



## Ohio Construction Coalition “News Blast”

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### **‘NEW’ OCC BOARD PREPARING TO TAKE THE REIGNS**

The OCC’s Transitional Board, established over a year ago to direct the formation of a “new” and more inclusive OCC, announced during its July 24th meeting that it plans to transfer control of the OCC from the “old” OCC board to the new board when the “new” OCC meets on Sept. 25. During that meeting, the OCC will adopt a new Code of Regulations and finalize an annual budget.

The original OCC board has continued to meet and run OCC operations and programs while the transitional board set up the “new” OCC. When the transfer takes place, a regular meeting schedule will be created – and meetings will be open to all to attend.

The “new” **OCC Board of Directors**, with labor members selected by Ohio State Building and Construction Trades Council President Mike Thomas, includes: Joe Zimmer, Greater Cincinnati Building and Construction Trades Council; Bob Fozio, Northern Ohio Administrative District Council of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers; Chuck Graft, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 4th District; Reggie Hohenberger, Sheet Metal Workers Local 33; Chuck Morton, Dayton Building and Construction Trades Council; Dan Owens, Cement Masons Local 404; Jim Rarey, Columbus Building and Construction Trades Council; Neil Rouse, Elevator Constructors Local 37; and Loree Soggs, Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council. Management Board members who have volunteered to serve are: Bill Brennan, Associated General Contractors (AGC) – Toledo; Valerie Dahlberg, Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors’ National Association (SMACNA) – Dayton; Brian Damant, National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA); Randy Fox, AGC – Dayton; Dan Neal, Western Ohio NECA; Kevin Reilly, The Builders Association of Eastern Ohio; Jim Shoaff, SMACNA – Cleveland; and Bob Tiemann SMACNA – Cincinnati.

### **OCC CONTINUES TO LOOK AT SCHOOLS’ BAD BRICK WORK**

Officials for **Frontier Local Schools** in New Matamoras apparently are so displeased with the recent construction of the district’s new high school and two elementary schools they have let OCC investigator Al Adams know that the district is considering taking legal action against the Ohio School Facilities Commission contractors – but the district can not financially afford to do so. The OCC is researching ways in which it can assist the district with any litigation.

The OSFC recently released to the OCC a report on the masonry work at Frontier – a report compiled by a firm, Rohrer Associates, that is one of the OSFC’s “commissioning” firms (contracted by the OSFC to inspect OSFC work). The OSFC had previously shunned an offer by the International Masonry Institute to do a report.

Among the report’s findings are missing anchors, missing flashing and excessive mortar splatter. However, the OCC has learned that the school district is apparently unsatisfied with the report and its obvious lack of thoroughness and condemnation.

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

### **PRESENTATIONS FOCUS TO TURN TO INDIVIDUAL CONTACT**

Following two very well-attended informational presentations on the formation of the “new” OCC, one in Sandusky (hosted by the North Central Ohio BCTC) on June 28 and the other in Columbus (hosted by the Columbus BCTC) on June 29, OCC representatives have another group presentation planned for Toledo on Sept. 26.

After that meeting, as presentations begin to wind down with only a few areas left in the state to possibly visit, the OCC will begin targeting individual organizations to get them to become part of the OCC.

“We’re going to move into our second phase of capacity building,” Bob Verhoff, OCC’s transition facilitator, explains. “Our action plan is going to switch gears from group presentations to one-on-one meetings to ask folks to join and support the OCC.”

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.

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**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](mailto:info@ohioconstructioncoalition.org) or 1-888-445-8255. (An electronic version is available on the OCC Web site, [www.ohioconstructioncoalition.org](http://www.ohioconstructioncoalition.org), that can be printed whenever needed.)

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