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Michigan Legislative & Regulatory Update



*Message from President
Bill Krestakos*



Hello again! It has certainly been a hot month as well as a busy one for me and I am sure all of you!

As you know, MIACCA is here for you. We go to bat to ensure that HVAC companies across Michigan are able to operate more effectively by fighting for fair laws and regulations for our industry. We encourage everyone to get involved in one way or another and to keep your memberships current so we can keep working for you.

I also want to encourage all of our members to check our website regularly for updates and

Correction Notices Must Contain Specific Code Citations

On July 24, 2018, the Court of Appeals issued an unpublished opinion stating that it is a violation of Michigan Administrative Rule R408.30509a for an inspector to issue a written correction notice without including the specific reference to the code chapter and section numbers. The Opinion went on to state that inspectors can hear appeals of other inspector's correction notices and that the inspector hearing the appeal can deny the appeal based on another section of the code not previously cited. The Opinion also ignored MIACCA's amicus arguments and stated that when read together Sec. N1103.2, N1103.2.1, M1601.1.1, R602.8, and R302.11 of the 2015 Michigan Residential Code requires sealing of building cavities at the floor when used as cold air ducts. The Opinion also held that the Construction Code Commission has 30 days to render a decision from the time it "receives" an appeal from the Bureau of Construction Codes and not when the appeal is filed.

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Skilled Trades Regulation Act (STRA) Rules Meeting

The Bureau of Construction Codes held its rules advisory meeting on the PROPOSED DRAFT Skilled Trades Regulation Rules on Friday, July 20, 2018. MIACCA attended the meeting and gathered the following summary of how the Bureau is approaching each section of the STRA: Part 1 reviewed advertising regulations, Part 2 covered issuance of licenses changes, Parts 3 through 6 and 11 were discussed without additional questions or comments, Part 7 reviewed electrical, Part 8 covered mechanical licensing, Part 9 bifurcated into subparts A and code under subpart B - subpart a - rule 903 request to change shall not have 5 years of boiler, etc. -subpart b - actual code itself, and Part 10 discussed officials and inspections. [Full notations available here.](#)

HB 5376 Requiring Mandatory Code Advisory Committees Waiting for a House Vote

The MIACCA supported [House Bill 5376](#) H-2 is still waiting for a vote on the House floor. So if you get a chance to speak to your legislator in your district, please ask them to support HB 5376 H-2 by asking for a vote, as LARA and others are opposing having more contractor input in the codes that Michigan adopts.

Update - A Single Statewide Mechanical Permit Form

MIACCA has been in contact with the Bureau of Construction Codes and LARA about this idea of having one statewide universal mechanical permit form (with each jurisdiction having their own fees). LARA's initial response was encouraging and we are exploring how to

new events. Feel free to reach out if there is anything we can do for you. Until next time, stay safe and stay busy!



Lock in propane prices ahead of the heating season, get an early fill

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan's propane customers are advised to lock in fuel prices now, well ahead of the heating season, says the Michigan Agency for Energy (MAE).

"While U.S. propane stocks are slightly higher than last year's levels at this time, they are 27 percent below levels seen in 2016," said Anne Armstrong Cusack, MAE executive director. "It is wise to sign contracts soon – instead of waiting until the winter when demand is higher. Acting now can result in significant savings."

More than 8 percent of Michigan households use propane as their primary heating fuel, and the state leads the nation in total residential propane consumption.

To assist propane customers with their decisions, MAE's propane [consumer tips sheet](#) has useful advice on selecting a propane provider, such as:

- The advantages of budget plans, pre-pay

best proceed. So if you have what you think is a really good mechanical permit form that you would like to see adopted as the statewide form, please email it to info@miacca.org

Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act

Passed House amended (09/13/2016)

This bill reauthorizes through FY2022 the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, divides career and technical education (CTE) students into CTE concentrators and CTE participants, and revises requirements for within-state funding allocations.

The bill also revises requirements for core indicators of performance, including state adjusted levels of performance, to differentiate those for CTE concentrators who graduate from high school and for CTE concentrators at the postsecondary level.

The bill repeals the separate mandate for tech prep education.

No state, beginning with FY2020, shall receive a fiscal year allotment that is less than 90% of the previous fiscal year's allotment.

The bill increases funding reserved for career and technical education activities in rural areas and areas with high percentages or numbers of career and technical education students.

