

#### **MIACCA February 2019 Newsletter**

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#### **NEWSLETTER, February 2019**





**Edition Highlights** 

- MIACCA Calendar of Events
- Work-Force Development
- Emergency Preparedness
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- Federated Insurance: Vehicle Preparedness

Message from President Bill Krestakos

# Michigan Legislative & Regulatory Update



### Meet LARA's new Director: Orlene Hawks



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has appointed Orlene Hawks as the director for the Michigan Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). Prior to joining LARA, she led the state's Operation Excellence project dealing with Dept. of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Child Protective Services (CPS) investigations.

Children's Ombudsman (OCO.) Before joining the OCO, she managed the Quality and Program Services section in the Dept. of Community Health. She also managed the Child, Adolescent and Family Health Services section, directed the Office of Statutory and Legislative Compliance and served as Legislative Liaison for DHHS. Hawks earned her bachelor's degree in Multidisciplinary Social Science with a Business Emphasis from Michigan State University.

Hawks previously served five years as the director of the Office of

## Code of Conduct and Value-Added Programs and Services (VAPS) requirements.

On December 20, 2018, The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) approved case U-18361 promulgating



MIACCA is hosting a CSD-1 Certification training on February 21 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Lansing Community College West Campus.

I encourage all of our members who need this certification to sign up now to ensure your place in the class.

The training will be a review of the Sate of Michigan CSD-1 Standard Certification which covers how to fill out required state forms, commercial boiler best practices and troubleshooting.

Lunch will be provided and as you know, this certification is vital for your contractors to be up to date on current codes and safety.

We look forward to seeing you there. You can sign up online through our website HERE or contact us via email at mjdsmith@miacca.org.

the Code of Conduct rules for all utilities, cooperatives and alternative energy suppliers.

Utilities that intend to offer value-added programs and services (VAPS) must comply with MCL 460.10ee. A utility wishing to offer a value-added program or service shall provide the Michigan Public Service Commission, Executive Business Section a notification of their intent to offer a VAPS. The notification must be sent electronically to mpscedockets@michigan.gov not less than 30 days before offering the service.

In addition to the above, a sample copy of your VAP contract with the customers is needed with your notification. If not provided with your notification, staff will request it once your notification is received. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please feel free to contact the MPSC Regulated Energy Division.

#### 2015 Michigan Code Advisory Meeting Chapters 1 & 2

On February 1, 2019 MIACCA attended the 2015 Michigan Residential Code Rules Chapters 1 & 2 Meeting. The meeting was led by Attorney Tony Snyder and John Paradine of the Building Permits division for input on the Construction Code Commission's revisions.

MIACCA had submitted some proposed changes that were declined due to already being sited in the Act. The input on the take away from today's meeting will result in another draft that will have a public meeting TBD. For full meeting notes, Click Here. MIACCA will keep you posted when a date has been set.

### Code of Conduct Rule 9 Collaborative Meeting

MIACCA will be attending the Code of Conduct Rule 9 Collaborative meeting Monday, March 11, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), Lake Michigan Hearing Room7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI.

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As always stay safe and keep up the great work!



#### Emergency Preparedness

Being prepared for an energy emergency or outage helps to keep our families safe and warm and our transportation running, as well as maintaining operations for Michigan's businesses. MAE is primarily responsible for recommending declarations of energy emergencies to the governor, and also partners with a number of agencies, including the Michigan state police, to respond to all emergencies that have energy-related components. Read More



ACCA's 2019
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#### **WFD Update**

Submitted by Michael Cain:President Michigan Engineered Comfort Corporation (MECC) | Facility Engineers, Contractors & Consultants

Please let us first begin with an Association wide pat on the back. MIACCA did great things in 2018! MIACCA visited many schools, some of them several times: Baker College, Cleary College, Detroit Public Schools, Eaton Rapids Services Agency, Ferris State University, Grand Rapids CC, Hartland High School, Henry Ford College, Kalamazoo CC, Kellogg CC, Lansing CC, Lawrence Technical University, Livingston Educational Services Agency, Macomb CC, Michigan State University, Monroe CC, Mott CC in both Flint & Howell, Oakland CC, Oakland Technical Career Schools, University of Michigan and Washtenaw CC, just to name those that come to mind... Read More

# CSD-1 Training and Certification is just as important as ever, and MIACCA is here to help

Safety is key. Our codes are in place to protect us as well as our clients. Therefore, being certified and trained is essential is performing our duties properly and in accordance with state law.

As we all must work with boiler systems, staying up to date on boiler codes is a vital part of our business and continued education. In previous years only boilers between 400,000 btu/hr and 12,500,000 btu/hr input required annual testing of controls and safety devices. The new rules require testing of all boilers less than 12,500,000 btu/hr input. The testing must be conducted by a licensed mechanical contractor with appropriate classification

#### Code

Each year, ACCA provides a code you can use to help members receive a discount on registration for ACCA's Annual Conference.
MIACCA's code for a \$130 discount this year is MIACCA.

When registrants go to www.accaconference. com, and select Register, a box appears that allows a code to be entered (MIACCA). Enter the code once *Enter Promotional Code* is selected. Then, proceed with the usual registration at the discounted rate.

#### **Product Spotlight**



#### Virtual Techncian App

The Jackson Systems
Virtual Technician App
offers technical support to
HVAC technicians and
installers on-site from
anywhere in the country
within 15 seconds. The
Two-way video allows
experienced engineers to
see exactly what the
technician is seeing in the
field. Read More

We can help with providing training and certifications, and we are about to hold a new CSD-1 course. Contact us today to get pre-registered for our upcoming February 21, 2019 CSD-1 training and certification.



#### Vehicle Preparedness: Risk Management Corner

While it's true that a driver's skills, training, and experience are key to safety on the road, there's plenty that can be done before a vehicle leaves the garage to help a driver stay safe between Point A and Point B. Make sure all your vehicles are prepared — inside and out — for their intended use before you send employees out into traffic. Read More

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