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Improve your skill set so you can thrive and prosper in the Roofing Industry

Greg Sprague, MRCA President

ne of my stated goals for 2018 is to boost attendance and improve the quality of the MRCA Conference and Expo which will be held this coming October 24th through the 26th at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, Nebraska. Staff is working in cooperation with all of the MRCA Committees to make the upcoming Conference and Expo an educational, fun and affordable experience for the Roofing Contractor and their employees.

This year MRCA will offer over sixteen hours of high quality educational programing over the course of the three-day conference with sessions that will be of value to Owners, Project Managers, Sales Associates, Estimators and Roof Mechanics. MRCA will once again offer Steep Slope University. This four-hour program focuses on issues of interest to the Steep Slope / Residential Roofing Contractor. Five hours of educational programing will be held in the "Fish Bowl", a Plexiglas enclosed classroom on the tradeshow floor where we will have speakers on such topics as *Thermoplastic Welding, How to Develop a Maintenance/Service Department* and *Succession Planning Options*. On the main conference stage, NRCA's Mark Graham will give a *Technical Update of the Roofing Industry*. There will be a risk management program on *The 10 Employment Pitfalls Roofing Contractors Should Avoid* and a session on *Sales Proposals & Closing Skills*. MRCA will also offer OSHA 10 Hour Training and CERTA Train the Trainer and CERTA Applicator classes. MRCA's Women in Roofing will host a program called *Software Driving You Nuts?* and the MRCA's Young Contractor Council will have their always popular Roundtable Discussion Sessions.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Tom Osborne, the former University of Nebraska's three-time National Championship Football Coach, Athletic Director and Nebraska Congressman. Since the MRCA Conference and Expo will be held during the heart of the Big Ten Football Season and the Mid-Term Elections will be just around the corner, it should be fun to hear Dr. Osborne's perspective. Other can't miss fun events at the Conference & Expo are the Young Contractors Council Fundraiser Welcome Party at "The Matt" and the MRCA Foundation's Reception and Fundraising Auction featuring live music by the Bel Airs. Last year's Auction raised over \$95,000.00 for the MRCA Foundation. Money raised at the auction for the Foundation is used to fund scholarships for MRCA members, their employees or their children who will pursue roofing or roofing industry related educational studies. Foundation monies are also used to help fund scientific research and educational programing of benefit to the MRCA membership and the Roofing Industry in general.

The Tradeshow floor should be an exciting place and humming with activity with over 100 booths representing the entire spectrum of vendors from throughout the roofing industry. There will be a Working Sheet Metal Shop on the floor as well as demonstration areas showing the latest laborsaving roofing installation techniques. Friday afternoon will feature the *Roofing Olympics* with the shingle and roof insulation fastening contests.

I encourage you to come to the 2018 MRCA Conference & Expo this coming October 24th though the 26th in Omaha, Nebraska where successful roofing contractors will be there to associate and learn from other successful roofing contractors. It is MRCA's goal to raise the bar of professionalism and by the conclusion of the MRCA Conference & Expo, you will take something back from it that will help you to improve your skill set so you can thrive and prosper in the Roofing Industry.

The MRCA was, is, and will remain, The Roofing Contractors Advocate! Sincerely,

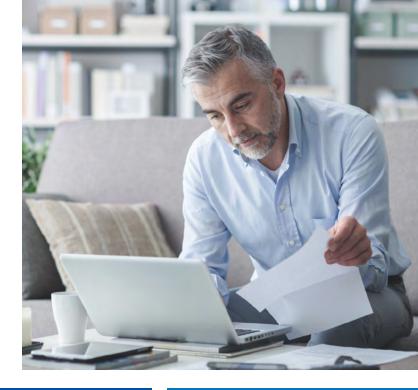
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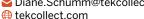
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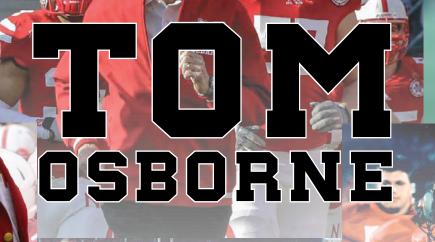
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MRCA KEYNOTE SPEAKER THURSDAY OCT 25TH 2018



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MRCA is pleased to announce that the 69th Annual Conference & Expo scheduled for October 24-26, 2018 in Omaha, NE, will be kicked off by former American football player, coach, college athletics administrator, politician, and Nebraska icon, Tom Osborne.

