



August 2010 National FCA Update

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

Executive Office

- National FCA is actively addressing the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) "Loss Contingency Exposure Draft" covering employer reporting of potential loss contingencies regarding its withdrawal from multiemployer plans. Along with the help of our experts, we will prepare comments and may co-endorse comments prepared by the Quality Construction Alliance to FASB. We will continue to coordinate with the other five prominent national construction trade associations (MCAA, NECA, SMACNA, TAUC, ICE-BAC), the IUPAT, and NCCMP (National Coordinating Committee for Multiemployer Plans) to ensure we are consistent in our message opposing this change.
- The CREST Awards Program is complete and will soft launch in November with a full launch of the program January 1, 2011, including presentations and display booths at FIF and at our industry trade shows.
- The OSHA Alliance Subcommittee is in full press under the leadership of Safety Committee Chairman Randy Bender and Subcommittee Chairman Kevin Schloerb. The subcommittee is setting goals and is now working with FTI Director, Dan Penski, in a joint labor-management effort to work together to enhance the safety culture of the Finishing Industry.
- National FCA is a member of the Construction Labor Research Council (CLRC) and has been for some time. CLRC, which focuses its research on the union sector, is the industry's most comprehensive source for construction labor cost and related information that is used to better understand and administer labor and its cost. In my recent visit with CLRC Director Robert Gasperow, he provided information on the services CLRC provides (some included in National FCA membership) to its members, including wage and fringe reports of craft rates by city; summaries of contract language by craft and city; trends and outlook of negotiation results; and local market share by craft employment. Moving forward, all research we receive will be passed on directly to our local Affiliates.
- **The location of the National FCA 2011 Annual Council will be Chicago, IL, and is scheduled for the week of June 14-18.**
- In our efforts to support and develop coalitions throughout the industry, the National FCA teamed up with the contractors in Seattle, WA, to provide support and guidance in their efforts to develop a local coalition. We are working to finalize a step-by-step guide to assist our local Affiliates and members in the creation of coalitions.

Vice President Activities

- **LMCI** – Bob Weaver met with LMCI Industry Liaison John Courtien, regarding various issues in the eastern region. Among the topics discussed were several challenges, priorities, and key areas to focus.
- **FTI** – Bob Weaver attended a meeting with FTI Director Dan Penski, to discuss how the FTI and National FCA could better disseminate information to contractors regarding the training and certification programs available through the local and national training centers. FTI provided an update to the recently submitted 29 CFR core competencies for the apprentice training programs. Further discussion ensued about how to raise the bar on training in an effort to obtain a collaborative level of excellence.
- **IUPAT** – Bob Weaver attended a meeting at DC 21 with BM/ST Harry Williams. They discussed taking a cooperative approach between labor and management and exploring the formation of a Labor Management Coalition in the Greater Philadelphia DC 21 area. It was agreed that labor and management must work together to retain market share and it may require cooperative risk to achieve success.
- **Florida FCA Contractors Association** – Bob Weaver attended a meeting with Nick Manias of CL Coatings, Terri Brown of Boyd Hart Company, John Albert of SDB Engineers & Constructors Inc, Robert Erikson of Sun Art Painting Corp., Larry Muzia of Exceletech Coating and Applications, LLC, DC 78 BM/ST Tim Maitland, and Anton Ruesing, DC 78 FTI Training Director, to discuss forming an association and the LMCI new Association grant. The group agreed that the next step would be to hold a working meeting to establish its officers, board, and trustees. Mr. Brown will be the acting director and key contact for the Association while it is in the early stages



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of forming the Association. National FCA will provide a checklist to Mr. Brown to help with the initial setup, as well as provide information regarding the partnership grant process for new Associations.

- **Delaware Valley Industrial Painters Alliance** – Bob Weaver met with Paul Tsourous to discuss the industrial paint association in the Delaware valley. Mr. Tsourous explained several issues that his contractor group was working through including TWIC cards, LMCI grants, and lead certification requirements in various states. Mr. Tsourous provided a wealth of knowledge on various projects and contractors in the market.

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

- National FCA was busy with its coalition partners on Capitol Hill with visits to Congressional offices in support of the following legislation: Multiemployer Pension Fund Relief legislation, Misclassification as Independent Contractor bills, Building Star legislation, and Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act legislation. National FCA participated in two multiemployer Pension Reform legislation conference calls, two Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act calls that specifically addressed the 1099 informational reporting issues in the healthcare bill, and three misclassification legislation conference calls. Look to the September issue of *Federal Connection* for more details.

Upcoming Events

- **National FCA Affiliate Executives Council Meeting – October 14-16, 2010, Renaissance Seattle Hotel, WA**
- **National FCA Trustee Conference Call – October 27, 2010**
- 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 p.m., November 30, 2010**
 - **National FCA-IUPAT Joint Industry Committee Meetings – 1-2:15 PM, December 1, 2010**
 - Glazing
 - Tradeshow
 - Floorcovering
 - **National FCA Business Practices and Safety Advisory Committee Meetings**
 - 2:30-3:30 PM, December 1, 2010
 - **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 – 2:15-3:15 PM, December 2, 2010**
 - **National FCA Contractor Summit – 3:30-4:30, December 2, 2010**
- **National FCA Annual Council – June 14-18, 2011 – Chicago, IL**
- **Quality Construction Alliance: Legislative Conference – May 10-12, 2011, Washington, D.C.**