



RAISING THE STANDARDS IN CONSTRUCTION



Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

November 2018

Labor

Bargaining Rights Authorization

In Bulletin 108-18, we sent Bargaining Rights Authorization forms to Active Members for the Carpenters, Building Laborers, Bricklayers and Dockbuilders. As our Collective Bargaining Agreements with these trades expire April 30, 2019, and Association Agreements provide more beneficial conditions with various contract terms and conditions, we strongly encourage Active Members to assign bargaining rights to ACCNJ for the trades they employ and return the forms to us as soon as possible. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Tile, Marble & Terrazzo BAC Local 7 Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 129-18, we issued to Active Members the latest schedule of wages and fringe benefits for Tile, Marble & Terrazzo BAC Local 7, effective December 3, 2018. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Holiday Provisions – Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day

In Bulletins 124-18 and 128-18, we sent Active Members summaries of how each trade recognizes Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day holidays. Access the bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ Events

ACCNJ Annual Meeting – *Final Reminder*

In Bulletin 120-18, we invited all ACCNJ members to the Membership Meeting on Tuesday, December 11, at The Clubhouse at Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth. The evening begins with a cocktail hour at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner and program at 6:30 pm. We're pleased to announce Senate President Steve Sweeney will be our guest speaker, addressing recently passed economic development initiatives. For the registration form, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Important Upcoming Coffee Talk – *Final Reminder*

Join us for a candid discussion with Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Commissioner of NJDOT, and learn more about her vision and plans for moving transportation projects in New Jersey on Friday, December 7. Access the flyer under October Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Government Affairs

Voters Approve Bond Act

In Bulletin 125-18, we encouraged members to vote YES on ballot question #1. On November 6 a majority of voters in New Jersey did approve borrowing for the “Secure Our Children’s Future Bond Act,” which will provide a combined \$350 million for security upgrades in K-12 schools and career-technical education enhancements in county vocational schools, \$50 million for facility expansions at community colleges and \$100 million for infrastructure projects to remove lead from drinking water in schools.

Safety

ACCNJ Safety Council Meeting – *January 18*

As we announced in Bulletin 127-18, the next ACCNJ Safety Council meeting is scheduled for January 18 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Edison, starting at 11:30 am. We will welcome The Overdose Prevention Agency Corporation (TOPAC). It is a nonprofit organization that educates and trains individuals on how to recognize an opioid overdose and the steps required to act quickly. To register, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ Safety Recognition Program

In Bulletin 123-18, we announced the kickoff of our latest program – the Safety Recognition Program – designed to identify individuals who have shown an exemplary commitment to or random act of safety, making them standouts for their efforts. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

AGC Safety Excellence Awards – *Final Reminder*

In Bulletin 116-18, we sent Active Members the announcement from AGC of

America of its 20th Annual Construction Safety Excellence Awards, which recognizes companies that have developed and implemented premier safety and loss-prevention programs, as well as showcasing companies that have achieved continuous improvements to and maintenance of their safety and health management systems. *Deadline to apply for an award is December 14, 2018.* For complete details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Education & Workforce Development

UPDATE: Summer Internship Program

As a reminder, the CIAP Career Fair will be held January 9, 2019, at the Pines Manor, Edison. Contractors may meet pre-screened, potential candidates for summer internship opportunities within their companies. For more details, access Bulletin 111-18 in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Tuition Reimbursement Program Continued

In Bulletin 37-18, we alerted Active Members that ACCNJ's Industry Advancement Trust has approved continuing the Tuition Reimbursement Program for eligible, full-time employees of ACCNJ member firms that contribute to the IAT. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Industry News

P3 Seminar Draws a Crowd

ACCNJ hosted a P3 seminar on October 30 at the Carpenters Training Center in Edison, attracting more than 170 attendees. Panelists, who were closely involved in crafting and advancing the P3 legislation signed into law in August, included John Parkinson of AIAI; Steve Charney, Charles Kenny and Michael Zicherman from ACCNJ Associate Member Peckar & Abramson; and Michael Travostino, ACCNJ Government Affairs Director. The program, moderated by ACCNJ CEO Jack Kocsis Jr., covered the five-year history of efforts to bring the bill to fruition, the key identifying characteristics of viable P3 projects, the benefits for contractors, craftworkers and citizens in New Jersey, and the traditional public contract protections retained in the bill. The audience also heard from New Jersey Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and New Jersey State Senator Steve Oroho, both of whom sponsored and advocated for the bill.