Tom served as the head football coach of the University of Nebraska football team for 25 years from 1973 to 1997. Osborne was one of the most successful coaches in American college football history, with a career record of 255-49-03, 13 conference championships, and three national championships. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as a coach in 1999.

Osborne was later elected U.S. Representative from Nebraska's 3rd Congressional District as a Republican. He served three terms from 2001 to 2007. In 2007, he returned to the University of Nebraska as athletic director (AD) retiring in January 2013.

You won't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime chance to hear Tom speak about his life and experiences both on and off the field. Also, a very lucky handful of individuals will get the chance to meet and speak with Tom on-on-one by purchasing a ticket to his VIP Suite immediately following the opening of the Expo that day. Keep an eye out for future MRCA publications for details!

VIP SUITE PASSES AVAILABLE

Gary's Corner



Heat Illness Prevention

Gary Auman - Auman, Mahan & Furry

Heat Illness Prevention

As we move into the summer months it is time for all contractors to consider implementing a Heat Illness Prevention Program. There have been increasing reports of heat illnesses in the workplace. Employees, who work in a high heat index environment, are vulnerable to various heat related illnesses. At their worse, heat illnesses can result in the death of the employee. Back in 2011, OSHA instituted a program to make employers aware of the dangers of working in a high heat index environment. Since then, there have been numerous OSHA citations of employers for heat related illnesses. The increase in reported cases can partially be attributed to the new OSHA reporting rules that now require reporting the hospitalization for treatment of even one employee (the old rule was three employees) for treatment. Prior to this, reports of heat illness injuries were pretty much limited to fatalities. But with the change of rules, employers must report employees who are hospitalized for treatment of heat related illnesses.

While there have been numerous reported decisions, the leading OSHRC decision was by Judge Patrick Augustine in March of 2012 in his decision in the case titled "Secretary of Labor v. Post Buckley Schuh & Jernigan, Inc." In his decision, Judge Augustine upheld a general duty clause violation against the employer related to the death of an employee from heat stroke. Judge Augustine listed five components of the NIOSH criteria document for heat illness prevention as essential for an employer to be in compliance with the OSHA General Duty Clause. Judge Augustine's decision makes sense, and provides a practical checklist for employers to follow to ensure a safe workplace for employees from a heat illness prevention standpoint.

The steps an employer should take are as follows (be aware that all of these steps need to be implemented and enforced by the site supervisor. You should not rely on employees taking responsibility for self-compliance):

1. Establish an acclimatization program for employees upon their initial assignment to a worksite with a high heat index environment. Such a program should also be used for an employee who is returning to the

high heat index environment after a period of time away from the high heat index environment. Such a program will have all of the remaining four steps, but will also gradually expose the employee to the high heat index environment. Many employers start their employees with one to two hours of labor in the high heat index environment, extending the work hour in the environment over a period of five to ten workdays. I recommend discussing your program with your company doctor to get their opinion on the best way to acclimatize your employees. As I emphasize to all employers, the acclimatization period as well as the actions taken to comply with the requirements in the next two steps will vary depending on the heat index at the job site. The point for each of these steps is that the steps taken to protect your employees will vary depending on the heat index to which your employees are exposed.

- 2. The second step is to have the site supervisor establish a work/rest regimen based upon the heat index on the job site. So at the start of the work day, if the heat index is in the low caution range the site supervisor might schedule rest breaks every 90 129 minutes. As the heat index increases into the caution range and higher, the rest periods may become longer and more frequent. Again, to be absolutely sure you are doing what is necessary you should run the guidelines you provide to you supervisors by your company doctor.
- 3. The third step involves hydration. Here the NIOSH Criteria document suggests that employees drink 5-7 ounces of water every 15-20 minutes. Again, I suggest running by your company doctor a hydration schedule as to the quantity of water employees should take in and the frequency over which they should consume it. Again, the quantity and frequency will vary as the heat index varies. In an OSHA decision involving the Sturgill Roofing Company of Dayton, Ohio in 2015, Judge Carol Baumerich stated that she felt that the employer should proactively monitor the water consumption



by employees and remove any employees from the site who fail or refuse to comply. Such a requirement would place a tremendous burden on the employer. Judge Baumerich's decision is effectively on appeal to the full Review Commission and no decision on that appeal has yet been reached. So, at this time the original language of the NIOSH Criteria Document is still effective.

