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Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

# **MONTHLY UPDATE**

March 2017

## ***Labor News***

### **Business Agent Directory Updated**

In Bulletin 29-17, we distributed to Active Members the updated Directory of New Jersey Building Trades Council and Business Agents, which should be placed in the Labor Information Reference Binder. It contains a listing of International Union Presidents, New Jersey International Union Representatives and New Jersey Trades Councils by County, as well as the Business Agents by Trade. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

## ***ACCNJ News***

### ***March Membership Meeting - Postponed by Snowstorm, Held on March 28!***

The ACCNJ Membership Meeting, originally scheduled for March 14, was postponed due to the late-winter snowstorm until March 28 at the Doubletree Hotel, Tinton Falls-Eatontown. Nearly 130 members and guests were pleased to welcome Jeff Shoaf, Senior Executive Director, Government Affairs at AGC of America as the evening's featured speaker.

Mr. Shoaf has lobbied for our parent organization for more than 20 years. He began by telling us of the AGC Regulatory Council's 51-page

document that covers all the federal regulations impacting construction, appropriate sections of which have been distributed to each Cabinet member. AGC advocates eliminating the most burdensome regulations through Trump administration or Congressional actions, and Jeff encouraged members to report to ACCNJ the regulations they wish to see rolled back.

With his deep insider knowledge of the Hill, Jeff described the polarization of Republicans and Democrats, and of factions within the parties, noting “infrastructure spending was not a Republican issue until Trump made it one” and reporting that neither party nor the US DOT under Secretary Chao were working on solving the funding dilemma.

Look for the Spring 2017 issue of *New Jersey Construction* magazine for more details about Jeff’s presentation.

### **ACCNJ 2017 Scholarship Foundation Program Underway - *Deadline April 14!***

In Bulletin 28-17, we sent Active Members information, applications and all supporting documents for the 2017 ACCNJ Scholarship Foundation Program. The program assists employees of ACCNJ Active Member firms with their children’s and grandchildren’s higher education needs. ***Completed applications must be received by April 14, 2017.*** Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Coffee Talk on I-9 and E-Verify - *April 13***

ACCNJ will host a Coffee Talk on April 13, 8:30-11 am, at the Association office, featuring Harry W. Nash Jr., Management Program Analyst with USCIS Department of Homeland Security, as he updates members on the new I-9 Form and the latest E-Verify program highlights. Even the most seasoned business professionals will walk away with something new. Attendees will receive a review of recent changes and new resources available to assist with the employment eligibility verification process. The program is free-of-charge but attendees must register. Access the flyer under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **ACCNJ Annual Golf Outing - *June 19 - Register NOW!***

On the first day of Spring, we were pleased to distribute information and registration for our Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner, June 19, 2017, at Trump National in Colts Neck. We encourage members to register without delay, as the event always sells out quickly. Access the flyer under March Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **ACCNJ Members Earn NJ Concrete Awards**

Five ACCNJ members have been chosen to receive 54th Annual New Jersey Concrete Awards, sponsored by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Concrete Institute and the New Jersey Concrete & Aggregate Association. The Award Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017, at The Heldrich in New Brunswick. For dinner reservations, visit:

Member projects will be featured - with photos - in the Fall 2017 issue of *New Jersey Construction* magazine, but we proudly present the list here:

**Turner Construction Co. & State Line Construction Co., Inc.**  
Green Apple Award  
NRG - Carnegie Center West Building 804, West Windsor

**Tishman Construction Corp. of NJ**  
High Rise - Residential  
Hudson Lights, Fort Lee

**Turner Construction Co.**  
Innovative  
Rockefeller University, New York NY

**State Line Construction Co.**  
Parking Garage  
Jersey Shore University Medical Center- Hope Tower Parking Garage, Neptune

**Wm. Blanchard Co. & State Line Construction Co.**  
Healthcare  
Saint Barnabas Medical Center - WestWing Expansion, Livingston

**Torcon Construction Co. & State Line Construction Co.**  
Office Building  
Bristol-Myers Squibb - Princeton Pike, Lawrence Township

#### **Member Certifications - *REMINDER***

In Bulletin 21-17, we sent out a request for certification information so that we may update our database of member certifications as specified by federal, state and local contracting authorities. We encourage members to contribute, as it can be a valuable member resource and helpful tool for others who inquire. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Government Affairs***

