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MORE CONTRIBUTORS KICK-IN TO SUPPORT OCC

A host of organizations has joined the ever-growing ranks of the Ohio Construction Coalition in the past month, showing they support the OCC and are eager to participate in and take advantage of OCC efforts. Recent new contributors, who will be listed on the OCC Web site, are: **Cleveland Labor Management Cooperation Committee; Ohio & Vicinity Regional Council of Carpenters; I.B.E.W. Local 32 (Lima); Roofers Local 44 (Cleveland); Bricklayers & Tile Layers Local 8 (Youngstown); Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 43 (Warren); and Operating Engineers Local 66 (Youngstown).**

Meanwhile, during the June 21 meeting of the new OCC Board, Ohio State Building and Construction Trades Council Business Manager Gary Dwyer (shown below handing OCC Co-Chair Bill Brennan a check) and President Mike Thomas (to Mr. Brennan’s right) presented a \$10,000 check to the OCC. Mr. Dwyer said during the meeting, “This money is from all the trades. ... This is the first of many checks.”



OCC INVESTIGATION FOCUSES ON SCHOOL MASONRY WORK

OCC associates Al Adams and Calvin Jefferson addressed the annual meeting of the Ohio Administrative District Council of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers (BAC) on June 20 in Columbus to give an update on their effort to investigate and uncover poor state school construction work and ask meeting attendees for their assistance. Al called on the state’s bricklayers to submit to the OCC any and all information and documentation they have on the myriad of poor masonry work being performed on Ohio School Facilities Commission projects all over the state.

Response from the masonry leaders in attendance was very encouraging, Al reported.

Al and Calvin will gather all of the information submitted, collate it and distribute it to school officials, politicians and news media all over the state. In doing so, the OCC hopes to show the public and decision-makers that the hiring of unqualified masonry contractors for OSFC projects has become a widespread epidemic that is injuring the state’s school construction program, costing tax-payers money and resulting in the construction of unsafe schools.

To **report any school construction problems and successes** in your area, contact Calvin Jefferson at info@ohioconstructioncoalition.org or 1-888-445-8255.

‘NEW’ OCC PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE TO BE WELL-RECEIVED

OCC representatives reported that attendance was very strong and feedback very positive at two recent presentations on the formation of the “new” OCC in Portsmouth (hosted by the Tri-State Building and Construction Trades Council) on May 31 and Marietta (hosted by the Marietta BCTC) on June 8. Upcoming presentations will be held in **Sandusky (hosted by the North Central Ohio BCTC) on June 28** and **Columbus (hosted by the Columbus BCTC) on June 29**.

Presentations consist of a brief but very informative PowerPoint show, followed by a comment and question/answer session led by OCC labor and management representatives.

To schedule a presentation or to receive an invitation for a planned presentation on the formation of a “stronger, more inclusive and improved” OCC for your industry group, organization or association, please contact Bob Verhoff, executive director of Union Construction Industry Partnership and “new” OCC Board facilitator, at 440-366-4003.

The OCC asks that all those interested in the welfare of the state’s construction industry contact their local senators and representatives to make sure they have received and reviewed the OCC’s Prevailing Wage booklet! For copies of the booklet and more information, contact Calvin Jefferson at info@ohioconstructioncoalition.org or 1-888-445-8255. (An electronic version is available on the OCC Web site, www.ohioconstructioncoalition.org, that can be printed whenever needed.)