- 4. The fourth step requires the employer to provide cooling off areas in close proximity to the jobsite for use by employees as needed. NIOSH has indicated that a cooling off area should have an ambient temperature of approximately 75 degrees Fahrenheit. I believe this is a guideline and you could vary a little from this temperature, especially if you pass the temperature you would like your cooling off area to be by your company doctor. As you can guess, supplying umbrellas for shade on a 95 degree heat index environment will probably not be sufficient.
- 5. The final step addressed by Judge Augustine requires you to train your employees in the illnesses that can be caused by working in a high heat index environment, the symptoms of those illnesses, how employees can recognize those symptoms in themselves and others and the first aid actions that

should be taken if those symptoms are observed.

The preceding summarizes what you need to do to protect your employees and to have a compliant heat illness prevention program. I highly recommend having at least every site supervisor download the free OSHA Heat Illness Act onto their smart phone or tablet. This app will provide an immediate heat index level at the location at which the app is used and it will also state the OSHA recommendation for steps for you to take to protect your employees.

Remember, you are the employer and therefore the responsibility for the safety of your employees (including their compliance with all safety programs you have to provide for their safety including heat illness prevention) is yours. Also you should be aware that all General Duty Clause violations are cited as serious violations and OSHA will not negotiate them down to anything other than serious. So, if you are cited for not complying with the requirement to have an effective heat illness prevention program, you will get a serious citation and you will have just two choices. You will either be able to negotiate it for a lower penalty (but keep it as a serious citation) or litigate it. If you accept it as serious you will have to report it on IS Net World and as a serious on any pre-quals you may have to complete to bid new jobs.



Schedule AT A GLANCE

Wednesday OCTOBER 24

8:00 am-4:00 pm

Exhibitor Registration and Move In

9:30 am-5:30 pm

Attendee Registration Open and Foundation Auction Pre-Registration

10:00 am-11:00 am

Foundation Meeting (closed meeting)

11:00 am-1:00 pm

MRCA Board of Directors Meeting (Closed Meeting)

11:00 am-1:00 pm

MRCA Women in Roofing Luncheon (WinR)

1:00 pm-6:00 pm

CERTA Train-the-TrainerCourse (Part 1)(seperate registration)

3:00 pm-7:00 pm

Steep Slope University

(Seperate Registration)

- 3:00 pm "What the Hail?!?": A
 Panel Discussion on Roofing
 Industry Issues Still Lingering
 After the Extensive Regional
 Hail Damage Moderated by
 Bill Seibert of Fisher Roofing of
 Kearney featuring Gary Auman
 of Auman, Mahan & Furry, and
 a Panel of Local Contractors
- 4:00 pm Insurance Issues: How to Deal with: Adjusters; Xactimate; Insurance Proceed Agreements; and Scope of Work with Lindsey Douglass of The Disaster Advocates
- 6:00 pm Ventilation Program with Paul Scelsi of Air Vent. Inc.

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Young Contractors Council Roundtable Session (Open to all Registered Attendees)

3:00 pm-5:30 pm

Software Driving You Nuts? Hosted by MRCA Women in Roofing

5:00 pm-5:30 pm

First-Timer and New Member Reception

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Past President's Dinner at Nosh Restaurant & Wine Lounge (By Invitation Only)

7:30 pm-10:00 pm

 Young Contractors Council
 Fundraiser Welcome Party at "The Matt" (Separate
 Registration)

Thursday OCTOBER 25

6:30 am-8:30 am

Breakfast Buffet for Thursday 1-Day Conference Registration and Full Registration Attendees

6:30 am-4:00 pm

Attendee Registration Open and Foundation Auction Pre-Registration

7:00 am-10:00 am

Exhibitor Set-up

7:00 am-12:00 pm

• OSHA 10 Hour Training Course (Part 1) (Separate Registration)