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Caesars Palace, Las Vegas - October 10-12, 2018

Service World Expo will provide all the best business insights, marketing strategies, moneymaking practices, and more. This is the 3rd Annual event brought to you by Service Nation Inc., a company who is passionate about helping HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical contractors grow and achieve business excellence.

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plans and fixed-price plans compared to market prices

- Being aware of fees and other charges, in addition to the cost of propane
- The customer's safety and maintenance responsibilities when owning a propane tank, compared to renting or leasing a propane tank.

More tips, including a list of helpful questions to ask before signing a contract, are also covered MAE's propane [consumer tips sheet](#).

[Click here](#) to watch MAE's propane public service announcement.



ACCA Seeks 2018 Service Manager of the Year Nominations

The Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) is seeking nominations for the Service Manager of the Year Award Program. Each year, ACCA presents the Service Manager of the Year award to one outstanding individual and recognizes them at ACCA's Service Leadership Forum. This year, ACCA will present the award at the 2018 Service Leadership Forum taking place November 8 & 9 in Fort Worth, Texas.

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HVAC/R Business - Accountability in Partnerships

Can the simple act of accountability really lead to a stronger partnership? Most successful HVACR business owners understand the importance of daily accountability with their employees and management teams.

Accountability is empowering for business owners because it allows each member of their team to take personal responsibility for their tasks, assignments and other commitments. When these tasks are tracked and reported, the business owner can measure the progress being made toward the company goals.

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

On behalf of MIACCA & SEMIACCA, I have visited many schools to talk about our organizations and to develop positive working relationships.

We are hosting a BBQ cookoff for the Ferris State ACCAA chapter on September 12, 2018 at the Granger building from 4:-8 p.m. Come join us!

We are working towards hosting meetings with members and students to allow for network opportunities.

[Read full report here](#)

Annual Golf Outing



*August 23, 2018
Hickory Creek Golf
Course
3625 Napier Road,
Superior Charter Twp, MI
48198*

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Risk Management Academy

Risk Management Academy to our contractors in Southeast Michigan. We typically do these as 2.5 day seminars at our Minnesota headquarters, but recognizing how busy our contractors are these days we have condensed the information into one day and are hosting this event locally to make it easier for you to get this valuable practices to make your company safer and more efficient.

Topics will include:

- Risk Management
- Culture Claims
- Management Distracted Driving
- Managing Your Work Comp
- Disaster Planning
- Many Others....



Reminder: Project Service Day September 22, 2018

MIACCA is seeking contractors to join us in this goodwill event that will provide service calls those who could use a helping hand, in the Grand Rapids area. We will be providing furnace inspections and other service needs that we might run in to. We know how important your time is and wouldn't ask for this commitment on your part, if we didn't feel that this is a fantastic opportunity to show the public just how amazing MIACCA's contractor members are!

Additionally if you'd like you can be paired up with an HVACR student to ride with you. This is an excellent way for you to show them your work ethic and network with potential interns and employees from Ferris State University and an opportunity to let them experience what it is like to give back in this feel good event.

If we have enough of our members to volunteer, we have a tentative schedule of meeting at 7:30 a.m. for doughnuts, coffee and student pair ups, complete as many service calls as we have man power for. An appreciation dinner with raffle prizes and giveaways will be held the following week or so, in your honor. The details will be provided once we know how many people we will need to accommodate.

If you cannot participate at the event and would still like to be involved, you may do so by sponsoring the event. We would appreciate any donations of equipment or financial contributions..

As a volunteer or sponsor of this event, you will be recognized on our [Project Service Days webpage](#) and in the October eNewsletter.

By participating in this event, you will be making a warm difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Please let me know if you can mark off your calendar for this event and how many techs you will be so kind to volunteer by June 22, 2018 so we may begin preparing. Please call or email me at the below contact information.

This event is **FREE** to contractors, but you do need to sign up soon as this will fill up quickly!

Details:

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Diamond Center at
Suburban Collection
Showplace Hyatt
Hotel**

Novi, MI

Lunch Provided

[Please see the registration flyer here.](#)

Product Spotlight- Fans



This month, we spotlight commercial and industrial fans: a cooling tower fan retrofit kit; axial transfer fans for underground parking; a fan with a direct-drive motor designed specifically for the facilities industry; a fan blade for operating points and airflow resistance in HVAC applications; a system that can be used to replace fans in existing air handlers; and a commercial ceiling fan available in 8" to 14" diameters.

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Thank you for your consideration and we hope you can join us!

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