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April, 2008



President's Message

Our association is involved across the board in industry coalitions, task forces, commissions, councils, and several other groups so we can stay on top of the issues that affect your everyday business. The best opportunity for learning and benefiting from your association membership comes from getting involved.

*Please remember our 2007-08 theme "**Active Participation (AP)!**" You will definitely profit from personal involvement.*

*Gary Timura
AGC President*

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

AGC of Connecticut Calendar of Events for 2008

The 2008 Calendar of Events is on the AGC of Connecticut Webpage. Please [click here](#) to access the full calendar.

Mark Your Calendar



Thursday, May 22, 2008

7:30 am to 11:30 am

Four Points by Sheraton Meriden
275 Research Parkway | Meriden, Connecticut
[Registration Flier](#)

THE CCSU ALUMNI AWARD DINNER

Wednesday, April 30, 2008 6:00 pm

Constitution Room of Memorial Hall
CCSU | New Britain, Connecticut



Cost: \$50

Registration: Contact Nancy Kragiel at 860-832-1830 or by email kragieln@ccsu.edu

AGC/CT ANNUAL GOLF OUTING for *Scholarships*

Monday, July 7, 2008

11:00 am

Wethersfield Country Club.

Watch for the upcoming flier!



[CCIA Calendar of Events and Training Classes](#) from CCIA Website

CURRENT CONNECTICUT CONSTRUCTION NEWS



AGC/CT's 2008 BUILD CONNECTICUT was held at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT on Tuesday, February 26, 2008. At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors held earlier that same afternoon, the

new officers and directors were nominated, and then approved by the membership that evening at the Awards Dinner.

In 1999, the AGC of Connecticut initiated the Build Connecticut Awards program building on its motto of skill, integrity and responsibility, as a vehicle to honor exceptional project teams in the Connecticut construction industry. This prestigious biennial competition recognizes the construction and subcontractor firms, owners, and primary designers equally for their professional roles in the winning projects. [\[PHOTOS\]](#)

► Congratulations to this year's winners!!

Large New Construction:

Yankee Gas Liquid Natural Gas Facility | **O & G Industries, Inc.**



Large Renovation:

Elmer Thienes Mary Hall Elementary School Renovation | **Standard Builders**



Small Renovation:

New Haven Country Club Renovation Project | **Petra Construction Corporation**



First-Time Applicant Award:

New Haven Rail Yard Running Repair Shop | **Manafort Brothers, Inc.**



▶ New Board of Directors Members:



Robert Fitch, New Haven Partitions, Inc., New Haven, CT
Tim Gunn, Morganti Group, Danbury, CT
Tom Giardini, Associated Construction Co., Hartford, CT
Brian Murphy, SunTech of CT, Inc., North Branford, CT

▶ Honored Retiring Board Members:

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Vincent Giordano, Giordano Construction Co., Branford, CT



Robert Sullivan, Standard Builders, Newington, CT



David Yoder, Industrial Construction Co., Newington, CT



Damien Davis, Newfield Construction, Inc, Hartford, CT

▶ **Way to Go - Four AGC/CT members distinguished** themselves recently by testifying on several bills before committees of the General Assembly. **Dave Henderson, Skanska USA Building Inc.** in Milford, and **Ty Tregallas, Turner Construction Company** in Milford, both testified March 10, 2008, before the Education Committee on Senate Bill 646, An Act Concerning Architectural or Construction Management Services and Concerning Gifts and Campaign Contributions Made to Elected and Appointed Municipal Officials.

Mauro Rubbo, Gilbane Building Company in Waterbury, testified March 12, 2008, before the Government Administration and Elections Committee in support of Senate Bill 683, An Act Concerning Certain Municipal Construction. AGC/CT supports changes to a 2007 law that requires contracts for architectural and construction management services on state-funded public school building projects executed on or after July 1, 2007, to be awarded to the lowest responsible qualified bidder only after a public invitation to bid.