9:00 am-2:00 pm

• CERTA Train-the-Trainer Course (Part 2) (Separate Registration)

7:30 am-11:30 am

• CERTA Applicator Training (Part 1) (Separate Registration)

General Information

7:30 am-8:30 am

ROOFPAC Constituents Breakfast (By Invitation Only for ROOFPAC Event Donors)

8:30 am

Welcome and Introductions

8:30 am-9:30 am

Politics as Unusual!
An Overview of
the Legislative and
Regulatory Issues Vexing
the Roofing Industry with
Reid Ribble and Duane
Musser of NRCA

9:30 am-10:30 am

Membership Meeting and McCawley Award Presentation

10:30 am-11:30 am

Keynote Speaker -Nebraska's Own: Tom Osborne

11:45 am

EXPO Opening Ceremony

12:00 pm-12:45 pm

VIP Suite with Tom Osborne (By Invitation Only)

12:00 pm-4:00 pm EXPO OPEN

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 1:00 pm- GAF Sponsored Session: Welding Thermoplastic Membranes with Helene Hardy Pierce

- 2:00 pm How to Develop a Maintenance Department
- 3:00 pm Sucession Planning options

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

MRCA Reception and Foundation Auction featuring the Bel Airs

6:45 pm

Foundation Scholarship Award Winner Recognition

7:00 pm

Live Auction

Friday OCTOBER 26

6:30 am-8:30 am

Breakfast Buffet for Friday 1-Day Conference Registration and Full Registration Attendees

7:00 am-12:00 pm

 OSHA 10 Hour Training Course (Part 2) (Separate Registration)

7:30 am-11:30 am

• CERTA Applicator Training Course (Part 2) (Separate Registration)

8:00 am

Welcome and Introductions

8:00 am-9:00 pm

Technical Update with Mark Graham of NRCA

9:00 am-9:30 am

Recognition of Safety Awards and ELITE Contractors

9:30 am-10:30 am

10 Employment Pitfalls for Roofing Contractors with Philip Siegel of Hendrick, Philips, Salzman & Siegel

10:30 am-11:00 am

Recognition of Impact Awards and Innovation Awards

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Developing Sales Proposals & Closing Skills with Jana Barnbrook of Malarkey Roofing Products

12:00 pm -3:00 pm

Expo Open and Roofing Olympics

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- 1:00 pm- GAF Sponsored Session: Options Create Sales with Rob Ballard
- 2:00 pm How to Get
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 Workforce Development
 and Retention Best
 Practices: Panel
 Discussion with Tracy
 Donels of KPost Roofing;
 Kevin Gwaltney of
 Diamond Roofing; Ronnie
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MRCA CON•EXPO SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Bill Seibert - Fisher Roofing of Kearney, Nebraska

t the start of MRCA President Greg Sprague's, term he made it very clear that his goals for the year were to increase Contractor Membership by at least 5% and to boost attendance and improve the quality of the 2018 MRCA Conference & Expo set for October 24th through the 26th in Omaha, Nebraska. With an incredible amount of work from the MRCA Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Committee

Members, Volunteers and Staff, I am proud to say we are well on our way to achieving both of President Sprague's goals.

Kicking off the 2018 MRCA Conference and Expo on Wednesday October 24th at 3 PM is the Steep Slope University. Nothing gets things started, in a roofer's world, like a panel discussion regarding issues after a massive hail storm. Whether it be new contractors coming to town, lack of workforce, "know it all" Insurance companies and adjustors, or hard-to-work-with homeowners, all topics (with the exception of pricing) are on the table for our panel discussion appropriately titled, "What the Hail!?" Bring your questions and concerns for our contractor panel and the MRCA will provide experienced, qualified contractors who have been there and done that to help answer questions and give ideas on some of the problems attributed to hail storms and there lingering effect on the roofing contractor.

Following the panel discussion at 4PM will be Lindsey Douglass of The Disaster Advocates. Lindsey presented at our 2017 Conference in St. Louis MO and she was so educational we felt like we needed to bring her back to the 2018 Conference and Expo. Her topic How to Deal with: Adjusters; Xactimate; Insurance Proceed Agreements; and Scope of Work is one of the most informative presentations I have attended. Lindsey has information that all roofing contractors will benefit from. This is a CAN'T MISS presentation that can help contractors improve their bottom line.

