SMACNA’s President and CEO Vince Sandusky spoke to a full-house of SMACNA Chapter Executive at their meeting last month in Austin, Texas about key programs and important issues being undertaken by the organization.

Sandusky said that while important legislative actions were taken regarding multi-employer pension funds, the political stalemate in Washington has put this issue on hold.

There was certainly a lot of good news regarding the progress on new technical manuals. Coming out very shortly is the fourth edition of the HVAC Duct Construction Standards and the sixth edition of the Fire, Smoke, and Radiation Damper Installation Guide.

During the second quarter of the year, SMACNA Members can look forward to receiving the HVAC Total System Air Leakage Test Manual. Later in the year, SMACNA expects to finish work on the Seismic Restraint Manual—Guidelines for Mechanical Systems, fourth edition and the Infection Control Risk Assessment Guidelines. These publications are in final review.

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Also in 2019, contractors will be seeing the Food Service Ductwork Guidance Manual and the Testing, Adjusting & Balancing Manual. Task forces are continuing to work with staff specialists on these projects.

Work continues on new technical apps with the final alpha testing of rectangular industry duct construction app due for release soon to for release to the members. A technical umbrella app is in progress while other apps receive minor updates.

Staff is also at work on the Ducted Electric Heat Manual and the Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standard. Many of these items will be demonstrated and discussed during the SMACNA Mid-Atlantic/SMACNA Technical University Program on March 5 in Laurel, Maryland.

In looking ahead to 2020, Sandusky said a new CAD manual is in the planning stages and at the same time SMACNA is working with the Air Movement and Control Association to promote technical and efficient air movement technologies. More information about these programs will be available at the association’s 2019 annual convention in Austin, Texas October 20-23.
Sneak Peek at 2019 SMACNA Annual Convention

Mark your calendars and plan to attend SMACNA’s 2019 Annual Convention in Austin, Texas October 20-23. As in past years, this event brings together the top sheet metal contractors from across the U.S. and Canada for educational seminars, social events, networking, and much more. Last year’s annual convention was in San Diego and set attendance records resulting in the headquarters hotel running out of rooms and attendees being placed at nearby hotels.

Registration opens on April 1 so be sure to book your hotel and registration at that time so as to avoid disappointment.

SMACNA also announces that the rock band Foreigner has tentatively agreed to perform at the final evening’s social event.

Foreigner is an English-American rock band, originally formed in New York City in 1976 by veteran English musician and ex–Spooky Tooth member Mick Jones, and fellow Briton and ex–King Crimson member Ian McDonald along with American vocalist Lou Gramm.

Austin is the state capital of Texas and home to the University of Texas flagship campus. The city is known for its eclectic live-music scene centered around country, blues and rock. Its many parks and lakes are popular for hiking, biking, swimming and boating.

A very special Chapter Night Party is being planned for October 22 in Austin. This year SMACNA Mid-Atlantic Chapter members will join with the three Pennsylvania Chapters for an evening to enjoy the best of Austin that will include excellent barbecue and western music.

To register please go to www.smacna.org.

Back by Popular Demand—
Kevin Dougherty
Presenting:
Field Base Project Management
April 24
8:30 a.m.—Noon

This program is for project managers, foreman, managers, superintendents, and others seeking to improve their skills.

1. Increase project communication between field staff;
2. Learn pre-planning initiatives to save time and money;
3. Learn the basics of project management;
4. Learn money saving techniques on project management;
5. Develop job site organization skills

Registration is $75 per person
$95 after March 15

This program will be held at:
SMACNA Mid-Atlantic Chapter
7833 Walker Dr.
Suite 640
Greenbelt, MD

Register today at www.smacnaatl.org or by calling 301/446-0002 x 100.
**Upcoming Events**

- March 5th– Technical University– Sold Out
- April 23rd- Kevin Dougherty
  Presenting: Field Base Project Management
- May 7 - 9– CEA National Issues Conference- Washington, DC
- May 21st– Sexual Harassment & HR Law presentation with Julie Redding
- June 6th– SMACNA Mid-Atlantic Chesapeake Bay Fishing Expedition
- Oct 20-24– National Conference- Austin, TX

To register or for more information please go to www.smacnaatl.org

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**CEA National Issues Conference 2019**

Be a part of the advocacy effort!
Join your colleagues and peers in Washington DC for two and a half days of valuable educational sessions, networking, social events, and lobbying meetings focused on key SMACNA and CEA legislative issues.

**When**
May 7-9, 2019

**Where**
Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

**Registration**
Please register through SMACNA national at:
https://www.smacna.org/events-education/registration/national-issues-conference
Or by calling (703) 803-2980
Philadelphia City Council Passes Fire/Life Safety Bill

Philadelphia City Council recently passed Bill #171112. The Bill establishes inspection and certification requirements for all smoke control systems and smoke and fire dampers in city buildings.

SMCA and Local #19 have been supporting this legislation for the past eight years and its passage is the culmination of that hard work and dedication.

This past December, contractor representatives from SMCA of Philadelphia testified before City Council’s Committee on Licenses and Inspections in support of the Bill.

The Bill calls for:

Periodic inspection of dampers. Where ready access to required fire dampers, smoke dampers and combination fire/smoke dampers is available, such dampers shall be inspected and certified............Inspection and testing shall be performed to ensure the following:

1. Unobstructed access to the damper shall be verified and corrected as required.

2. An operation test of the damper shall verify that the damper closes and that there is no damper interference due to rusted, bent, misaligned or damaged frame or blades, or defective hinges or parts.

3. The damper frame shall not be penetrated by any foreign objects that would affect fire damper operations.

4. The damper shall not be blocked from closure in any way.

5. The fusible link (if applicable) shall be reinstalled after the completion of testing.

6. If the fusible link is damaged or painted, it shall be replaced with a link of the same size, temperature and load rating.

Presentation on addressing Sexual Harassment and new DOL Laws

Julie Reddig will be presenting a sexual harassment and HR law training on May 21st to SMACNA Contractors. Julie has more than a decade worth of experience training executives, management, and staff on the “do’s” and the “don’ts” of HR law.

-Why You Should Attend-
The Department of Labor (DOL) recently updated the rules and regulations of those businesses sponsoring apprenticeship programs. The rules require hiring process reviews, trainings, evaluations, and more. DOL started enforcement of these new rules on January 19th, 2019.

Cost: Free to members (Must register)
When: May 21st 10 a.m.—Noon
Where: SMACNA Mid-Atlantic
7833 Walker Drive
Suite 640
Greenbelt, MD 20770

The final rule can be reviewed here:
https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2016-12-19/pdf/2016-29910.pdf

About the Speaker:
Employment attorney Julie Reddig helps employers build and maintain productive workplaces by navigating the many federal, state, and local laws protecting employees in the workforce. She counsels management on avoiding and defending against employment claims before administrative agencies and local, state, and federal courts in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

See article from SMACNA national for additional information.

To register visit smacnaatl.org/events or call 301.446.0002 x 100.