On March 12, 2008, **Patrick Delaney, Gilbane Building Co.** in Glastonbury, testified before the Government Administration and Elections Committee in support of an AGC/CT initiative, House Bill 5892, An Act Concerning the Quality of Design and Construction Documents and Prequalification of Certain Subcontractors. The bill requires designs for certain public buildings in the state to undergo a review by an independent, third-party experienced professional to identify any coordination errors, omissions, inconsistencies or discrepancies. AGC/CT seeks to reduce change orders and delays in building projects.

*These members should be commended for their efforts "**Active Participation (AP)!**" on behalf of the industry.*

▶ **Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** AGC/CT will team up with **PEPE & HAZARD** to present a full morning of programming on the new ConsensusDOCS - *Construction Contract Documents Created By Industry Consensus.*



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For Registration Information [click here](#):

ConsensusDOCS - *Construction Contract Documents Created By Industry Consensus:*

- ⇒ [Collaborative Delivery System](#)
- ⇒ [3-D Virtual Building Information Modeling](#)
- ⇒ [Additional Key Risk Allocation Provisions](#)
- ⇒ [Other Contractual Documents](#)

AGC/AM is the founding participant in the ConsensusDOCS program which covers all your construction contracting needs with over 70 + industry-tested contracts and forms. AGC/AM jointly drafted these contracts with Owners, Contractors, Subcontractors and Sureties. ConsensusDOCS is unique because of the drafting philosophy. The goal of ConsensusDOCS is to better the industry by providing standard contract documents that reflect a consensus for best practices. Using these documents will allow parties to focus on project results rather than be stuck negotiating contract terms or worse, contract claims in court, to assess fault. Call Dan Haynes at Pepe & Hazard 860-522-5175 for more information.

▶ THE CCSU ALUMNI AWARD DINNER will take place on **Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 6:00 pm** in the Constitution Room of Memorial Hall on the CCSU campus. This is a great opportunity for you to be reunited with your Construction Management college classmates, the faculty and meet new alumni. The Dr. Stuart Bennett Alumni Award will be presented to one of our distinguished alumni. For registration information please contact Nancy Kragiel at 860-832-1830 or by email kragieln@ccsu.edu. Or mail \$50 check payable to CCSU Alumni Association and mail it to: Nancy Kragiel, Department of Manufacturing and Construction Management, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT 06050

▶ AGC/CT SUPPORTED "KEEP CT MOVING" at their recent Transportation Summit we heard from CT's Congressional delegation and Janet Kavinoky of the US Chamber of Commerce on the critical need to adequately fund improvements to CT's and the nation's infrastructure. Both CT Congressmen Shays and Courtney reviewed the federal state funding connection, while CT's Speaker of the House Jim Amann emphasized to the audience that there is no better time than now to contact elected officials, both state and federal, to push for the necessary infrastructure funding.

▶ FOCUS-4 CONSTRUCTION TRAINING was the topic of the March CCIA Safety Roundtable, held Thursday, April 10, 2008, at CCIA. Marko Kaar, Senior Risk Engineering Consultant for Zurich Services Corp. presented the four categories of the most frequent accidents in commercial construction: falls, electrocution, struck-by, and caught in/between. **The Safety Committee** meets bi-monthly to conduct the Safety Roundtables. Lunch is always served. If you would like to have your safety director, company principal, or other key staffers attend – please contact [Matt Hallisey](mailto:Matt.Hallisey@ccia.org) at CCIA 860.529.6855. Also, watch for upcoming announcements in your CCIA Highlights.

