

AGC of Minnesota Update to All Members for the Week Ahead (December 26, 2011)

Happy Holidays

As 2011 draws to a close, we wanted to say thank you to all AGC of Minnesota members for your continued leadership and support. We especially want to thank our volunteers, including board and committee members, trustees, and those who invest their valuable time and energy on behalf of the industry. It's been our honor and privilege to represent you at our state legislature, in our state court during the government shutdown, with our partners in organized labor during collective bargaining, and with state agencies, counties and municipalities on a host of issues during the year. We know that 2012 will be another year of challenges and we will be front and center for all of them. We wish you and your family a safe and blessed holiday season, and believe that 2012 will be another opportunity for all of us to Build a Better Minnesota.

Notice to All Members – Amendments to Articles of Incorporation

At the Annual Meeting on January 25, the Board of Directors and general membership will be asked to approve amendments to the association's current Articles of Incorporation. Please see the attached for a summary of the proposed changes and the proposed new Articles.

Holiday Schedule

Christmas Day and New Year's Day are on Sundays. The celebrated days under the AGC labor agreements are Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2. All hours worked on these two days are at double time. Any work performed on December 25 or January 1 will be at the Sunday rate, which is double time as well.

2012 Construction Hiring and Business Outlook Survey – Deadline Extended to 12/31

Thank you to the many members who have already completed AGC of America's and Computer Guidance's 2012 Construction Hiring and Business Outlook survey. If you haven't yet completed the survey, please take a few minutes to do so. Your answers will help AGC of America craft a legislative, policy and education program better tailored to meet the needs of your firms. While survey results will be released, individual responses will be kept confidential. Take the survey at <http://www.mmsend50.com/link.cfm?r=21568342&sid=16944677&m=1688245&u=agca&j=8329374&s=http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AGC2012ConstructionBusinessOutlook>.

State Patrol Enforcement Memo Covering FMCSA Rule Limiting Hand-Held Phone Use By Commercial Vehicle Operators

The Minnesota State Patrol has issued an enforcement advisory memo detailing their handling of the implementation of the new Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration rule banning hand-held cell phone use by commercial vehicle operators. The FMCSA rule goes into effect on January 3. Warnings will be given to drivers found in violation of the rule for 90 days (until April 3). A copy of the State Patrol Enforcement Memo is attached.

MnDOT Spec Book Review Time Extended – Review Workshop Scheduled

The timeline for accepting industry comments to the new MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction has been extended. The original goal was to have all industry comments received by January 6. That date has now been extended to Wednesday, February 1.

A full-day (9:00 am – 4:00 pm) workshop to allow AGC members to provide coordinated and comprehensive feedback has been scheduled for **January 10** at the AGC office; lunch will be provided. RSVP your attendance at this meeting to Tim Worke, tworke@agcmn.org.

Remote online access providing full computer screen document viewing and audio communication will be available for those who cannot attend this meeting in-person. Follow the instructions below to use the computer connection/audio portal to join the meeting:

DIAL: Conference Number: 1-877-885-3221, Participant Code: 2615601

COMPUTER: To join the meeting, click the following link: <http://agcmn.adobeconnect.com/specbook/>

93rd Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars now for the AGC of Minnesota 93rd Annual Meeting, to be held Wednesday, **January 25**, at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest. The opening keynote speaker will be Steve Siemens, CSP, a behavioral speaker and author. Learn more about Steve and his dynamic presentations at www.thepeoplebuilder.com.

How can you support your association's most important event of the year?

- Attend – registration information is attached
- Sponsor – sponsorship information, not just for the Annual Meeting but for all of 2012, is attached
- Donate items to the silent auction – information is attached
- Exhibit – information is attached – **only 2 spaces left**

Winter STP Classes

Supervisory Training Program (STP) classes for January – February will begin the week of **January 9**. Registration information is attached.

OSHA 30-Hour Training

January 9-12, AGC of Minnesota and The Builders Group will hold an OSHA 30-hour construction safety course. See the attached registration form for details or contact Dan Hannan, 651-796-2192 or dhannan@agcmn.org.

AGC Bookstore Monthly Featured Products – Construction State Law Matrix – Save \$100

Through its on-line bookstore, AGC of America offers monthly featured products, available at a discount to AGC members. A link to the bookstore is available through our home page, www.agcmn.org, or at <http://store.agc.org?Affiliateld=AGCO254>.

Available for a reduced price of only \$49 (a savings of \$100), the Construction State Law Matrix is the most comprehensive and concise resource available for locating information on state laws affecting public and private construction projects. Updated annually by AGC and the national law firm of Smith, Currie, and Hancock, LLP, your annual subscription provides access to searchable information and answers for all 50 states, DC, and Puerto Rico. Your purchase provides instant access from a web browser on any computer or mobile device to information that can be easily sorted by state or topic area. Topics covered include requirements for licensing, bidding, contracting, lien, payment, and more than 60 other topics.

This item is available at a \$100 discount through December using coupon code WeeklyFeature.

Projects in the AGC of Minnesota Internet Plan Room (IPR), Powered by iSqFt, on December 22, 2011

Planning: 652, Bidding: 109, New Projects in the last 7 Days: 58, Projects with Plans: 402

Project details, plans, and specs are available at www.isqft.com. Ask for a free trial – **AGC members get a discount!** For a list of 109 bidding projects posted on Dec. 22, use this link: <http://www.agcmn.org/files/This%20Week's%20Bidding%20Projects.pdf> or go to www.agcmn.org.



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