The Ohio Masonry Association hosted its 2016 Annual Meeting March 9-10, 2016. March 9 was a social event starting with go kart racing and ending with a fine dining experience.

Buckeye Raceway was gracious to set aside two hours of track time for our group to practice, qualify and race state of the art go karts. Eager participants and spectators were glued to the monitors to see who was posting the fastest time. Three groups ran a total of 4 sessions, culminating with a final race to get the lowest time.

The two fastest times posted for the night were only 3 hundredths apart. In the final race, Josh Naragon, Executive Director OMA, barely edged out Kevin Koch, Smart Building Supply, for the gold.

After putting up the helmets, and egos, the group arrived at the “Final Cut” steakhouse at Hollywood Casino. Starting off with skillfully prepared appetizers, and a full complement of beverages, everyone enjoyed a home-style service of sides with an excellent entre’ selection. Everyone boasted that the food and company were excellent.

On the morning of March 10, OMA hosted its annual meeting and educational sessions. Attendees were inundated with reports from the NCMA, BIA and MCAA, bringing them up to speed on national programs and efforts.

The Ohio Masonry Association nomination committee presented the Board Slate to the membership and Board for approval. Below are the volunteers that serve your association.

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AIA Accredited Programs

OMA continues to promote masonry systems by providing Lunch and Learns for designers as well as speakers or seminars for special groups. Josh Naragon, Executive Director, is an accredited presenter for both the National Concrete Masonry Association and the Brick Industry Association.

Pictured above is Josh Naragon, OMA Executive Director, providing a Lunch and Learn for an architectural firm in Cincinnati. Josh has been traveling throughout Ohio providing quality AIA Accredited programs to designers and engineers.

Here is a current list of programs available through the OMA as a provider for the NCMA and BIA.

C202Da - Fire Safety
C203Da - Sound Abatement
C204Da - Grouting Concrete Masonry Assemblies
C205Da - Crack Control
C303Da - Thermal Performance Introduction
C104Da - Concrete Masonry Overview
C103Da - Introduction to Concrete Masonry Production
C301Da - Sustainability Introduction

NCMA AND BIA EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

1. Brick Masonry Rainscreen Walls Movement Joints
2. Causes, Prevention and Control of Efflorescence
3. Cavity Wall Design and Construction
4. Boosting Energy Performance in Brick Walls
5. Proper Brick Masonry Detailing
6. Brick Masonry for School Construction
7. Brickwork Aesthetics – Sizes, Shapes and Patterns

Firms scheduled for Lunch and Learns:

RDL Architects
CCH
LWC
Bialosky
Champlin
Then Design
Louis Perry
Herschman Architects
Myers Architect
John Carroll University

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

There are currently two college and university programs that are a yearly event. OMA provides the University of Dayton textbooks and CDs for the structural engineering students. OMA is currently working with other college/universities to include masonry programs in their curriculum.

OMA in a partnership with PELLA and others provide designers an AIA Education Day. Each year, OMA and PELLA provide designers educational opportunities at a venue that is an attraction of its own. Attendees earn AIA CEU’s and get to tour the facility for free. Each program brings in over 100 designers. The next program is Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at the Columbus Zoo. Josh Naragon, OMA Executive Director, will be presenting two AIA Accredited courses.

As a member benefit, you can request a Lunch and Learn for a designer in your area. You provide the lunch and OMA provides the educational session. This is an excellent way to create a relationship with designers.

To schedule a Lunch and Learn for a firm in your area, contact Executive Director, Josh Naragon at the Ohio Masonry Association office.
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Ohio High School Masonry Competition

On Saturday March 12, 2016 the Ohio High School Masonry Competition was hosted at Fort Hayes Career Center in Columbus, Ohio. Junior and Senior students from all over Ohio and a few from Pennsylvania competed in the 11 annual challenge.

Each year a vocational school hosts the event as a precursor to the State VICA competition. Students, instructors and industry volunteers come together to show their support for our future bricklayers.

These programs are in need of industry support. If you live in an area that has a masonry program, school or apprentice lab, take the time to introduce yourself to the instructor and students and volunteer to serve on the advisory committee. They need your help.

Promotional Golf Outing

Networking Opportunity

OMA will be hosting the 2016 Promotional Golf outing in June 2016. The players last year voted to return to Bent Tree Golf Club in Sunbury, Ohio. The outing is a great way to network and enjoy the outdoors. Keep an eye out for a save the date notice and registration.

Non-Dues Programs

Clay Shoot

If you would like OMA to provide a social program designed and specific to your area, call the OMA office at 800-443-6779.
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