



November 2010 National FCA Update

From the Office of National FCA CEO Anthony (Tony) Darkangelo

Executive Office

- With the help of LMCI Liaison Dave Ottesen (Retired), National FCA met with the glazing contractors in Seattle, WA. The contractors understood the need for coming together as they had been doing it on a local level. National FCA was able to provide information of which the contractors were unaware, on the value of the National Association. With our focus to Educate, Advocate and Legislate to increase market share, contractors are seeing the value of the National FCA as a continuation of their business and local association.
- The National FCA Drywall Committee teamed up with the AWCI UCC (Union Contractors Committee) Drywall Craft Committee to combine its efforts. This merger of the drywall committees will allow for greater impact on our industry. The vision of Tim Wies, Steve Sharpe, Steve Etkin and other members of these committees to make this a reality is the leadership necessary for our industry advancement.
- With the help of IUPAT Vice President Ray Price, National FCA was able to assist in the resolution of a National Labor Relations Board charge against a contractor in the central region. Both labor and management discussed the issue, which led to labor leading the way in this resolution and in efforts to work together for a common goal.
- National FCA teamed up with the LMCI to present to the contractor and labor leaders of the Finishing Contractors Association of Illinois and DC 30 about the value of working together to move our industry forward. LMCI Industry Liaison Dave Stvartak discussed how the LMCI can work with both management and labor to provide programs and services that have a common interest. The presentation prompted active conversation on our industry issues.
- With the help of the office of General President James Williams, the National FCA contact database has now been uploaded with all 7,000 plus signatory contractors in the United States and Canada. Among many activities, this will allow us to communicate with all of the members that contribute to the FCIF through the collective bargaining contribution that may not be aware of the National FCA impact on the industry.
- National FCA staff completed a budget proposal that was reviewed by the Finance Committee and approved at the December 3, 2010, Board of Directors Meeting. This budget reflects a confidence in increased participation by potential affiliates, with expenses being focused on our mission to Educate, Advocate, and Legislate, to increase market share working with our industry partners. This budget includes the addition of a Western Regional Vice President and investment into legislation and education directed to increase market share.

Vice President Activities

- **Interior Finish Contractors Association (IFCA)** – National FCA attended the Interior Finish Contractors Association's Finish First Awards Dinner at the Curtis Center in Philadelphia, PA. The awards dinner was a great success. All parts of the industry including member contractors, their labor partners and vendor/ industry partners came together for a night of food, fun, friendship, entertainment and awards, recognizing outstanding work in the areas of millwork, drywall finishing, acoustical ceilings, EIFS, ornamental plastering, and projects \$100,000 or less, as well as recognition of the 2010 Member of Distinction. Congratulations to IFCA's Officers, Board of Directors, and Executive Director Kim Clerkin, on an outstanding event, celebrating excellence in the interior finishing industry.
- **The Association of Wall-Ceiling and Carpentry Industries of New York (WCC-NY)** – National FCA met with new interim Executive Director John DeLollis and Chairman Brian Gordon to discuss areas where National FCA can offer support and add value for their contractor members.
- **New Jersey Glass and Metal Contractors Association** – National FCA attended the November 23, 2010, membership meeting and provided a short presentation on the CREST Safety Awards. CREST, Contractors Recognizing Excellence in Safety Training, was developed to honor companies that lead effective safety programs. National FCA was honored to be in attendance on this evening, as the final agenda item was to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the New Jersey Glass and Metal Contractors Association; all past

directors were invited to the meeting to receive a plaque recognizing their contributions to the formation and mission of the association. Pictured from left to right:

- Bernie Gingras, Executive Director; Frank Miller III accepting for his dad, the late Frank Miller, Jr. (18 Glass); Vince Fiorito (Smith Glass); Charlie Komorowski, Jr. (Union County Plate Glass); Al Turchin (Bumpers Glass-retired); Don Van Biert accepting for his dad Gene Van Biert (County Glass & Metal); Al McLeod Jr. (City Newark Glass); Kevin Schloerb, Association President (County Glass & Metal). Not present, David Perlstein (Kosson Glass).



