



October 2010 National FCA Update

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

Executive Office

- The FTI Trustees met at the national IUPAT training facility in Hanover, MD, earlier this month. Co-Chairman Terry Webb, along with management trustees Allan DeLange, David Johnson, Peter Cafiero, Richard Kraus, and Ian Stone, continued to work with labor trustees and Co-Chairman Kenneth Rigmaiden to raise the bar for our industry training. National FCA will continue to work with our industry partners to provide value to our industry members and communities.
- Long-time trustee Tim Wies recently resigned his position as an FTI management trustee due to time availability and obligations to his additional leadership roles in our industry. National FCA would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Wies for his time and commitment in moving the FTI forward during his tenure. Please take the time to thank Mr. Wies, twies@tjwies.com, for his efforts to further the FTI.
- National FCA provided both in-person participation and financial support to the Deborah Hospital Foundation Annual Fundraiser that honored IUPAT General President James Williams. The Deborah Hospital Foundation focuses exclusively on cardiac, vascular, and lung disease and is committed to provide services to all IUPAT members and their families. Mr. Williams, in typical fashion, was able to set a new fundraising high in excess of \$450,000 for the event.
- With the help of our new local FCA affiliated association, the Associated Wall and Ceiling Contractors of Oregon and Southwest Washington, Inc.'s Executive Director Ed Charles, National FCA organized a meeting with the leadership of the Signatory Floor Covering Contractors, Mt. Hood Glass Management Association, and the Signatory Painting Contractors Organization, Inc., to discuss membership with National FCA. The leadership, with the help of Executive Director Shannon Olson, indicated great interest in partnering with National FCA.
- National FCA Affiliate Executives came together in Seattle, WA, to share products and services from their local areas as well as to discuss industry issues that affect them nationally and locally. Led by Chairman Ray Fujii, the committee met for one and one-half days with the conclusion topped off with dialog from National FCA Vice-Chairman Mike Cassidy and a report from LMCI Industry Liaison Dave Ottesen.
- Mid-month, National FCA participated with our Canadian Leadership at their annual conference. The Ontario Painting Contractors Association (OPCA), under the leadership of National FCA board member and OPCA board member Paul Buzzin, and Executive Director Andrew Sefton, requested that National FCA provide an update to OPCA members on the direction and activities of National FCA. The conference allowed us to build stronger relations with our Canadian contractors and industry partners.
- National FCA legal counsel Bill Ecklund and Steve Burton hosted the National FCA Trustee Conference Call. Multiple trustees and National FCA members joined the call from around the United States and Canada to discuss and exchange information on their trustee issues. The call focused on prohibited transactions, policies and procedures, and handling delinquencies. Visit National FCA online for the schedule of upcoming calls, www.finishingcontractors.org.
- National FCA continues to search for a Western Regional Vice-President. The position will fill the need of servicing our contractor members and cultivating relationships with our industry partners in an effort to increase market share on a more localized level. The interview process started and we expect to have someone in place at the first of the year.

Vice President Activities

- **IUPAT** – National FCA met with Chris Sloan, IUPAT Government Affairs Director, to discuss best practices and legislative issues where a collaborative labor management approach would strengthen our unified position on key legislation and help to secure congressional support.
 - **DC 77** – National FCA met with BM/ST Robert Kinkaid to discuss the contractors' associations in DC 77 and membership with National FCA. Among the topics of discussion was how National FCA supports the local contractor associations through education, advocacy, and legislation.



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- **Florida FCA Contractors Association** – National FCA met with BMST Tim Maitland, Bruce Wohl of Boyd Hart Company, and Robert Erikson of Sun Art Painting, at a contractor meeting on October 20th in Ft. Lauderdale. The contractor group continues to work to add new contractors to their association, and to establish officers, a board of directors and trustees. They will hold a conference call in December to update and educate their contractors on the Association. National FCA will participate in the meeting and provide support.
- **Association of Master Painters and Decorators of New York, Inc.** – National FCA attended the Association of Master Painters and Decorators of New York's 185th Annual Convention. The convention was a great success. It was a perfect mix of speakers, educational programs, networking with fellow contractors and vendors, a wonderful awards dinner along with a little fun and relaxation. Congratulations to Association President Peter Cafiero, Vice President Rad Jelcic, Vice President Faisal Almahdi, Treasurer and Convention Chairman Dino Erbeli, Chairman of the Board Todd Nugent, Executive Director Bruce Ruinsky, and the entire Convention Committee on an outstanding event.

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** – We added a new section to our website homepage called CEO Corner. Postings will include anything from current negotiation results, leadership thoughts, or current CEO activities.
- **Labor Productivity Survey** – Visit National FCA online to download and complete three surveys.

Government Relations

- **Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB)** – At its October 27, 2010 meeting, FASB postponed the loss contingency standard indefinitely. 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. The Campaign for Quality Construction (CQC), a coalition of six national union contractor associations including National FCA, met with FASB on October 29, 2010, to discuss FASB's recent multiemployer defined benefit pension plan disclosure rules - Exposure drafts 450 and 715. Participants included two FASB Board members and two FASB professional staff. The meeting explored many of the issues relating to both ED450 and 715-80. FASB staff proposed a similar delay in Exposure Draft 715-80 at the November 10th Board 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 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 re-deliberations.

Upcoming Events

- LMCI's Finishing Industries Forum – November 30-December 4, 2010, Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV
 - Attorney's Seminar – November 29-30, 2010
 - **National FCA Young Leaders Network Meeting – 2-4 PM, November 30, 2010**
 - **National FCA-IUPAT Joint Industry Committee Meetings – 1-2:15 PM, December 1, 2010**
 - **Glazing**
 - **Tradeshaw**
 - **Floorcovering**
 - **National FCA Business Practices and Safety Advisory Committee Meetings**
 - **2:30-3:30 PM, December 1, 2010**



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- **National Workforce Advisory and Government Relations Committee Meeting**
 - **3:45-4:45 PM, December 1, 2010**
- **National FCA-IUPAT Joint Industry Committee Meetings – 12:45-2 PM, December 2, 2010**
 - **Commercial Painting**
 - **Industrial Painting**
 - **Drywall**
- **National FCA and FCIF Annual Business Meetings – 2:15-3:30 PM, December 2, 2010**
- **National FCA Contractor Summit – 3:45-4:45 PM, December 2, 2010**
- **National FCA Board of Directors Meeting – December 3-4, 2010**
- **Quality Construction Alliance: Legislative Conference – May 10-12, 2011, Washington, D.C.**
- **National FCA Annual Council – June 14-18, 2011 – Chicago, IL**