At 6PM we will have a Ventilation Program featuring Paul Scelsi from AirVent. What would Steep Slope University be without a presentation regarding one of the hottest topics in steep slope roofing...ventilation? In today's world of manufacturer warranties and ways manufacturers get out of warranties, you can't afford to assume you know all there is to know about attic ventilation. After attending Paul's presentation you will be armed with the knowledge you need to help eliminate all that hot, static air that accumulates in the attic space and prematurely ages roofing materials, ultimately saving you, the contractor, headaches down the road.

What would opening day of the Conference be without a Welcome Party? Help kick off the 2018 MRCA Conference and Expo by attending the MRCA's Young Contractors Council welcome party. This year's party "Monte Carlo at The Matt" will feature casino-style games, food and drinks from one of Omaha's signature bar and grills, The Old Mattress Factory. The YCC event is always a good one...after all, those youngsters know how to throw a great party.

The effort to improve the attendance and the quality of the 2018 MRCA Conference & Expo has been, and continues to be, a work in progress. However, due to the large amount of work and continual effort of all MRCA staff and volunteers, we have a very well thought out schedule with highly qualified speakers and topics that are very pertinent in today's Roofing Contractor world. Whether you are a Steep Slope Contractor, Low Slope Contractor or all of the above, the 2018 MRCA Conference and Expo October 24th-26th in Omaha Nebraska will have something for you. Attend the 2018 Conference and you will walk away knowing that the MRCA truly is the Midwest's Roofing Contractors Advocate.



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(Online Registration available at www.mrca.org)

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The purpose of the MRCA Foundation is to raise awareness and improve the industry by supporting educational programming, industry research, and industry-related academic scholarships. Please consider giving generously to help the MRCA Foundation reach its goal of raising \$600,000 by 2019. Your ongoing support of the MRCA Foundation is critical to sustaining this important mission.

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by Steve Watring, Auman, Mahan & Furry

elp wanted signs increasingly are starting to litter the business landscape. Online help wanted

postings are on the rise. It is rapidly turning into an "employee's market" in which jobs are more plentiful than qualified and quality workers.

This dynamic often leads to what I refer to as "desperation hiring." You need someone to do the work. You need them to start yesterday. You find a candidate that looks qualified. You are concerned that someone else will beat you to the punch and hire them out from under you. You move too quickly. You take some shortcuts in the screening process. You miss or disregard some red flags.

A desperation hire can work out, but it is high risk. The reality is that desperation hiring usually is better for your attorney's business than it is for yours. This is because today's desperation hire frequently cultivates in the petri dish until it flourishes into a full blown employment problem: next week, next month or next year. Just give it time.

In our firm's employment law group, we frequently say that 5% of the employees create 95% of the employment problems. There is only one reason we say that... because it's true! And what is worse, sometimes that one desperation hire spreads problems like a virus, and infects the other 95% of your workforce as well.

The best solution is relatively simple. The single best way to limit employment problems is to screen out that 5% before they become your employees, and your problem. The single best way to do that is to establish and exercise good applicant screening practices. Avoid desperation hiring by taking a disciplined approach and sticking to those practices even in an "employee's market." Furthermore, try to get others in your organization (yes, even your bosses) to buy into and follow those practices. Show them this article if necessary. While it cannot always be controlled, a manager's back door job offers to acquaintances still are subject to the 5% rule. And a mistake in hiring a management level person can be even more catastrophic for your organization.