### **Governor Delivers FY2018 Budget Address**

In Bulletin 27-17, we reported on Governor Christie's final budget address of his term as chief executive of New Jersey, delivered to a joint session of the NJ Legislature. He proposed a \$35.5 billion budget that accounts for the new revenue from the increase in the gas tax to pay for infrastructure projects, and included a \$400 million supplemental transportation appropriation for this current fiscal

year to jump-start bridge and highway project programs in the state's 21 counties. For more details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **NJ Legislature Approves \$400 Million Supplemental TTF Spending Bill**

In Bulletin 34-17, we announced the NJ Legislature had approved final passage of an ACCNJ-supported bill, S-3076, that provides \$400 million for transportation spending as proposed by Governor Christie in his budget address. Specifically, the bill appropriates \$260 million to the NJ DOT from TTF revenues for repairing roads and bridges, and another \$140 million to NJ Transit for technology improvements and systems safety projects. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org). *Governor Christie signed the bill into law on March 27.*

### **AGC Response to Senate Repeal of "Volks Rule"**

In Bulletin 33-17, we told members of the US Senate's vote to repeal part of OSHA's recordkeeping regulation, an action previously taken by the House. The provision concerns the statute of limitations for citing firms that did not properly record jobsite injuries and illnesses. AGC CEO Steve Sandherr applauded the Senate's move and called on President Trump to quickly sign it into law. For further details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Results of Special School Construction Vote**

In Bulletin 36-17, we sent the results of the special school construction voting on March 28, which had been postponed because of the snowstorm on March 14. Voters approved school construction proposals totaling more than \$111 million in three out of four districts. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## **Safety**

### **April Construction Safety Course Schedule**

With Bulletin 35-17 we distributed the April schedule of construction safety training courses offered by the training centers affiliated with the general construction trades. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **AGC of America Seeks Member Input on Vehicle Crashes at Jobsites - Deadline April 14**

In Bulletin 31A-17, we asked members to help AGC of America in its efforts to quantify and understand the circumstances behind vehicle crashes at jobsites. *By April 14, AGC would like members to complete a*

*brief survey*, which will be used to educate the media and driving public about the need to slow down, drive with care and stay away from mobile devices while operating in highway work zones. For the link to the online survey, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **ACCNJ 2017 Safety Day - April 19**

In Bulletin 17-17, we officially announced the ACCNJ 2017 Safety Day, Wednesday, April 19. For the past few years, the Association has sponsored successful Safety Day events around the state to draw attention in a collective way to members' year-round safety efforts. Again in 2017, participating members will place a special, coordinated emphasis on safety in a variety of ways. To let us know of your participation and take advantage of suggestions for activities, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **OSHA Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction - May 8-12**

In Bulletin 26-17, we shared information on the National Construction Fall Safety Stand-Down, sponsored by OSHA and other federal agencies. Jointly they have designated May 8-12 as a week to engage in activities that promote awareness among employers and workers about fall hazards, still the number one cause of fatalities in construction. Contractors are asked to stop work at jobsites at prescribed times and conduct topic talks, demonstrations and training. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **ACCNJ Hosts OSHA 30-Hour - May 22-25**

As we announced in Bulletin 25-17, ACCNJ will host an OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Course May 22-25, 2017, at the Association office in Edison. *Members who hired summer interns through the CIAP Scholarship Program may register those interns free-of-charge.* Access the registration form with the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Education & Workforce Development***

### **Tuition Reimbursement Program - REMINDER**

As we announced to Active Members in Bulletin 15-17, ACCNJ's Industry Advancement Trust has approved a Tuition Reimbursement Program for eligible, full-time employees of ACCNJ member firms that contribute to the IAT. For complete information, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Construction Industry Career Day 2017 - UPDATE**

We look forward to welcoming back Construction Industry Career Day,

May 30 & 31 at the NJ Convention & Expo Center in Edison. We take this opportunity to recognize the Event Sponsors: ACCNJ; Carpenter Contractor Trust: The Construction Network; DISCA; Engineers Labor-Employer Cooperative (ELEC); Ironworkers, Local Nos. 11 & 399; Laborers International of North America; Mechanical Contracting Industry Council of NJ; and NNJ Chapter, NECA. CICD Day Sponsors include: ADSC Northeast Chapter; Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Administrative District Council of New Jersey; Construction Roundtable of New Jersey; and UTCA of New Jersey. Visit the website at [www.CICDNJ.org](http://www.CICDNJ.org) to learn more about the event.

