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Legislative Update:

The West TN Branch of the AGC has recently learned of two (2) pending items in the City of Memphis that may have an impact on our industry and our members. Apparently, the City of Memphis commissioned a new Disparity Study in 2007, which was delivered to the City in March 2010. The study was performed by Griffin & Strong, PC which specializes in performing such studies. This is a 275 page report on minority contracting within the City of Memphis MSA. Along with several other construction trade organizations we are following developments of the study as it moves to the Memphis City Council. Also, there is a new Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program presently being considered by the City of Memphis for implementation. This program has as its primary goal of awarding 25% of city contracting and purchase order dollars to locally owned small businesses. Principal qualifications to obtain SBE status are:

- 1 Principal office must be located within the city of Memphis,
- 2 Must be owned by resident of Shelby, Tipton, Fayette, Desoto, Marshall, Tunica and Crittenden counties,
- 3 Must have a Shelby County and Tennessee business license'
- 4 Must show proof of Shelby County Personal Property Taxes and all inherent businesses taxes appropriately paid and
- 5 Size threshold will be designated by SBA standards.

The first reading of these items was held by the Memphis City Council on June 22, 2010. We will continue to follow the developments and keep our members advised.

New Member Focus:

Please welcome these new members to AGC. They have attended some of the events this year and we hope to see more of them.

General Contractors:

White Construction & Associates, Inc.,
Mr. Tommy Sander and Mr. Chuck White

Skanska USA, Mr. Mark Kneeshaw

Subcontractors:

Airfield Etc., Inc., Ms. Stephanie Pool

Service/Suppliers:

Lipscomb & Pitts, Insurance, Mr. Larry Bryant

Smith Seckman Reid, Inc., Mr. Alex Ray

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State Board of Directors Meeting May 19

The AGC of Tennessee Chapter Board of Directors meet at least 4 times a year. Branch directors and staff attend this meeting also. A lot is discussed at these meeting that concerns you - AGC members. Below is a short recap of the May meeting in Nashville - your State AGC Office.

David, Dando Chairman of the CompTrust, provided a comprehensive review of several pending matters before the Trust. New guidelines for the Branch Safety Directors was presented. It is imperative that members of the trust continue to embrace site inspections, and maintain their injury logs (be sure they are properly signed). OSHA can now go back five years on an inspection instead of three.

State EVP, Bill Young, provided a legislative update. Worker's Compensation Insurance Reform, principally regarding subcontractor coverage issues, has been pulled and will be re-introduced in 2011. There are some language issues that need to be addressed among several trade organizations of the construction industry. Other pending issues of concern include: Listing of Masonry Contractors on outside of envelopes (opposed), Electronic Bidding (Supports), Small and Diversity Business Contracting Act (opposed as written - want financial responsibility and qualified licensed business language in the bill), Crane Operator Certification (in favor but needs time to understand OSHA regulations already in approval process), Prompt Pay, amending language as it relates to retainage being withheld on contracts and being paid into an escrow account (support), and Commencement of Construction which clarifies the meaning of visible commencement of operations related to a project (support as it clarifies language used to define lien rights).

As you can see your AGC Board of Directors are continually working for you and the industry. Bill Young sends updates via email as they arise.



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Executive Directors Message:

First let me acknowledge the retirement of Mr. Bob Rose, the long-time Executive Director of the West TN Branch of the AGC. Bob was highly regarded by the members of the West TN Branch and the State of Tennessee Branch as well. His tenure as the Executive Director was greatly appreciated. Bob will be greatly missed but it is time for Bob and his family to enjoy his retirement.

As I assume the reigns of the West TN Branch of the AGC, I only hope I will be as effective as Bob was during his tenure.

As the leading organization in the construction industry, we all face many challenges as we look forward to the future and continue to contend with the most difficult environment our industry has faced in many generations. However, as we move through these most difficult times, there will be strength in the voice we bring to our legislative leaders and it is imperative that we let our voice be heard. Now is the time for all of us to focus on the growth of the AGC!!

We are very fortunate to have a very capable and seasoned administrative assistant in Mrs. Diane Laird. Diane understands the West TN Branch of the AGC and AGC overall, as well as anyone and is always available to assist our members in every way possible. Also, with issues dealing with safety in the capable hands of Mr. Nick Nanney, the branch staff is here to support the members. Please call on us when you have a situation arise.

