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# SPRING EDITION • 2019 EWSLETTER

## **RCA Hosts Successful 29th Annual Conference**

#### RCA's 29th Annual Conference was held

March 1-3, at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas. The conference featured a welcome reception on Friday and a day of professional development on Saturday. Two events were hosted at the nearby Cowboys Golf Club: a dinner/ casino night on Saturday, and a spontaneous indoor golf event on Sunday.

Attendees included members, retailers, architects, and sponsor representatives. A welcome addition was a group of superintendents who had attended our Superintendent Training Program workshop that was held two days prior to the conference.

Speaker **Gene Marks** discussed technology trends and their impact on customer service and how we do business. Economist **Anirban Basu** presented a James Bondthemed ("To All the Economists I've Loved Before") economic update, with data on both domestic and international markets. **Sarah Wicker Kimes** discussed the evolving retail and shopping center experience and how companies are adapting to meet changes and (*Continued on page 2*)













RCA's mission is to promote professionalism and integrity in retail construction through industry leadership in education, information exchange, and jobsite safety.

## Retail Contractor

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address customer needs. Ray Catlin, Schimenti Construction Company, moderated a discussion about engaging the workforce and creating a corporate culture where compensation isn't the most important factor in an employee's decision to work for or stay with a company. Panelists Randy Danielson, Tri-North Builders, and Kristen Roodvoets, SmileDirectClub, offered their personal experiences and examples of what is resonating in the retail construction industry today. RCA scholarship recipient Ryan Pullin, a University of Houston graduate now working for Triad Retail Construction, talked about the impact of the RCA's support as he was beginning his career in the industry.

During the business meeting portion of the conference, RCA's new officers and Board members were introduced:

> President: Steve Bachman. Retail Construction Services. Inc. Vice President: Ray Catlin. Schimenti Construction Company Secretary/Treasurer: Eric Handley, William A. Randolph, Inc. Immediate Past President: Rick Winkel, Winkel Construction, Inc.

New Board members are Eric Berg, Gray, Randy Danielson, Tri-North Builders, and Carolyn Shames, Shames Construction; Ray Catlin and Eric Handley began their second terms.

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## **President's Message**

## What has your RCA Board been doing for you?



#### This past October, the Executive Committee of

the Board and some former Presidents met in Washington, DC to re-visit the Purpose, Mission, and Vision of the organization. As part of this work there was an effort to review and validate the relevance of the organization for the membership, recognizing that our businesses must evolve to be successful in the ever-changing retail landscape. With this market evolution the Board subsequently decided to re-shuffle the committee structure to better adjust

to the needs of our membership. We have created the following committees: Membership Experience, which includes Member Benefits, Sponsorship, Membership, and Events; People, which includes Recruitment and Scholarship; Training, which includes Superintendent Training and Safety, and Legislative/Regulatory. A highlight of this rework is the creation of

the Advisory Board Committee. which is comprised of all of the current (and potentially future) RCA Advisory Board members.

These committees are chaired by your Board Members who have a passion to serve in their specific areas of interest and are supported by other Board members or RCA members at-large who share this interest as well. We believe that these new groups will provide a better roadmap to help us navigate the challenges ahead and help the organization grow its collective knowledge base. The listing of committee chairs can be found to the right of this column.

We know that retail is changing, but hasn't it always?

As you know, the media hype of store closings often overshadows the reality of the net gain in retail store openings each year. While some of the legacy brands and namesakes may disappear, there are just as many up-andcomers to take their place; witness the click-to-bricks evolution.

Don't forget, over the last 30 years, the RCA has grown its membership with exciting companies that are often as diverse in their business models and methodology as they are in their customer base. So we know that retail is changing, but hasn't it always?

Next, we will take a deep-dive into the re-purposing of the regional shopping center: stay tuned!



If you have any feedback or ideas for the organization, please contact me. We are always looking for ways to continue strengthening the organization: president@retailcontractors.org.

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# Retail Contractor.....

RCA members must meet and maintain a series of qualifications and are approved by the Board of RCA Membership Directors for membership. They have been in the retail construction business as general contractors for at least five years; agree to comply with the Association's Code of Ethics and Bylaws; are properly insured and bonded; are licensed in the states in which they do business; and have submitted letters of recommendation.