### **CIAP Summer Internship Program**

Spring has sprung - and we look forward to our Active Members finding the need for Summer Interns! As a reminder, we sent the CIAP Summer Internship Program guidelines to all Active Members on March 24, and can forward the resumes of students still available. Access Bulletin 13-17 in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org) for more information on the program and contact the Association at 732.225.2265 to request resumes.

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## ***Industry News & Events***

### **ACCNJ CEO Contributes Blog on Prevailing Wage**

In March, ACCNJ CEO Jack Kocsis, Jr. authored a blog posted on the Carpenter Contractor Trust website entitled "Prevailing Wage Laws Work - When They're Enforced." To access the blog, visit [www.cctnynj.org/newsportal/templates/?a=278&z=6](http://www.cctnynj.org/newsportal/templates/?a=278&z=6).

### **Sisters in the Brotherhood Open House - May 3 - *SAVE THE DATE***

Sisters in the Brotherhood, a five-year pilot program through the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters, will once again open its doors to the community, faith-based organizations, and state and county representatives. All contractors signatory to the NRCC are invited. The Open House is scheduled for May 3, 2017, at 10:30 am at the Carpenters Training Center in Kenilworth. Note the date in your calendar and look for more information in the coming weeks!

### **Updated AIA Documents Review - May 9 - *SAVE THE DATE***

ACCNJ Associate Member Peckar & Abramson invites members to an in-depth review of the new AIA contract documents, due to be released at the end of April. The changes to the latest documents include:

- Notice Requirements
- Digital Data and BIM
- Evidence of Owner's Financial Arrangements

- Means and Methods, if specified
- Schedules
- Design
- Communications
- Separate Contractors
- Minor Changes in the Work
- Liens
- Hazardous Materials
- Insurance
- Termination for Convenience
- Claims and Disputes

While Peckar & Abramson is offering these review conferences across the country, May 9 is the date for conferences in New York and River Edge. *Save the date and look for more information in the near future.*

### **AGC of America Revises Password Policy**

In Bulletin 30-17, we told members of the new log-in and password policies announced by AGC of America that went into effect March 22. As part of its ongoing efforts to implement best practices for data management and security, the AGC staff and chapters will not be able to access any individual password. There is also new protocol for usernames. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **AGC of America Launches New Advocacy Site**

As we posted in Hot Topics last month, AGC of America has launched an advocacy site to easily find and communicate with state and federal officials, take action on legislative and regulatory alerts, and find out information on a variety of topics. Visit <http://advocacy.agc.org/>

## ***Communications***

### **ACCNJ 2016 Annual Report Distributed**

With Bulletin 31-17, we mailed each member a copy of the ACCNJ 2016 Annual Report, which captures the activity and achievements of our organization. As we said in the bulletin, we couldn't accomplish what we do without the tremendous support of our members. We invite you to access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org) and see the Annual Report online at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org) under Communications & Publications.

## ***Hot Topics Recap***

In March, we posted these Hot Topics at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org):

- **Repeal of Federal Blacklisting Rule Signed Into Law**
  - **State Construction Jobs Up in 43 States in February Year-Over-Year**
  - **Jersey City Approves Land Transfer for Liberty Science Center Expansion**
  - **\$13 Million Development Approved for Vineland**
  - **Gateway ROI Could Be 4-to-1**
  - **Last of “Building Our Future” Bond Act Monies Appropriated**
  - **\$135 Million Investment Planned for Former Atlantic Club Casino**
  - **Metro Areas Show “Mixed Pattern” of Construction Employment in January**
  - **AC’s CRDA Amends Master Plan to Spur Economic Development**
  - **State-by-State, Construction Employment is Up for the Month and Year**
  - **Congressional Review Act Repeals “Blacklisting” Rule**
  - **Hard Rock Buys AC’s Taj Mahal**
  - **AGC of America Launches New Advocacy Site**
  - **Pinelands Commission Approves Penn East Pipeline**
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