Update on AGC Pension Fund Initiatives

In AGC of America's latest communication regarding the multiemployer pension funding crisis, Senior Director of Congressional Relations for Labor Jim Young announced the US Senate's Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans was unable to find an equitable solution by the

November 30 deadline. Young forwarded the Select Committee's statement of commitment that "work will continue" and "a bipartisan solution is attainable (but) more time is needed..." Read Jim Young's email at www.agc.org.

AGC of America Construction Industry Hiring and Business Outlook

In Bulletin 126-18, we informed members of AGC of America's latest survey to collect input for its annual Construction Hiring and Business Outlook, a projection of construction activities and business climate for the coming year. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes. If enough New Jersey contractors respond, AGC will prepare a state-specific outlook. *We encourage members to complete the survey by December 10.* Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Communications

Social Media Update – Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn

ACCNJ is pleased to continue growing our social media presence on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. We are using our social media platforms to share information and updates about our activities and the New Jersey union construction industry in an interactive way. Check out our member highlight each Monday on our Facebook page for Member Monday. Stay updated on all things ACCNJ by following us at [@accnjofficial](https://www.instagram.com/accnjofficial).

Email Scam Alert

Earlier this month we notified members of a phishing scam being sent as an attachment through email. Please do not open or reply to the attachment in emails you receive or received from any ACCNJ staff titled: *Document Attached for Your Review* or *Your Invoice is Ready*. It is a phishing email and contains a contaminated file.

ACCNJ Magazine – Coming Soon

The Fall 2018 issue of *New Jersey Construction* will be published in December and should reach members before Christmas. Look for the features on the five-year forecast by the Otteau Valuation Group, member award-winning projects, a profile on J. Fletcher Creamer & Son as it celebrates 95 years, and much more.

ACCNJ Member News

Member Nominated for NJ Hall of Fame

J. Fletcher Creamer Sr., former Chairman of ACCNJ member J. Fletcher Creamer and Son, has been nominated to the New Jersey Hall of Fame Class of 2018 in the "Enterprise" category. Fletch Sr. supported New Jersey and the construction industry for decades. ACCNJ joins Fletch Sr.'s family in

asking you to consider voting for him for the NJ Hall of Fame. For more information on Fletch Sr. and to cast your vote visit:
<https://njhalloffame.org/2018-nominees/>

Hot Topics Recap

In November, we posted these Hot Topics at accnj.org:

- NJ Metros Still Shedding Construction Jobs in October
- Inspira Launches Capital Campaign for Mullica Hill Medical Center
- DRPA Approves \$178 Million Capital Budget
- In NJ, Construction Jobs Way Down for Year, Way Up for Month
- GoBrands Lands \$39.1 Million Tax Credit
- Harrah's Gets Facelift in \$56 Million Upgrade
- NJ Eyes Sale of Salem County's Memorial Hospital
- Materials Costs Still Rising Faster than Bid Prices
- OSHA Publications Available as eBooks
- NJ Asks Coast Guard to Eliminate Rush-Hour Portal Bridge Openings
- Red Bank Redevelopment Approved
- Bowling Alley Site to Become Cherry Hill Drug Rehab

Resume Available

ACCNJ has obtained the following resume for an individual seeking employment:

- Business-minded and highly organized Payroll Coordinator (Union County)
- Experience working for construction companies

For a copy of this resume, please contact the Association Office.
