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Introducing the New and Improved WPCA Website

Summer 2014

The WPCA is excited to unveil the association's new website. The web address remains the same— www.wiprecast.org. Hosted by Wild Apricot, the website will offer members the ability to register for events and renew their annual membership online, among other new features.

In order to register for events **starting with the Winter Conference, and to renew your membership (look for more information this fall)** you will need to have an address on file with the WPCA. If you have not previously provided WPCA with an email address, **you must call the WPCA office at 608-441-1436 to register your email address before logging in.**

Pictured below and on the following page is a sample of the website's new look. Please let the WPCA office know if you have any questions or suggestions. We look forward to this being a useful tool for our members and thank you for your patience throughout this transition process!

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About WPCA

The Wisconsin Precast Concrete Association is a statewide, nonprofit trade association comprised of precast concrete product manufacturers from throughout Wisconsin and industry suppliers. WPCA members are dedicated to manufacturing durable, watertight concrete septic tanks, as well as a wide variety of other products manufactured to fit your needs, including agricultural products, precast concrete buildings, box culverts, traffic barriers and much more.

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President's Message: Paul Miller



Summer is well underway and despite the wet weather, I personally, am very busy! I hope you all are experiencing the same. It was certainly a nice break from the grind to come to the summer conference. It was a pleasure to see all of you and your families who were able to attend this year. The weather was decent and held out through the golf outing. It was actually perfect weather for golfing with over cast skies and a calm breeze. For those of you that chose to brave the day and continue on with the boat ride, I hope there were no incidents with weather. I would also like to thank all the sponsors that donated to make the outing a success. Last but not least, thank you to George and Katie and those who worked to ensure the rooms were reserved, the menu was complete and the events were all scheduled. It is no easy task to pull this together every year, and I recognize the time and effort you all put into it.

For those of you who were unable to attend this year, I want to mention a couple points from the meeting on Saturday:

- We discussed the OSHA requirements for crane operator certifications. We plan to begin classes in April 2015. More information to follow in the upcoming months.
- We discussed the equalization costs regarding workers compensation vs. regular walk in pay. George is looking into this further and more information will be forthcoming.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a very lucrative summer. We all work so hard during the summer so by the winter conference, I hope to see more of you there as you will all likely be ready for a much deserved break and some R&R.

Paul

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Summer Conference Recap

2014 WPCA Summer Conference

Members gathered in Delavan, WI on July 11-12 for the Summer Conference this year. Attendees kicked off the weekend with a tour of Dalmaray Concrete Products along with Secretary Dave Ross of the Department of Safety and Professional Services. Members were able to speak directly with the Secretary and educate him on the business of the pre-cast industry. A huge thank you to Rob and Aaron Ausen of Dalmaray Concrete Products for opening their doors to us.

On Saturday, a business meeting was held to discuss member issues and topics of interest, especially Crane Certification. A member subcommittee was created to begin discussions with a training provider in order to make the training available for all WPCA members at a WPCA sponsored event.

Following the business meeting, members played a quick nine and then headed off on a boat cruise. Next year's conference will most likely be held in the Dells area.



Aaron Ausen of Dalmaray Concrete educates Department of Safety & Professional Services Secretary Dave Ross during the tour of Dalmaray.



WPCA President Paul Miller of Grove Concrete & Scott Grams of GRT enjoy the tour of Dalmaray Concrete.



Mark Wieser of Wieser Concrete shares concerns and accomplishments with Tom Engels Assistant Deputy Secretary at DSPS.



Darryl Cloud and Chuck Overbay of Concrete Sealants prepare for the WPCA business meeting.

NCCCO Launches Boom Truck Operator Certification Program

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Fairfax, VA, July 16, 2014—The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) today made available the first phase of a new CCO certification program specifically designed for boom truck operators.

The new CCO Boom Truck—Fixed Cab (BTF) operator certification is a subcategory of the CCO Telescopic Boom—Fixed Cab (TSS) certification and was developed specifically for the industries that use these machines such as building supplies, HVAC, sign installation, and tree maintenance.

