
MIACCA October 2019 Newsletter

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Bill Krestakos

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Michigan Legislative & Regulatory Update



MPSC working to make access to utility customer information shared with VAPS easier for competitors to obtain

On September 26, 2019 the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) approved the [following order](#) for



As many of you know, we just held our Annual Meeting. This year was quite a success and if you missed it, you missed quite the event.

Many of our vendors were on hand to give presentations, the food was fantastic and our panel knocked it out of the park.

I would like to thank everyone who attended, participated and joined us. Remember if you are interested in becoming a board member, we are currently recruiting, so get in touch!

Now we prepare the cooler weather and we always look forward to

the development of a MPSC website for information sharing in regards to the utility customer information currently being shared with their Value Added Products and Services (VAPS) as required by [MCL 460.10ee\(10\)\(a\)](#).

MIACCA has met with the MPSC and has been advocating for appropriate procedures for contractors to have access to the same utility customer information currently being shared with VAPS, for their appliance service programs (ASP).

Mike Byrne, COO, of the MPSC gave a presentation ([view presentation here](#)) at the MIACCA September 19th meeting and many questions from our members expressing the need for such an avenue to be put into place as soon as possible. As a result, MIACCA is proud to let you know that we played an important part in getting this website put into place and will continue to represent the contractor's interest.

MIACCA will be sending the link to our members as soon as it is made available. In the meantime, the MPSC also temporarily approved the:

- [Code of Conduct Rule 9](#)
- [VAPS Information Sharing Request Form](#)

The VAPS form is to be used until the website is up and running.

As part of our continuing effort to keep our members informed on this, please visit our [website page on the Michigan Code of Conduct](#) for up to date information and important forms.

MIACCA continues to push for the filling of the Energy Ombudsman vacancy

you, our members' support.

As always stay safe and keep up the great work!



How to pick a solar installation company

As we ride out the summer heat wave, there's another energy trend heating up — solar power. The solar industry is not only booming in Michigan, but also across the United States. More and more solar companies and equipment providers are entering the market as a growing number of people discover the power of solar in their homes and businesses.

Considering going solar? [Here's why it's a bright decision.](#)

As you know MIACCA has been advocating for the Energy Ombudsman position to be filled. We have stressed the importance of this to LARA and the MPSC. Last month after verifying where position landed in the Governor's reorganization, we sent [this letter](#) to Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Director Liesl Eichler Clark in the hopes of reiterating the importance of having this position filled as it is the voice for our contractors and small businesses.

Statewide Mechanical Permit Update

MIACCA is still pursuing our proposed Statewide Mechanical Permit. We have had discussions with the Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association who is in support of the permit and also are interested in pursuing one for the plumbers. We are still waiting to hear from the Home Builders Association and Michigan Electrical Contractors for their input.

We will continue to keep you posted on our progress.

Director Keith Lambert of the BCC attends the MIACCA Annual Meeting

We are very grateful that we had Keith Lambert, Director of the Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) and Deputy Director, Alesha Gensler attend our Annual Meeting as our special guests. MIACCA has been working hard to keep an open, working relationship with the Bureau and we look forward to future collaborations.

One item of importance, to MIACCA, that was discussed with Mr. Lambert and LARA Director,



Drive S.A.F.E.R

2,440,000 injured and 35,092 dead¹. Those are the statistics from our nation's highways in 2015 as a result of motor vehicle traffic crashes. These are family members, friends, and neighbors.

Distracted driving continues to be an epidemic, but it is not the only factor in vehicle crashes. There are three other major causes: speed, fatigue, and emotion, which are equally as important to address.

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Product Spotlight

5 New HVAC Technology

Trends for 2019

Orlene Hawks earlier this year, was bringing back the BCC newsletter, which is currently in the final stages of completion.

Annual Meeting



Pictured left to right: David Gard (MEECA), Matt Michel (Service Round Table), Doug Young (Behler-Young), Phil Forner (Allendale Heating Company), Bill Krestakos (Schaffsma) who made up the panel discussion at the MIACCA Annual Meeting

Last month, MIACCA held it's annual meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn. The Michigan Public Service Commission's COO, Michael Byrne gave a [presentation](#) on the new code of conduct. Followed was a panel discussion and a presentation by Federated Insurance.



HVAC technology is evolving every year due to advancements in equipment and systems. That's the first reason you must stay current on industry developments: to keep your customers informed of the options available to them. Customers are also becoming more knowledgeable about how they want to use new smart HVAC products. That's the second reason to know the 2019 HVAC technology trends: to provide the services that your customers want.

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Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan Fall Conference

Join MIAM October 17-18, 2019 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, MI for their annual fall conference.

For more information
[CLICK HERE](#)

A mix and mingle trade show followed with our vendors, Adrian Steel, Online Access, Federated Insurance, Service Roundtable, Michigan Saves, Johnstone Supply and Behler-Young,

We would like to thank all of those who attended the event and making it a success!

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