While applicant screening steps can vary depending on your business and

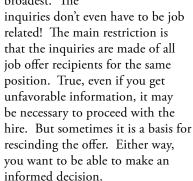
the position involved, here are a few precautions that every employer should at least consider including in its screening process:

- Develop a good employment application! Our model application (updated this year) is available on our website www.amfdayton.com for those who are interested.
- Require a completed employment application for all applicants-NO EXCEPTIONS! And actually take the time to scrutinize the application. A partially completed or poorly completed application alone can be a red flag. A resume is fine, but it is no substitute for a completed application.
- Utilize proper interviewing techniques! Watch for red flags along the way.
- Conduct drug testing! Remember that a drug test is NOT considered to be a medical examination under the ADA. Ideally, a drug test should be conducted AND the results received before an offer is

- made, not after. Just the fact that you drug test can deter substance abusers from pursuing employment with your business.
- Conduct background checks!
 Remember to follow the requirements of the Fair Credit Reporting Act.
- Conduct skills, competence, intelligence or personality testing! It is amazing how few employers take advantage of this. I equate it to looking under the hood before you buy a car. If the job requires that an employee be able to hit a nail with a hammer, why not require them to demonstrate that ability before you hire them? The testing doesn't always have to be elaborate or expensive, and the legal restrictions are fairly easy to navigate.
- Conduct an internet or social media search! Whether or not you are conducting background checks, there sometimes is a wealth of information available concerning the applicant on the internet. While there are some legal pitfalls and risks associated with such searches, more often than not the benefits outweigh the risks. Sometimes these searches can tell you more about a candidate than anything else.
- Check references from prior employers! Remember that a letter of reference is no substitute, and may actually be a warning sign. Make sure you direct the reference inquiry to the proper person or department, which may not be where the employee wants you to direct it. Don't settle for a reference from someone that is no longer with the organization. Checking references is one of those unpleasant tasks that is easy to find an excuse not to do. While it can be a frustrating process, just do it. Think of it as business networking! Always ask if your applicant would be rehired or is eligible for rehire. It is the one question that I recommend that every employer asks and that almost every employer answer (with very limited exceptions). And the answer often tells you all you need to know.

 Make your offers conditioned on medical examinations or inquiries! The EEOC has indicated that the window of time between a conditional offer and the final

offer is the time when the employer's right to make medical inquiries is the broadest. The



Remember that you are allowed to make subjective judgments! How did the person interview? Are there concerns that the applicant did not adequately address? Would the person be a good fit for your organizational culture? What do

your instincts tell you? True, vou have to be prepared to defend against discrimination claims. At the same time, your right to make subjective hiring decisions is one of the reasons that failure to hire claims are among the least common and easiest to defend

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Would the person be a good fit for your organizational culture?"

Not all of these ideas are right for all employers and for all jobs. But all of them are part of the menu of options that you should be considering as part of your applicant screening process. If you have your process in place so that it goes smoothly, the associated delay can be kept to a minimum. It can even project to that hot prospect that you are a sophisticated employer that knows what you are doing!

Desperation hiring can open your doors to the very workers that you want to keep out of your work force. Reduce employment claims later by developing and exercising good hiring practices now!

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Kentucky Roofing Contractors Association (KRCA) Annual Golf Outing

April 19, Lexington, KY - Nestled in the heart of Kentucky, the University Club of Kentucky was a perfect venue for this year's golf outing. Genevieve (Jenna) Kramer of Wm. Kramer and Son, Inc. attended as the MRCA Representative. "The Golf Outing was great! Connecting with members of KRCA and discussing specific industry trends for Kentucky's geographic region was both insightful and beneficial for all parties. Supporting our affiliate associations and spending time with their members helps MRCA live up to their word because we are The Roofing Contractor's Advocate," said Kramer.

A good time was had by all. A special thank you to Robin Miller of KRCA for welcoming MRCA to this fantastic event.

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Roofing Contractors Association of Texas (RCAT) Fishing Tournament

May 3-5, Port Aransas, TX, - RCAT Executive Director, Sarah Burns, put together a fantastic event again this year. "What a great weekend for the 2018 RCAT Fishing Tournament. Good times and some great fishing! We are happy to support all the local businesses and seeing so much has been rebuilt since Hurricane Harvey. Port A is back and doing better than ever." Woody's Sports Center was a great location with fantastic fishing guides.





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Is your software driving you nuts

Laurie Moore – Kreiling Roofing Co, Peoria, IL



Software is driving a lot of roofing

contractors nuts! Once you figure out the best choices for your company, software can save contractors a lot of time and help ease the training of employees that needs to become more streamlined with the movement of our workforce. Software has also helped spread some duties to nontraditional areas of the company so that now the person answering your phone can do a lot more to initiate service work and your foremen can report safety and productivity in real time to management. All you have to do is figure out what tools to use and how to make them all work together. Easier said than done.