I am excited about working with everyone to see that the West TN Branch of the AGC continues to grow, to be of service to our members and letting our voice be heard.



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AGC soft tissue injury prevention standown for 2010

Associated General Contractors of Tennessee collaborated with The Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA) and several other construction trade associations across the state to participate in the statewide soft tissue injury prevention Safety Stand Down. Participating employers shut down their jobs on Monday morning, June 14, and trained their employees on soft tissue injury prevention for approximately 30 minutes. *Over 16,801 employees with 136 companies on 907 jobsites across Tennessee participated in the Stand Down.*

Sprains, strains and other soft tissue injuries are the leading cause of injuries in our industry. 30% of the construction industry's workers' compensation claims come from soft tissue injuries. Sprains and strains accounted for 39% of total injury and illness cases requiring days away from work in 2008; on average, these types of injuries required 9 days away from work. We generally see a rise in accidents during the summer months of June through August.

AGC offers 10 Hour or 30 Hour OSHA Construction Safety & Health Training Courses, Tennessee Drug Free Workplace Training, or First Aid and CPR Training.

We also have available the Mobil Safety Classroom and an extensive Safety Video Library. The Supervisor TN Drug Free Workplace Training course is an annual requirement for AGC CompTrust members. For information please contact Nick Nanney, AGC West Tennessee Safety Director, 901-481-0126, or email agctnsafetymphs@comcast.net

We've been busy!

April Skeet Shoot

The West TN Branch of the AGC held a skeet shooting event at the Memphis Gun Club in mid April. The event consisted of several rounds of trap shooting by the 35+ people in attendance. While the weather was a bit on the "chilly" side, everyone in attendance had a great time. Hanson Pipe was very generous in supplying the food for the event and music entertainment throughout the day. The response to the event was such that this event will most likely become an annual event and will surely grow in the future.



Memphis in May BBQ & Beer on the River

Yazoo's Delta Q served up BBQ and Beer May 13. The BBQ was great! In fact they won the Grand Championship – whole hog. We had 100 make reservations to attend. Members and friends mingle in and out from about 5pm to 9pm or so..., sat by the river and enjoyed the great atmosphere of Memphis on the river.



AGC West TN 24th Annual Golf Scramble

The West TN Branch of the AGC held our 24th Annual Golf Tournament at Stonebridge Golf Course on June 7th. We had a very good turnout with 85 players and 21 teams. The food was provided by Hooter's Restaurant prior to the playing of the tournament. Beverage carts were provided on the course by Flintco, Memphis Stone & Gravel, Lehman – Roberts Company and Vulcan Materials Company. A complete list of the event sponsors, which we greatly thank and appreciate, is listed below. We had three (3) flights with three (3) winners in each flight. The grand prize winners, with the low score of 58, was the team of Mike McDaniel, Tommy Rowland, Bill Robinson and Chris James. Also, the longest drive winners were Adam Hicks and David Young with closest to the hole winners being Rand Bing and Craig Christenbury. John Browning won the putting contest and was the only player to make the 50+ foot putt!!! This was a great afternoon of fun and friendship and the event was played just prior to the HOT weather arriving in the area. Everyone is looking forward to the 25th Silver Anniversary of the event in 2011, when we will definitely have some special contests and prizes. Again, thanks to everyone for your participation in making this a successful event and to our sponsors without who's support the event would not be possible.



THANK YOU!

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Stallings & Associates CPAs, PLLC

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The Hayden Law Firm PLLC

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Vulcan Materials, Inc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 20

Preview of "Steel Toes & Stilettos" Builder's Ball and "DBE Goals", Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority Office of Contract Compliance - Jim's Place East

August 17

Memphis International Airport Construction Update
Mr. Joe Polk, Manager, Construction Administration
The Butcher Shop - Cordova

September 21

"TDOT", Jim's Place East

October

27th - AGC CompTrust Annual Meeting, Nashville TN

28th - 30th - State AGC Convention, Nashville Renaissance Hotel

30th - Builder's Ball, "Steel Toes & Stilettos", Nashville TN
First statewide joint event with ABC, AIA, CET, TSPE, & Home Builders Association

November 6

AGC Tailgate - U of M vs. UT



December 4

AGC West TN Annual Christmas Party, The Butcher Shop

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