▶ DAS IS ACCEPTING COMMENTS on their proposed regulations concerning the prequalification and evaluation of contractors. The proposed rules address: the procedures for applying for prequalification; the criteria DAS will use to determine whether to prequalify an applicant; prequalification classifications; aggregate work capacity ratings and single project limits; and standard contract evaluation form. Comments are due to DAS by April 25, 2008. For a copy of the proposed rules, click [here](#) or e-mail [John Wilhelm](mailto:John.Wilhelm@ccia.org) at CCIA.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME NEW AGC/CT MEMBERS:

Active Contractor Member:

▶ K & W Construction, LLC
126 Bucks Hill Road
Southbury, CT 06488
Phone: (203) 267-6770
Fax: (203) 267-7991
Email: chris@kwconstruction.com
Primary Contacts: Christen Wargo, Managing Member
Type of Firm: Commercial Site Contractor



Done Construction, LLC

300 Queen Street

Southington, CT 06489

Phone: (860) 620-6635

Fax: (860) 378-2104

Email: rrinaldi@doneconstruction.com

Primary Contacts: Edward L. Jamele, Jr, President

Robert Rinaldi, Director of Construction

Type of Firm: Electrical/Plumbing/HVAC

AGC-PAC – MAKING THE DIFFERENCE



If you have not made your **AGC-PAC contribution yet**, please do so immediately.

Please contact [John Farnham](mailto:john.farnham@agc.org) at 860.529.6855 or [Terry Wooding](mailto:terry.wooding@agc.org) at 203-865-6043.

NATIONAL AGC OF AMERICA (AGC/A) NEWS:



Acadia Insurance

- ☑ **The Associated General Contractors of America and its Chapters selected for Museum's 2008 Honor Award!** The National Building Museum will recognize The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and its Chapters for their important contributions to our nation's building heritage at an exclusive gala on June 4, 2008. The Honor Award will be presented during a black-tie gala in the Museum's historic Great Hall. VIP event begins at 6:00 pm, Reception at 7:00 pm [[More](#)].
The AGC/CT is pleased to note that at the March Board of Directors meeting, a contribution to the National Building Museum for \$5,000 was authorized. With this contribution we were given a table of 8 for the June 4th Gala. Any AGC/CT members, who would seriously consider attending, please contact [John Farnham](mailto:john.farnham@agc.org) for a seat at our table.
- ☑ **BIM EDUCATION PROGRAM RFP:** AGC is in the process of creating a multi-level BIM education program to educate construction professionals on all aspects of Building Information Modeling. AGC is working with the Georgia Institute of Technology and an advisory group of AGC members to develop the course plan and program content. An RFP for the development of the course materials will be issued next week. If interested in reviewing this RFP, please contact Dmitri Alferieff at alferieffd@agc.org or 703-837-5386.
- ☑ **AGC OF AMERICA announces the formation of the IT Forum.** The goal of the forum is to bring together IT professionals from AGC member companies and chapters to network, discuss issues of mutual interest, and keep up-to-date with the latest developments in IT relating to the construction industry. Some of the topics of possible discussion include: IT management-people skills, budgeting, strategic planning, project management, and business relationships. If interested, contact Brad Teague, teagueb@agc.org
- ☑ **AGC PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY Fund:** The AGC of America Board of Directors voted to approve a 1% dues increase last month, at AGC's Annual Convention. This requires the

additional dues be deposited into a new AGC fund exclusively dedicated to increasing public awareness of the construction industry and advancing its interests. Also, AGC/Am will annually make a contribution to this fund from its surplus each year going forward. The dues increase takes effect January 1, 2009 for 2008 volume. This is a much needed effort by the industry to increase awareness about the industry and its need for workers.