Users and manufacturers of boom trucks approached NCCCO early last year to request the new program, motivated by a desire to reap the safety, insurance, and risk management benefits that other CCO operator certification programs have delivered over the past 18 years, commented NCCCO Manager, Program Development and Administration, Joel Oliva. He also pointed out that the new OSHA crane rule (29 CFR 1926 Subpart CC) requires operators to be certified when using cranes with capacities exceeding 2,000 lb. in construction applications.

“While there is a wide variety of users and applications of boom trucks, many machines don’t operate in typical construction applications, but are engaged in activities such as delivering materials and equipment,” Oliva said. “This new program is designed specifically to address the unique needs of boom truck operations in all their variety.”

For the purposes of this new certification, a boom truck (also known as a commercial truck-mounted crane) is defined as a crane consisting of a rotating superstructure (center post or turntable), a fixed or telescopic boom, operating machinery, and one or more operator’s stations. It is mounted on a frame attached to a commercial truck chassis with a payload hauling capability and is equipped with its own power source. Its function is to lift, lower, and swing loads at various radii, requiring the use of outriggers/stabilizers.

The new CCO certification program was developed by a NCCCO Work Group consisting of boom truck users and representatives from boom truck manufacturers, trainers, consultants, and industry associations, as well as members of NCCCO’s Written Exam and Practical Exam Management Committees.

“We anticipate this new program being highly popular with boom truck users keen to protect their employees and manage the risks inherent in any lifting activity,” noted NCCCO Work Group member and chairman of NCCCO’s Practical Exam Management Committee, Kenny Shinn, Shinn Cranes, Lakewood, NJ. “The boom truck industry will be keen to take advantage of this powerful new tool for assessing operators’ knowledge and skills necessary for safe operation in their specific applications.”

The CCO Boom Truck—Fixed Cab (BTF) written exam is a modified version of the CCO Telescopic Boom—Fixed Cab (TSS) written exam. Questions that don’t apply to boom trucks have been replaced with questions that specifically deal with boom truck operations.

NCCCO Launches Boom Truck Operator Certification Program Continued...

Candidates must take the Mobile Crane Operator Core written exam as well as a Boom Truck Specialty written exam, which features a Manitex boom truck load chart. The practical exam remains unchanged from the TSS program, but BTF candidates are required to take their tests on boom trucks. All NCCCO certification eligibility and medical policies of other CCO operator certifications apply.

Since CCO Telescopic Boom—Fixed Cab (TSS) operator certification already covers fixed-cab boom truck cranes, operators of fixed-cab boom trucks who currently possess a TSS certification do not need to take the new Boom Truck—Fixed Cab Operator certification exams. They will be automatically granted the new BTF certification.

The Work Group is currently finalizing development of the second and final phase of the boom truck program. A swing-cab equivalent of the BTF certification is planned for launch by year-end.

More information about the new BTF certification is available on NCCCO's website at nccco.org/boomtruck; the Mobile Crane Operator Candidate Handbook with exam applications and other BTF program information can be downloaded from nccco.org/handbooks#mobile.

WPCA Addresses NCCCO Crane Certification

The WPCA Crane Certification Subcommittee will participate in a teleconference meeting with an NCCCO approved training company on August 4. The Subcommittee will begin discussions for a multi-day training for WPCA members. Training is tentatively slated for April 2015. Watch for more information as the specialized certifications targeting the needs of pre-casters are released and developed.

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Legislative Update: George Klaetsch



2014 Wisconsin State Primary On August 12 – Do You Know Who You Are Voting For?

Elected officials in both the State Senate and State Assembly are not seeking re-election in record numbers this year, and that means a lot of unfamiliar names will be appearing on your ballots this summer – August, 12 and fall – November 4. In an average election year there are about 2-3 vacant seats up for reelection in the Senate and 6-12 in the Assembly. This year that number has exploded due to a number of reasons ranging from retirements, seeking higher elected office to resigning to take a job in the private section. All-in-all there are seven vacancies in the Senate and twenty-two vacancies in the Assembly. This count does not even include the State Attorney General and the State Treasurer offices – both of which have vacancies due to the current office holder stepping down.

