required posting time, the form may be taken down and should be kept on file for five years following the year to which it applies.

Federal Labor Posting Delayed Again...Until April 30, 2012

Update! We have been reporting on a new requirement under the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) for private sector employers to post a notice informing employees of their rights under the National Labor Relations Act. The posting was originally effective November 14, 2011 then was postponed to January 31, 2012. **The posting has now been postponed until April 30, 2012.** For details and downloadable posters, please visit

<http://www.nlrb.gov/poster>.



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Ads Due for 2012/13 MCAC Membership Roster by March 15, 2012

There is still time to submit your ad for the 2012/13 MCAC Membership Roster. Our cover spots are sold out but there is plenty of room for your full page, half page, or logo/business card ad. **Submit your order with ad by March 15, 2012 to be included in the 2012/13 MCAC Membership Roster.** An order form is attached.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: Mandatory State Regulations for Public Works Projects

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

1:00pm – 3:00pm

San Diego Central Library Auditorium

820 E St., San Diego, CA

And

Thursday, March 15, 2012

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Serra State Building Auditorium

320 W. 4th St., Los Angeles, CA

These meetings are for awarding bodies / agencies and contractors.

Topics will include:

- “ What the regulation changes mean to you
- “ Certified payroll report submission & monitoring process
- “ Filing & investigating public works complaints.

To register online:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/cmu/cmu.html>

MCAC Safety Contact and Online Resource

MCAC strives to inform its members on the importance of safety in the workplace and help members obtain tools that can be used to provide a safe work environment for employees. We do this by providing articles, access for State Fund Group 58 participants to a comprehensive safety library, seminars at member meetings, and other resources such as the Cal/OSHA pocket guide. If you would like safety information, MCAC wants to help.

Safety Contact - Julie Trost: (916) 966-7666

Online Safety Resource - Julie Trost: julie@ccmca.org