☑ **AGC PROVIDES ECONOMIC EARLY-WARNING SYSTEM** - AGC members have helped policy makers at the Federal Reserve and in the administration stay on top of fast-changing economic conditions. For the past six months, your answers to the "Question of the Week" (attached to several issues of The Data DIGest) have traced the impact of credit market tightening on the demand for construction and the availability of funds for contractors. Responses are compiled with identifying information removed (unless the respondent gives permission to be identified), grouped by region, and forwarded to economists at the 12 regional Federal Reserve Banks, as well as the Board of Governors in Washington. [[more](#)]

☑ **Kenneth D. Simonson, Chief Economist, AGC/AM on STEEL PRICES AGAIN INCREASING** - frequently and by large amounts. Many types of steel used in construction, such as rebar, wide flange beams and studs, are at record levels or will be when increases announced for May 1 take effect. Reportedly, some delivery times have lengthened as well. AGC of America is working to publicize these increases so that owners are aware of them. I have been in touch with *USA Today*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and numerous local daily newspapers and business journals. Please send me specific examples of price or delivery changes for steel (or other items). As always, the press wants to talk to "real, live business people," so please consider sharing your experiences publicly.

Prices can be volatile in both directions, particularly in a softening economy. AGC does not make a recommendation about the best strategy for coping with steel purchases, which must sometimes be made well in advance of use. But, in general:

- maintain early and frequent contact with steel fabricators and other suppliers
- pass along information to owners about price-increase notices
- In addition, contractors should look closely at **ConsensusDOCS 200.1 Time & Price Material Amendment**, which provides a fair way for owners and contracts to equitably adjust prices up or down for materials that are subject to dramatic price fluctuations.

Currently this document is available for purchase or for free download as a sample. Go to www.agc.org/bookstore, then scroll down and click on ConsensusDOCS Samples, then select the 200.1 document.

☑ **PROFIT THROUGH PARTICIPATION!** The AGC-A 2008 CONVENTION was held on March 10-14 in Las Vegas – several representatives from Connecticut attended. The 2008 AGC-A Convention featured prominent speakers and entertainers including General Tommy Franks, George Will, Sugar Ray Leonard, Liz Murray (motivational speaker) and Michael Cavanaugh (Broadway entertainer). Professional development programs were held covering executive management, financial management, risk management, project management, and ethics and compliance program management. The convention was also a showcase for the best projects in the industry – all around, in safety and in partnering – through our Aon Build America Awards, Willis Safety Awards and Marvin M. Black Excellence in Partnering Awards.

☑ **AGC BUILDING DIVISION MEETING** is scheduled for June 25-28, 2008 at The Resort at Squaw Creek in Lake Tahoe, CA. More than 150 leaders in the building construction industry will attend this four-day meeting and hear presentations on important topics such as Building Information Modeling (BIM), participate in various committees, and discuss key issues that are important to their business and their industry. The Building Division has a great spectrum of activities and

services. This conference could be your most valuable meeting of the year. Check it out - for more information and to register go to www.agc.org/tahoe.

EDITORIAL PAGE:

Please give us your thoughts and recommendations:

- **Recently a group of industry subcontractors** representing many Connecticut trade associations held a meeting at the AGC/CT Boardroom. The chief reason for the meeting? – to exchange information and discuss possible solution to problems created by changes in the commercial construction industry relating to construction management and other alternative forms of project delivery which have placed new burdens, costs and liability on the subcontractor. We need to hear from all sectors regarding these issues. **What are your thoughts on this subject?** For a copy of the notes from this session email John B. Farnham at jbf@ctconstruction.org.
- **A new alliance between the AGC/CT and the Minority Construction Council** will oversee and recommend that emerging minority contractors be linked up with majority contractors in a new Mentoring Program being launched in the next few months. Mentors and protégés will have specific responsibilities under their mentoring agreement which include update reports every two weeks, assistance with financial management, best utilization of work force, etc. **What is your willingness to take on a protégé? And what will it mean to your firm?** Email John B. Farnham at jbf@ctconstruction.org

OPINION PAGE – please email your thoughts on the above two subjects, or other relevant industry issues that you would like to have discussed on this page.

Send to jbf@ctconstruction.org.

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COMMENTS?

We value your comments and encourage you to let us know how you are using this monthly report. Do you have a question we can research, or someone who needs to be added to the distribution list or have information to share?

Please send your comments, questions and suggestions to us anytime!

John B. Farnham, Executive Director & *Gary Timura*, President

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