Products and Services

- **Industry Calendar** – Visit National FCA online to check out our two-year Industry Calendar that includes National FCA events such as Board and Committee meetings, annual events, and industry events. You can sort the events by specific needs.
- **CEO Corner** – Visit National FCA’s CEO Corner on our website. Postings include anything from current negotiation results, leadership thoughts, to current CEO activities.
- **Labor Productivity Survey** – Visit National FCA online to download and complete three surveys.

Government Relations

- **Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB)** – National FCA met with our coalition partners, Campaign for Quality Construction (CQC), on November 2nd to review the meeting with FASB on October 29th, and again on November 18th to review the results of the November 10th FASB Board meeting. FASB had postponed both the Topic 450 and Topic 715-80. The Exposure Draft, *Contingencies (Topic 450): Disclosure of Certain Loss Contingencies*, had proposed that public entities would begin providing enhanced disclosures in financial statements for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2010, was postponed just prior to our October meeting. The Exposure Draft, *Compensation—Retirement Benefits—Multiemployer Plans (Subtopic 715-80): Disclosure about an Employer’s Participation in a Multiemployer Plan*, had proposed that public entities would begin providing enhanced disclosures in financial statements for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2010, with a one-year deferral for nonpublic entities. The FASB Board decided that a final standard will not be effective for the 2010 calendar year-end reporting period. It will decide on an effective date at a future meeting, after it has substantially concluded its redeliberations. Bill Hildebrand of FASB reported at the Finishing Industries Forum that, in his opinion, FASB would make some decisions on both by the second half of 2011.
- **Misclassified Workers** – National FCA continues to support several misclassification bills that have been introduced in the House. The Employee Misclassification Prevention Act (H.R. 5107) and Senate (S. 3254), which would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act and impose new reporting requirements on employers with respect to nonemployees who provide labor services, and would help prevent employee misclassification by requiring employers to keep records on and notify workers of their employment or independent contractor classification



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and their right to challenge that classification. Additionally, Senate bill (S. 2882) would close a tax law safe harbor for employers hiring independent contractors.

- **1099 Additional Information Reporting** – For payments made after December 31, 2011, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), expanded the information reporting requirements contained in IRC § 6041. Under the amended provision, most payments to corporations will no longer be exempt from reporting, and the types of payments that can trigger the reporting requirement will include goods and services. On November 29th, the Senate voted both Johanns (61-35) and Baucus (44-35) amendments down that would have repealed the 1099 reporting requirement in the healthcare law. National FCA continues to support full repeal of this legislation.

Upcoming Events

- **National FCA CBA Conference Call – January 13, 2011, 2 PM Eastern**
- Surfaces – January 25-27, 2011, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV
- **National FCA Trustee Conference Call – January 26, 2011, 2 PM Eastern**
- **National FCA CBA Conference Call – January 27, 2011, 2 PM Eastern**
- GreenCoat SSPC – January 31--February 3, 2011, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV
- **National FCA CBA Conference Call – February 10, 2011, 2 PM Eastern**
- **National FCA CBA Conference Call – February 24, 2011, 2 PM Eastern**
- **National FCA/IUPAT/LMCI Trust and National FCA Board Meeting – March 7-13, 2011, Sunny Isles, FL**
- **National FCA CBA Conference Call – March 24, 2011, 2 PM Eastern**
- Exhibitor – March 28-30, 2011 – Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV
- AWCI Intex Expo – April 6-7, 2011 – Paris Las Vegas Hotel (Paris Ballroom), Las Vegas, NV
- **National FCA CBA Conference Call – April 14, 2011, 2 PM Eastern**
- **National FCA Trustee Conference Call – April 27, 2011, 2 PM Eastern**
- **National FCA CBA Conference Call – April 28, 2011, 2 PM Eastern**
- Quality Construction Alliance: Legislative Conference – May 10-12, 2011, Washington, D.C.
- **National FCA Annual Council – June 14-18, 2011 – Chicago, IL**