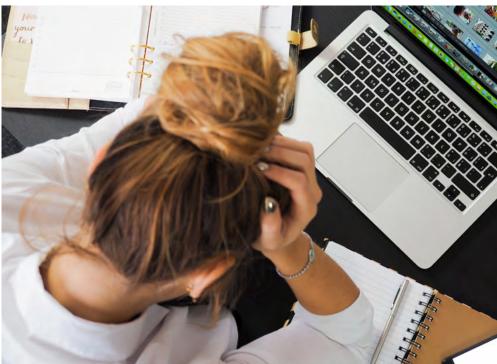
At MRCA's Conference this year Women in Roofing (WinR) will be offering an educational experience open to all attendees as a way to

contribute to the industry. Women in roofing companies are often the implementers of the software and also know the mechanics of the company operations inside and out. We will connect with providers of industry specific software that are used in the daily operation of roofing businesses to provide a user-friendly and hopefully somewhat entertaining analysis.

We are polling companies to gather information on the scope, features, and benefits of their products. There will be representatives from some of these companies available in panel form to comment and answer questions. Estimating, Service Department Management, Customer Relations Management, Time Tracking, GPS and Safety are all on the list of software applications we plan to cover.

Choosing what scope of each software to use and how to connect them all together is challenging. These decisions have significant financial impact when you consider not only the cost to purchase the software and yearly maintenance along with added hardware, but also the time it takes to set up all of the settings and databases required to run and connect your software. That's when the fun begins! With first learning how to use everything yourself and then training all the employees how to use all the new bells and whistles. It can be exhausting!

Our goal for this event is to make it easier for the contractor to sort thru all the information available to get a clear plan for the best choices in software implementation in their company. There will be opportunity for asking questions and plenty of contractors to connect with



to discuss specific topics of interest throughout the conference. There are a lot of contractors who are all at different stages of various software implementations. The quickest way to get answers to your questions is usually to ask another contractor. MRCA is a great place to find answers about software that are already being implemented at other companies.

Bring your software challenges or solutions with you to help free yourself and others from the pain and suffering of change. Gain comfort in knowing that many others share your pain and will be happy to help others avoid the costly mistakes that can be made in this area of your business.

MRCA's Women in Roofing is not a women's group, but an industry group that seeks to be interwoven as part of the fabric of the industry. This group is focused on providing support to roofing contractors and connecting with others in the industry in a focused way as to maximize the benefit for both parties. There are many women who have been instrumental in the operation of roofing businesses. Our current MRCA President, Greg Sprague's, mother was one of those women. We seek to make the paths of those that follow easier by helping to provide the support needed by the women in our roofing companies. As we find support, we benefit ourselves, our companies and our industry with increased knowledge and capability, improved confidence levels and lower stress from the comfort that comes from knowing resources are available and someone else somewhere has experienced your situation before and can help. Don't let this business drive you nuts. Come to MRCA to get rejuvenated so you can be a better roofing business.



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James Q. McCawley came from a family intimately connected with the roofing industry. He dedicated his life to the advancement of the roofing industry in innumerable ways. In recognition of his devotion to the industry, the Midwest Roofing Contractors Association established the James Q. McCawley Award. This award, first presented in 1969, has been presented each year to an individual in recognition for outstanding service to the roofing industry.



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Oil-Canning, Who's Responsible?

Norman Menegay, Jr. - Sheet Metal Operations Manager Advanced Industrial Roofing, Inc. in Massillon, Ohio

oil-Canning. An inherent characteristic of light gauge cold-formed metal products, particularly products with broad flat areas; A visual phenomenon seen as waviness

or distortion in the flat surfaces of metal roofing and siding products, is subjective, is normally an aesthetic concern only, and does not affect a products strength or performance.

Most Architects, Engineers, Construction Managers, General Contractors, and Subcontractors, have seen and heard this before, but never research it until it's too late. Nobody considers the negative aesthetic impact on the finished product or the potential non-payment issues at the end of the project.

