

MACAPA UPDATE

November 2017

Fall Activities

Life Cycle Cost Bill # S1966 - The legislative hearing was held at the State House on Oct.24th. We had an incredible team of knowledgeable, experienced, and articulate industry members who took the time to testify. The team consisted of, Jon Hansen from the NRMCA, Leif Wathne from the ACPA, Dan DeGraaf from the Michigan Concrete Assoc., Randy Kirchain from the MIT Sustainability Hub, and Jim Donovan Director of Government Affairs for the Teamsters Union. They all brought different perspectives, information, and experiences to tell their story on why Bill S1966 would benefit the Commonwealth, MassDOT and the taxpayers. Thanks to all who testified to further our industry and especially the ones who traveled a very long way to support our cause. The Transportation Committee should take a vote on the Bill in December or January.

MaCAPA is starting to form a coalition to enact change on the 4-8 story mid-rise building market. Guy Glodis, John Loyer (lobbyist for the NRMCA) and I met with State Fire Marshall Peter Ostroskey and Sen. Michael Moore, Chair of the Public Safety Committee. The meeting went well and Se. Moore is eager to file a Bill to make changes in the current building code. We also took the opportunity while John was in town to meet with the Concrete Block, Masonry and Precast Associations to ask them to join our team. They were very impressed with John's presentation and subsequently all of their Boards have voted to join the effort. I've met with concrete contractors and I have a meeting with an officer from the Carpenters Union to encourage them to join our efforts. I have also met with a members from the BBRS, the committee who currently has sole authority over making building code changes here in Mass. Once we have completed forming our team, MaCAPA and the NRMCA have determined the best approach for getting the necessary code changes.

At the MaCAPA Board of Directors meeting on Nov.7th, the Board voted to create a Young Leaders Committee. I'm in the process of drafting the Committee make-up and responsibilities. It will be great to get additional young people involved in MaCAPA, and to have them working together, to grow professionally and move our industry forward.

MassDot Update

We continue to work with MassDOT on the subject of concrete intersection. We recently had a meeting with the directors of Dist. 2 & 3. The Directors are both experienced and big fans of concrete, especially when it comes to intersections and other tough applications. They asked us to help edit their 20 year old MassDOT concrete spec. I will work with Bill Cuerdon, from the ACPA, to update the spec based on the current NYDOT spec.