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## Retail Contractor

## In Memoriam: Past President James Healy



It is with deep regret that we share

news regarding the passing of RCA Past President James (Jim) Healy. He passed away on April 18 after a four-year battle with esophageal cancer.

After his diagnosis, Jim spent quality time with his family, including wife Kathy, president of Healy Construction, with whom he traveled to many places and wintered

in Florida. Jim continued to manage the construction side of Healy Construction along with his son James. Jim was able to see both of his children get married and enjoyed time with his grandchildren.

Jim was RCA president in 2002-2003.

Gifts can be made in memory of James D. Healy to Northwestern University to support esophageal cancer research under the direction of Dr. Victoria Villaflor. Checks payable to Northwestern University may be mailed to: Terri Dillon, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Development and Alumni Relations, 420 E. Superior Street, Rubloff Bldg., 9th Flr., Chicago, IL 60611.

## **Consensus Docs Updates**

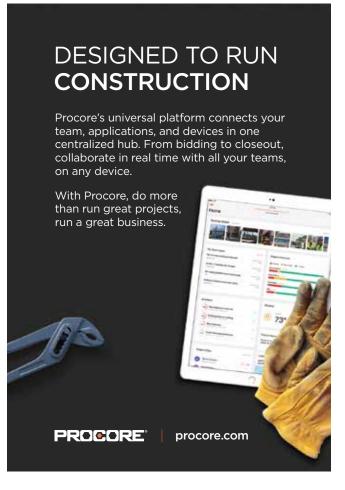
#### **ConsensusDocs and AIA Comparison**

The Defense Research Institute's (DRI) Construction Law Committee has provided a comprehensive comparison of the ConsensusDocs 200 and AIA A201 General Conditions. As the two most used construction standard contract documents, DRI thought that a summary and brief analysis would help readers determine the advantages and disadvantages in the AIA A201 and ConsensusDocs approaches on important issues. The comparison (available at consensusdocs.org/new-consensusdocs-and-aia-comparison-released-by-dri) shows interesting differences, as well as similarities, on a range of issues from contract, structure, consequential damages, financial information, indemnification, and much more.

#### **New Design-Assist Guidebook**

The ConsensusDocs Coalition just released a new Guidebook for the ConsensusDocs 541 Standard Design-Assist Addendum. The Guidebook provides tools and commentary on how to modify the contract to best meet specific project needs. As the first industry standard contract for design-assist, the commentary is important new resource. "Design-assist services are not a monolith, but rather a range of services that facilitates design development that improve the constructability and overall quality of design documents by getting input from key trade contractors and Constructors earlier." says Brian Perlberg, Executive Director of ConsensusDocs. More information is available at consensusdocs.org/new-design-assist-guidebook-for-consensusdocs-541-design-assist-addendum.





### The Current State of Construction Safety

This article is excerpted with permission and originally appeared on Raken's blog on May 31, 2019.

It's no secret that those working on construction sites face certain risks that would not pertain to 9-5 office jobs. In fact, year after year, construction has consistently ranked as the industry with the most workplace associated fatalities in the United States - not exactly the type of list anyone wants to top.

Heavy machinery, complex tools, and dangerous heights are just a few hazards that construction workers have to deal with on a dayto-day basis, and it's up to project authorities to make sure that the jobsite is as safe as possible. The good news is that recent innovations in tools and gear have helped make construction sites much safer, and there are far fewer workplace fatalities than ever before. This is also due in part to significant increases in safety regulations, and the creation of new roles that focus entirely on workplace safety. Although there is still a long way to go before reaching the goal of zero jobsite deaths per year, there is certainly a driving force to make construction a safer industry.

It wasn't even until recent times that proper construction safety gear was present on all American jobsites. Even the ubiquitous hard hat has only been around for 100 years! However, in this age in which every person and their dog owns more than one smart gadget, all of the safety gear we're now used to seeing on jobsites are getting

modern makeovers. In the grand scheme of things, personal protective equipment (PPE) is a relatively new invention, and despite the construction industry's lack of urgency in adopting new technology, safety equipment such as harnesses and respiratory devices are frequently updated with improvements. These can range from simply producing gear in more sizes to fit different body types to adding sensors that wirelessly submit information to jobsite authorities, all of which yield life-saving results.

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