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JOIN THE WEST TENNESSEE BRANCH OF THE AGC AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF AFFILIATION WITH AGC OF AMERICA

Our winner in the name the newsletter contest is Phillip Rodgers with APAC. He receives a complimentary dinner at the next regular membership meeting. Thank you Phillip!
We want to also thank all the other members that submitted names for consideration in the contest.

Legislative Update:

On March 9th several members of the West TN Branch of the AGC and staff members attended the 2011 Day on the Hill, in Nashville. The previous day and evening was spent reviewing the 11 or so bills that the State of Tennessee Chapter decided would be the focus of our attention during the Day on the Hill. The State AGC reviewed more than 2200 bills and found 65 they felt were of some interest to the construction industry. Those who attended the Day on the Hill presented the most important bills to the legislature's indicating the position of the State of Tennessee AGC. It appears those bill we supported have been or will be approved and those we opposed will be defeated. AGC West TN Branch representatives visited with ten (10) representatives and senators during the visit. This is a very important activity each year and everyone should try to attend the Day on the Hill. Making our VOICE heard is one of the most important actions we take on behalf of the members of the State of Tennessee AGC and related branches. You should be aware that bills are introduced every year that affect the construction industry.

New Member Focus:

We have received applications for one new Subcontractor member- Northwest Contracting Services Inc., Mr. Tony Federico, and one new Service/Supplier member – Memphis Ready Mix, Mr. Jimmy Skaggs. The Board voted for acceptance of one (1) new Service/Supplier member, CAT Financial Services Corp., the industrial finance division of Caterpillar. Their area representative is Mr. Larry Elder who resides in Little Rock, AR. Please introduce yourself to Larry, Tony and Jimmy at upcoming events. The new members were sponsored by Craig Christenbury of Chris-Hill Construction Company, Roy Rothenberger of Fullen Dock and Warehouse, and Terry Lotz of AGC West TN. If you have a new member prospect, please let us know.

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State Board Meeting:

The quarterly State of Tennessee AGC Board meeting was held on March 8, 2011, prior to the Day on the Hill. The majority of the meeting focused on the bills presented for consideration during this session of the State of Tennessee legislature. It was noted during the meeting that the Tennessee Insurance and Finance commission has required the AGC Comp Trust to increase their reserves by \$ 1.2 million! Also, the early registration activity for the State Convention in Destin, FL in October is very positive with 45 of the 70 reserved rooms already taken.

The contracts have been signed and the closing is scheduled for the new building to house the AGC and Comp Trust in Nashville. It is anticipated construction to retro fit the building and make internal changes should be completed by the fall and occupancy may take place in October, 2011. There will be space provided in the new building to accommodate any of the branch members that find a reason to be in Nashville and need an office to conduct their business (at no charge).

Executive Directors Message:

I had the opportunity to participate in the Day on the Hill event, along with representatives from all the Branches of the State of Tennessee Chapter and the East Tennessee Chapter. In the process I learned how important it is to participate in such a worthy event. As noted above, with over 2200 bills presented, the Chapters in Tennessee of the AGC ultimately reduced this number to 15-18 bills we felt were really worthy of our attention and presentation. Without us fostering support and communication of our position on these initiatives, I found many of the senator's and representatives may have not understood the importance or the impact their vote may have had on our industry. I make this observation as a way to encourage each member to become more active in their approach to the political arena at the state level, as well as the local and national levels. It is the role of the AGC Branch to endeavor to keep you informed but you must add your voice so our industry is heard at all levels of the legislative process.

Safety Director's Message:

WORKING AROUND AND NEAR-BUT NOT UNDER-SUSPENDED LOADS
Overhead lifting is the process of lifting which would elevate a freely suspended load to such a position that dropping the load would present the possibility of bodily injury or property damage.

