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## NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 2020



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## **Michigan Legislative & Regulatory Update**





## **Jackson Appointed New Energy Ombudsman**

Last month, Director of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) Liesl Eichler Clark announced Robert Jackson as the new Energy Ombudsman.

Jackson is the Manager of the Energy Office where he oversees the State Energy Program, and is directly responsible for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Revolving Loan Program, industrial E2 Program, and Technology Demonstration Program.

[Read the official letter here](#)

## **MIACCA Submits Skilled Trades Regulatory Act Proposed Rule Changes**

On December 20, 2019 MIACCA submitted [these rule change proposals](#) to the [Skilled Trades Regulatory Act](#). MIACCA will stay involved and keep you posted of any updates as we receive them.

## **LARA Newsletter Re-introduced**

In MIACCA's last meeting with LARA Director Orlene Hawks and her staff, we requested that they re-introduce their newsletter. We are proud to say that the suggestion was well received the newsletter from LARA is back.

As a convenience, we are including a link so that you too can stay up to date with events, meetings and other news related to the mechanical trades.

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## **Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) Publishes 2019 Annual Report**

Due to MIACCA's efforts in requesting the BCC to publish it's annual reports, they have just published their 2019 annual report that can be viewed [HERE](#).

## **Governor Whitmer declares January 2020 Radon Action Month**

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has declared January 2020 to be Radon Action Month in Michigan, and she is encouraging all state residents to learn more about this environmental hazard and test their homes during the heating season.

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## **Statewide Mechanical Permit Update**

MIACCA will continue to advocate for our proposed Statewide Mechanical Permit in 2020. MIACCA has now gained the support of the Home Builders Association of Michigan along with the Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association. We are still waiting to hear from the Michigan Electrical Contractors for their input and support

We will continue to keep you posted on our progress.

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It's Our Business to Protect Yours

# **FEDERATED** **INSURANCE**



## **Federated Insurance Makes Gift to the Owatonna Foundation**

Federated Insurance recently contributed \$50,000.00 to the Owatonna Foundation to assist with their efforts to fund capital projects related to the community, arts, recreation, and education. The Owatonna Foundation, now in its 61st year, serves Owatonna and its environs by providing capital grants. The Foundation also funds both traditional and non-traditional scholarships for two-year colleges and technical schools.

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## **How to weatherize your home year round**

If "polar vortex" is part of your vocabulary, you're no stranger to Michigan's volatile seasons. From arctic blasts to gusting winds, nearly every house across the state has been tested by the

elements this winter. While we can't control the weather, we can prepare for it — and enjoy added benefits in the process.

Weatherizing your home — making energy improvements to protect your house from Mother Nature — is your first line of defense against unpredictable temperatures now and throughout the year (yes, even in the sweltering summer). A weatherproofed home can improve your family's health and safety while providing a more comfortable and secure house (fewer pests, better air quality), increased energy efficiency and smaller utility bills.

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**MIACCA WISHES YOU A VERY  
HAPPY 2020!**

*Message from President*

*Bill Krestakos*



We have made it to 2020! Another wonderful year under our belts with many accomplishments to count.

2020 marks the end of my presidency with MIACCA and I am happy to announce that Phil Forner will be our new President. Michael Cain will be President Elect and Mickey McEvoy is our new Treasurer. Our board of directors include myself, Gary Shelley, Tony Pino and Steve Krstevsky. If you are interested in serving on the board, please let us know!

Over the course of 2019 MIACCA has been actively involved in legislation gaining wins with the

Board of Mechanical Rules.. Additionally, our Report All Permits (RAP) Program has been quite successful in that we were able to enforce proper permitting in a variety of jobs we found suspicious and were often correct about. This not only improves safety for the public but it helps make sure that we as HVAC/R contractors adhere to the proper codes and can do our jobs knowing that unlicensed work will not be tolerated.

Moreover, MIACCA has also been reaching out to various colleges to improve our future workforce. With our Workforce Development Program, we have been able to provide many learning experiences and education to students across the state of Michigan. This helps ensure that when they are ready to work, they will be properly trained and mindful about our industry.

MIACCA has also had a great year of events culminating with our Annual Meeting wherein many HVACR contractors and workers were able to enjoy a meal, panel of guests discussing our industry and visit various booths to network and gather even more information.

On behalf of MIACCA, I thank all of you who have participated with us in 2019 and encourage anyone interested who is not a member to become one. Together we can make 2020 even better than 2019.

*As always stay safe and keep up the great work!*

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## Product Spotlight



### Young Regulator EBD

The Young Regulator EBD is an Electronic Balancing Damper actuated by a 12V DC motor. Dampers above a hard ceiling or in any inaccessible location can be controlled with the EBDP – Electronic Balancing Damper Positioner, which opens and closes the damper and provides a visual indication of the damper position with an LCD meter.

The Positioner can be used to control any number of dampers at a worksite through a variety of receptacles that are offered. The Positioner is self contained and small enough to be carried in a pocket. A high capacity battery is featured for long life and is easily replaced in the field when necessary.

The EBD is ideal in a number of applications:

- Labs, where more precise balancing or control may be required
- Schools, prisons, and mental health facilities, where access to controls is restricted
- Atriums, where dampers are inaccessible and long cable runs are required
- Any situation where seasonal changes require rebalancing of the HVAC system

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**CSD-1 Training Offered January 30, 2020**

Join us at Behler-Young Supply Livonia from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to earn your CSD-! Nate Certification. Registration is \$225 and includes lunch

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