A lot of us, as subcontractors, have either been through it or have heard about other contractors that have gone through it. Most projects go through the same process. The engineering and design with the architect; the bidding and submittal approval process with the Construction Manager, General Contractor, and Subcontractors; the General or Subcontractor orders and delivers the material and Install begins. Then the questions are asked... Why are there dimples in the panel? Why are there more dimples in the afternoon? Why wasn't I told this was going to happen? Then you have the finger pointing. Everyone is blamed from the architect to the installer. There are threats from the owner, and in some cases, relationships are destroyed. All of these outcomes are terrible for everyone's business. But, who's responsible?

As a subcontractor reading this, your first knee jerk reaction would be to say that the architect and engineer should have specified the right gauge material, a different color, or a different panel with corrugations. That would be a fair assumption, but consider all the hundreds if not thousands of items architects and engineers have to consider on a single project. The potential for oil-canning hasn't made it too far up on the list...yet.

This time and effort costs more money, plus the money you're not getting paid, and could possibly close your doors"

You might also say that the Manufacturer should have explained this to the architect and engineer when they helped develop the specification. You might not be wrong about that, but consider why the manufacturer is there meeting with the architect and engineer in the first place. He or she is there to get their product in the specification and hopefully get the job. Most manufacturers know they have a disclaimer in their literature and bringing up a potential negative about



their product to the architect isn't high up on their list either...yet.

Finally, you might say "I'm the installer, it shouldn't be my responsibility to explain oil-canning to anyone. The architect designed the project, they should know." This is where, as an installing subcontractor, I disagree. It should be the installing subcontractor's responsibility, more than anyone else, to explain oil-canning to everyone that matters and give suggestions on improvement. This conversation should also occur as early in the project as possible.

For example, let's say you have a project that is showing oil-canning and you didn't think to, or care to, explain oil-canning to the architect or owner prior to install. The immediate response by someone who really doesn't understand oil-canning will be, "Its installed wrong". This is something you never want to hear, because in most cases, that means you're not getting paid. This could create a domino effect for a number of other items affecting your company. Now on the back end, as a subcontractor you have a steep, slippery slope to climb to explain oil-canning and prove you've done everything correctly. This time and effort costs more money, plus the money you're not getting paid, and could possibly close your doors if you're not educated and don't feel the need to educate others.

For this reason, I believe it is the responsibility of the installing subcontractor, more than anybody, to explain oil-canning as thoroughly as possible well before the first day of install. Because at the end of the day, you need to protect your company, reputation and your finished product.



YCC Webinars

Contractor Marketing Strategies



Rachel Garcia - Malarkey Roofing Products

We have officially launched our Young Contractors Council webinar video series. This valuable resource is going to connect contractors throughout the Midwest and give them the ability to discuss various topics through video conferencing. The goal is to use these webinars to connect throughout the year, then come together at the Annual Conference to audit everything learned and reveal findings through educational sessions.

For each session, we assign a YCC member to lead the topic and help guide the discussion. The first session introduced was Contractor Marketing Strategies led by myself. With that being such a large topic, I broke it down to a few fundamental marketing strategies.

Identify Your Market

It would be great to have every potential customer as your target audience, but realistically that's not the best strategy. When you target a specific segment of your market, you are able to create targeted content and that will help share your message more effectively.

Audit Your Website

All of your marketing efforts lead back to your website. Build trust with your website and make sure it is acting as your 24/7 salesperson.

Create Interesting Content

Differentiate yourselves with engaging content. This will help your customers view you as a trusted advisor.

Campaigns

Every marketing activity should be treated as a campaign. Follow a theme over an extended period of time and play with different marketing mediums to tell a story. The average webinar will last 5 – 15 minutes. This gives us enough time to briefly overview our high-level topics without having to commit to a large block of time. You'll meet other professionals experiencing your same frustrations and successes. Our thoughts are to provide a network of young professionals for you to confide in. Your peers in this industry are so valuable. There is so much we can all learn from each other.

These short video discussions could be instrumental in improving your business practices. We welcome everyone's ideas and participation as we continue to develop this program. All webinars will be recorded and can be accessed on the YCC page through the MRCA website.



For more information or to participate contact Megan Miller at 800-497-6722 or mmiller@mrca.org



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