Not Running For Re-Election

Statewide Office

JB Van Hollen R (AD) *Not running*

Kurt Schuller R (State Treasurer) *Not running*

Congress

Tom Petri R (CD-6) *Not Running*

Senate

Joe Leibham R (SD-9) *Running for CD-6*

Neal Kedzie R (SD-11) *Not running*

Tim Cullen D (SD-15) *Not running*

Dale Schultz R (SD-17) *Not running*

Mike Ellis R (SD-19) *Not Running*

John Lehman D (SD-21) *Running for Lt. Gov*

Bob Jauch D (SD-25) *Not running*

Assembly

Gary Bies R (AD-1) *Running for Secretary of State*

Chad Weininger R (AD-4) *Not running*

Sandy Pasch D (AD-10). *Not running*

Jon Richards D (AD-19) *Running for Attorney General*

Don Pridemore R (AD-22) *Not running*

Mike Endsley R (AD-26) *Not running*

Steve Kestell R (AD-27) *Not running*

Erik Severson R (AD-28) *Not running*

Steve Nass R (AD-33) *Running for SD-11*

Janis Ringhand D (AD-45) *Running for SD-15*

Howard Marklein R (AD-51) *Running for SD-17*

Dean Kaufert R (AD-55) *Not running*

Penny Bernard Schaber D (AD-57) *Running for SD-19.*

Pat Strachota R (AD-58) *Not running.*

Dan LeMahieu R (AD-59) *Not running.*

Duey Stroebel R (AD-60) *Running for CD-6.*

Janet Bewley D (AD-74) *Running for SD-25*

Brett Hulsey D (AD-78) *Running for Governor.*

Fred Clark D (AD-81) *Not running*

Mary Williams R (AD-87) *Not running.*

John Klenke R (AD-88) *Not running.*

Bill Kramer R (AD-97) *No running.*

Interested In Becoming More Involved in the Electoral Process?

To participate in the 2014 election season The Wisconsin Industries for Environmental Protection Conduit has been established. This conduit will serve as a political giving program for the WOWRA/WLWCA/WPCA. Since the associations have established consistent successful management, now is the time to take the next step. We are reaching out to all three association's members to recruit participants and to ensure that we have current contact information on file for the WIEP Conduit.

Q: What is a political conduit?

A: A political conduit is a program governed by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board that allows entities such as WOWRA/WLWCA/WPCA to provide political contributions to state legislative and executive candidates. The conduit is structured to permit individual members to authorize their conduit dollars to candidates of their choice (it is very similar to a political Christmas club). See more about authorizing conduit dollars below.

Q: Why is this important to the WLWCA?

A: As with all association endeavors, this WMBA initiative requires the involvement of its members, and contributing to the WIEP Conduit is one of the ways you as a member can get involved and show your support. The WIEP can only be strong with active, politically engaged members much like you.

Have more questions or would like to discuss further?

Contact Conduit Administrator Robin Fanshaw at 608/441-1436 or rfanshaw@kpasllc.com

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The Wisconsin Industries for Environmental Protection will serve as the Wisconsin Liquid Waste Carriers Association (WLWCA), Wisconsin Onsite Water Recycling Association (WOWRA) and Wisconsin Precast Concrete Association (WPCA) political conduit, which allows for you to personally participate in the Wisconsin electoral process. Becoming a conduit participant is a great way for the WLWCA, WOWRA, WPCA and its individual members to strengthen our presence with elected officials who have a direct impact on the septic and concrete industries. Please consider joining the WIEP Conduit today!

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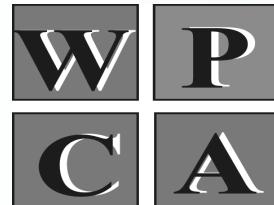
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