- ✓ All below the hook lifting devices must be designed, marked and tested per ASME B30.20.
- ✓ 29 CFR OSHA 1926.251 and 1926.75 Regulations cover rigging in the Construction Industry.
- ✓ All personnel shall not stand or pass under a suspended load.
- ✓ Sling users shall be trained in the selection, inspection, cautions, effects of environment and rigging practices.
- ✓ Slings shall not be shortened with knots and slings that are found to be damaged or defective shall not be used.
- ✓ The load placed on any piece of rigging gear must not exceed the rated load.
- ✓ The eyes of wire rope slings must not be formed with wire rope clips.
- ✓ For load control, the Center of Gravity should be directly below the lifting load hook.
- ✓ The most basic hitch (and which provides poor load control) is the single leg /vertical hitch. A double wrap choker or basket has excellent grip on a load since the contact is greater than 360 degrees.
- ✓ A horizontal sling angle of 90 degrees is best, a horizontal sling angle of 60 degrees is good, and a horizontal sling angle of 45 degrees is allowed except when placing slings directly into a hook (use a shackle or master link) and a horizontal sling angle of 30 degrees is not allowed so Re-rig to larger sling angle.

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- ✓ Deformation of hooks is measured by checking the hook throat opening.
- ✓ Never place a screw pin shackle where the pin can be rotated while in use to make a lift. Screw pin shackles must have their screw pin tightened prior to each lift. If a screw pin shackle is used to suspend a load for a long period of time, it must be "moused". Never substitute shackle pins.
- ✓ Initial inspection is required before first use, frequent inspection is required each day the hardware is used and documented periodic inspection is required at least annually.
- ✓ New Crane Regulation: All wire rope slings, synthetic web slings and alloy chain slings shall be identified by the manufacturer, rated load, etc.
- ✓ A visual inspection for wear, damage or cracks of the body of a lifting clamp must be conducted by the operator before each use. The top of the lifting clamp jaw opening must be placed to rest on the material.
- ✓ The use of a crane to hoist employees on a personnel platform is prohibited except when other means are more hazardous or not possible. Employees must have overhead protection from falling objects (reported instance of a broken sheave) and the platform must have permanent marking which states the weight and rated load capacity.

Meeting Re-Caps:

Thus far in 2011 we have had several informative meetings.

In January we had an open forum meeting. This initial meeting of 2011 was well attended and we received some valuable ideas, suggestions from those in attendance. In February we had two (2) guest speakers who covered the topic of LEED (Leadership in Engineering, Environmental Design) and BIM (Building Information Management). These two initiatives will guide how buildings are built in the future. At the March meeting we had State Executive Vice President Bill Young visit the Branch and provide an overview of the recently concluded Day on the Hill (see additional comments in this newsletter).

The April meeting started the first of three (3) social events planned over the next three (3) months. The second annual Skeet – Trap Shoot was held at the Memphis Sports Shooting Association. The weather was somewhat reminiscent of the first event in 2010, cloudy, brisk and damp. However, that did not deter our shooter's who participated for cash prizes. First place went to Jay Madden (42/50) Madden Powell Insurance Company; second place went to Mike Morganthaler (41/50) APAC and third place went to Richie Davis (38/50) Hanson Pipe Company.

Hanson Pipe Company supplied a wonderful lunch before the event and refreshments following the event, when the weather conditions improved significantly. We look forward to a much improved participation level in 2012!!!! Thanks to all who participated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Memphis in May BBQ, hosted by Yazoo Delta Q, 2010 Grand Prize winner of the MIM BBQ Fest. Thursday evening at the new location for 2011 – Tiger Lane – May 12th.

25th Annual AGC Golf Tournament – June 7th at the Memphis National Golf Club. Tee time will be at 12:30 PM with lunch preceding the event. Get your team registered and sign up as a sponsor for this special event.

If you have a question or comment regarding items or programs you would like the West TN Branch of the AGC to consider, please contact the branch office or one of the members of the Board of Directors. We are here to make your membership in the AGC a valuable and important part of your business!!!!

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