



Ohio Construction Coalition “News Blast”

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STATE BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL PLEDGES FUNDS; LABOR AND MANAGEMENT NAME BOARD MEMBERS

In two very definitive actions that show that the “new” OCC is moving full steam ahead towards its “official launch” this summer, a new Board of Directors has been selected and the Ohio State Building and Construction Trades Council has earmarked money to go to the “new” OCC.

State Building Trades Council President Mike Thomas, reported that during its May 11 meeting, the OSBCTC approved giving the OCC \$10,000.

Meanwhile, Mike – as president of the OSBCTC, as was agreed upon by the OCC’s Transition Committee – named the labor side of the “new” OCC Board: **Joe Zimmer, Greater Cincinnati Building and Construction Trades Council; Bob Fozio, Northern Ohio Administrative District Council of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers; Chuck Graft, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers District 4; Reggie Hohenberger, Sheet Metal Workers Local 33; William Koester, Ohio Association of Plumbers & Pipe Fitters; Chuck Morton, Dayton Building and Construction Trades Council; Dan Owens, Cement Masons Local 404; Jim Rarey, Columbus Building and Construction Trades Council; Neil Rouse, Elevator Constructors Local 37; and Loree Soggs, Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council.**

Management Board members who have volunteered to serve: **Bill Brennan, Associated General Contractors (AGC) – Toledo; Valerie Dahlberg, Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors’ National Association (SMACNA) – Dayton; Brian Damant, National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA); Randy Fox, AGC – Dayton; Dan Neal, Western Ohio NECA; Kevin Reilly, The Builders Association of Eastern Ohio; Jim Shoaff, SMACNA – Cleveland; and Bob Tiemann SMACNA – Cincinnati.** (Should the Mechanical Contractors Association participate, the OCC will have two more volunteer management board members from that organization.)

PAST ‘NEWS BLASTERS’ NOW AVAILABLE ON NEW WEB SITE

The OCC’s comprehensive new Web site, www.ohioconstructioncoalition.org, launched just last month, now has a “News” section containing each issue of the OCC’s “News Blaster.” To date, there are 19 “Blasters,” dating back to January 2005. To access all of them, simply click “News” on the navigation bar, and links to each “Blaster” will be listed on the page.

Other features of the site include sections that specifically address each of the industry issues the OCC monitors; extensive downloadable research reports on those issues; legislative news; responsible contracting information and reports on poor school construction; and a Prevailing Wage Watch.

MORE PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR SEVERAL AREAS

OCC representatives will be meeting with construction contractors and labor leaders to make presentations on the formation of the “new” OCC on the following dates:

- Tri-State Building Trades, May 31
- Marietta Building Trades, June 8
- North Central Building Trades, June 28
- Columbus Building Trades, June 29

Presentations consist of a brief but very informative PowerPoint show, followed by a comment and question/answer session led by OCC labor and management representatives.

To schedule a presentation or to receive an invitation for a planned presentation on the formation of a “stronger, more inclusive and improved” OCC for your industry group, organization or association, please contact Bob Verhoff, executive director of Union Construction Industry Partnership and “new” OCC Board facilitator, at 440-366-4003.

The OCC asks that all those interested in the welfare of the state’s construction industry contact their local senators and representatives to make sure they have received and reviewed the OCC’s Prevailing Wage booklet! For copies of the booklet and more information, contact Calvin Jefferson at cjefferson@bmamedia.com or 1-888-445-8255. (An electronic version is available, enabling you to print the booklet whenever needed.)

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