

AGC of Minnesota Update to All Members for the Week Ahead (January 23, 2012)

AGC Response to ASA Legislative Initiative to Amend State Statute on Broad Form Indemnification

A group of 18 industry representatives met at AGC on January 18 to discuss the ASA legislative initiative to change Minnesota Statute 337, which establishes state law for indemnification and related insurance provisions in the construction industry. The issue had been thrust into the industry spotlight by the *ECI v. Bolduc* case, which will be heard by the Minnesota Supreme Court during 2012.

Initially, the AGC Board decided on December 1 to file an *Amicus* brief in the case, but the Board reconsidered its decision in view of the two AGC members on opposing sides in the litigation. The Board's decision to file *Amicus* had been conditioned on taking a neutral position favoring neither party. After additional consideration, the Board decided the best course was not to file the brief.

The 18 representatives meeting on January 18 included Specialty Contractors represented by ASA and AGC, AGC building and highway contractors, lobbyists and executives from both sides, and AGC Executive, Contract Documents, and Legislative Committee leadership. AGC chair Mike Welch and past chair Dave Lenss represented the Executive Committee.

After a discussion of concerns on both sides, AGC proposed to ASA that a joint committee be formed to address the issue from the perspective of all stakeholders, including owners and insurance companies. Part of the proposal is an AGC commitment to fully explore all aspects of the issue in view of the changing nature of the industry landscape, including the economy, owner demands, loss prevention strategies by all stakeholders, and market trends influencing all factors. AGC realizes the urgent nature of ASA's initiative and is ready to begin work immediately on joint meetings.

ASA will be considering AGC's proposal and will respond if it is willing to accept AGC's offer.

AGC looks forward to this joint committee as an opportunity to work together with all industry stakeholders to improve conditions for all contractors and their clients.

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.

93rd Annual Meeting – Last Chance to Register

The AGC of Minnesota 93rd Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, **January 25**, at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest.

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

How Can You Streamline Your Entire Preconstruction Process?

Over lunch on Thursday, **January 26**, find out what's new with iSqFt and how it can make your life easier. There is no charge for the session, but please register in advance. Registration/information is attached.

Are You Up for Some Friendly Competition?

The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) 5th annual Bowling Tourney is Tuesday, **January 31**, at Tuttle's in Hopkins. There will be prizes for top team and individuals, door prizes, food, and great networking. \$30 covers everything except beverages. If you are looking for some friendly competition, join us! No full teams accepted, all attendees will be mixed between bowling teams – a great way to meet new people. Registration and sponsorship forms are attached. Sponsor companies will have their names on the bowling shirts. Contact Jane Sanem (jsanem@agcmn.org or 651-796-2187) for details.

AA/EEO Training – Staying Compliant

Affirmative Action and Equal Economic Opportunity have become very important issues, especially in the construction industry. AGC of Minnesota, in partnership with other industry organizations, will offer a helpful and informative seminar on Wednesday, **February 1**, from 7:30 am to 10:00 am at the Radisson Hotel Roseville. Registration information is attached.

BIM Training in Duluth

Building Information Modeling (BIM) is changing the way projects are constructed. AGC of America has created the BIM Education Program, a four-part series designed to prepare general and specialty contractors to confidently implement BIM on projects. Completion of all four parts and successfully passing an assessment exam will result in a Certificate of Management – Building Information Modeling (CM-BIM). On **February 13**, we will offer part one of the series: BIM 101 – An Introduction to Building Information Modeling. Take just this introductory course to learn the essential concepts of BIM or plan to take the entire certificate program. Information about the complete CM-BIM program and a registration form for BIM 101 are attached. We have applied for CEU accreditation for this session from the USGBC and AIA.

BIM Units 2 - 4

We will be offering the remaining three units in the BIM Certificate of Management program at the AGC office on the following dates:

- February 28 and 29** – Technology (Unit 2)
- March 13** – Process, Adoption and Integration (Unit 4)
- March 27** – Contract Negotiation and Risk Allocation (Unit 3)

While all four units are required to sit for the certification exam, it is possible to take single units based on an individual's scope of responsibilities. Registration information is attached.

STP Coming to Duluth

Unit 1 (Leadership and Motivation) of the Supervisory Training Program (STP) will be offered in Duluth in a two-day format. Day one will be **February 13** at the Holiday Inn and day two will be **February 23** at the DECC, as part of the Professional Development

Conference. Hours both days are 7:30 – 5:00 and attendance at both days is required to receive credit for the class. Registration information is attached. Because attendees will need to do some reading in preparation for the February 13 class, **registrations must be received no later than January 30**.

Duluth Professional Development Conference

On **February 23**, we will hold the 1st annual Duluth Professional Development Conference. This event is a restructuring of the former Duluth Safety Day. While there are still some safety-related topics, there is also an emphasis on professional development skills. Registration information is attached.

AGC Membership Benefit #27

Bertelson Total Office Solutions (www.bertelsontos.com) is offering AGC members a 25% discount off list price. From paperclips to office furniture, Bertelson's carries it all! They are local and can be contacted for deep discounts on volume. Register through Jane Sanem (jsanem@agcmn.org). Bertelson's will then contact you. Please email: Company Name, Contact, Billing Address, and Email. Questions or if you want to see our other discount programs, contact Jane.

Prevailing Wage Trainings

Mn/DOT is holding contractor Prevailing Wage Trainings around the state in February and March. Information about the sessions, including dates, locations, and how to register is available at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/const/labor/index.html>.

Introduction to Construction Documents

On **January 26**, the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) will hold a one-day seminar for those who want to increase their knowledge of construction industry practices, especially in regard to construction documents and project delivery. Information is attached.

TERRA Pavement Conference

The Transportation Engineering and Road Research Alliance (TERRA) will hold its 16th annual Pavement Conference on **February 9**, at the Continuing Education and Conference Center on the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus. Information is available at <http://www.terreroadalliance.org/events/pavementconf/2012/index.html>.

Intelligent Compaction Workshop

The Federal Highway Administration is hosting an Intelligent Compaction National Workshop at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Bloomington on **May 3**. Registration for this workshop is free; however, only 75 seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The direct link to the brochure and online registration is: <http://www.intelligentcompaction.com/index.php?q=node/264>.

AGC Bookstore Monthly Featured Products – Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

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?AffiliateId=AGCO254>.

All contractors are required to know and meet specifications issued by the Federal Highway Administration. Order this manual to ensure that your team is prepared and compliant. From regulatory signs to pedestrian and worker safety, this manual is comprehensive and easy to navigate.

This item is available at a 25% discount through January using coupon code WeeklyFeature.

Projects in the AGC of Minnesota Internet Plan Room (IPR), Powered by iSqFt, on January 20, 2012

Planning: 664, Bidding: 189, New Projects in the last 7 Days: 70, Projects with Plans: 389

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 189 bidding projects posted on January 20, use this link: <http://www.agcmn.org/files/This%20Week's%20Bidding%20Projects.pdf> or go to www.agcmn.org.



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