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A NEW YEAR FOR SMACNA SoCal

Happy New Year, SMACNA SoCal members. It is with great pleasure that I accepted the role as president of this association, and I am both excited by the prospect of 2023 and eager to get to work. Last year saw a slow but gradual recovery from the pandemic and a steady movement toward back to normal in the construction industry. As we move into 2023, predictions suggest a calmer year but still with plenty of opportunities for our members and the sheet metal industry. No matter where the year takes your business, remember that the association is here to answer any questions and offer support to our member firms.

As I begin my term as president, I want to share a couple of areas of focus for the next 12 months. It is my hope that we can make progress on our labor relations and introduce more of our board members to service on committees. Our members have asked for more educational programs, and so we will be introducing more technical programming. Governmental regulations are an industry issue our members face, and as an association we will be redoubling efforts to inform and support the membership with timely notices.



By / Pete Fortin, SMACNA SoCal President

Don't forget to mark your calendar for some great events coming up over the next several months. We have plenty to choose from or you can attend all of them. See the calendar on page 5 for a listing, and reach out to the SMACNA SoCal office or watch your email for details.

In closing, let us all make 2023 an improvement over 2022. As always, feel free to reach out to the SMACNA SoCal office if you have any questions or require assistance with a particular problem. Our goal is to help our members become more productive and able to increase the bottom line. ■

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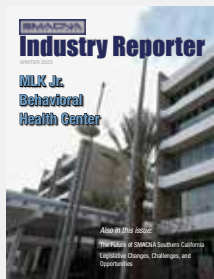
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MLK Jr. Behavioral Health Center

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Owner: County of Los Angeles

Design-Build Team: HOK (Architect) & Bernards Bros (General Contractor) with Los Angeles County Public Works

Engineer of Record: P2s, Inc.

HVAC-Mechanical: ACCO Engineered Systems

Project Highlights:

- LEED Silver targeted
- Contractor Workforce Agreement
- 30% goal for target workers
- 30% goal for both tier 1 and 2 local resident workers

Start / Complete: October 2019 / June 2021

SMACNA SoCal member ACCO Engineered Systems completed the mechanical and plumbing scope on the MLK Behavioral Health Centre in Los Angeles, California, a game-changer for the surrounding community

The 455,000-square-foot, six-story MLK Jr. Behavioral Health Center was constructed on the site of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital in Los Angeles, CA, replacing a building that sat empty for a decade. The surrounding underserved community advocated for a behavioral health center that would provide essential inpatient and outpatient support services for people with mental health and/or substance abuse issues and for individuals who struggle with issues related to homelessness.

The design process began in October 2019 with special considerations regarding how the building would serve individuals affected by mental health concerns. The teams completed in-depth research on anti-ligature codes and laws while remaining cost-effective, resulting in a state-of-the-art facility with uniquely efficient and safe spaces for its occupants.



Above: Before construction. Below: After project completion.





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For example, the engineers paid special attention to choosing fixtures that exceeded the traditional safety standards.

“The original hospital structure was demolished to the structural members and floors,” says Austin Hargett, P.E., senior project manager on this job. “It was then rebuilt with new mechanical and plumbing services and distribution systems with supply service points of connection in the existing campus central utility plant.”

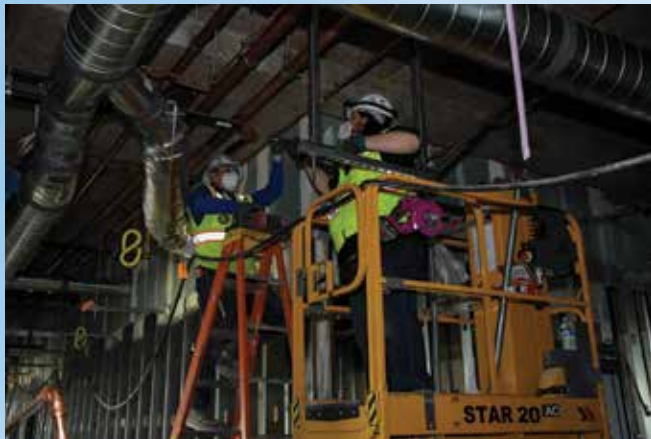
There were many benefits to preserving the original hospital’s structure—including reduced construction and demolition costs and decreased greenhouse gas emissions (GHG)—which was designed by renowned Architect, Paul Revere Williams, and first opened in 1972.

ACCO’s team achieved increased energy and water-use efficiency with dynamic upgrades to the building’s mechanical and plumbing systems, as well as the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. This work, along with the project design requiring the existing chilled water cooling system be preserved and an onsite-generated solar energy system, helped gain credits toward the building’s LEED Silver objectives.

The company delivered a new central plant consisting of a water-cooled chiller, a heating hot water system, a domestic hot water system, a domestic water booster pump system, and custom fan array air handling units with new direct digital control systems dedicated to the center. Five new air handling units located on the existing roof serve each building pod.

“We also assisted with the security requirements related to plumbing fixtures and mechanical air distribution selection,” Hargett says. “This process involved multiple departments within Los Angeles County in determining the level of security and self-harm deterrent required for each space, with the end result satisfying all factors.”

Construction was scheduled to begin in early 2020, before designs were finalized by the owners, but COVID-19 presented the first major challenge. The facility was deemed essential and so construction moved forward during the pandemic with thorough and extensive pandemic safety measures in place. Despite all the precautions taken, COVID-19 outbreaks disrupted the construction process and almost forced a pause in construction. “When employees tested positive, ACCO added



additional skilled workers on site to maintain the same crew size and schedule,” Hargett says.

The tight deadline left little room for errors. A quick turnaround became an issue when there were some things unaccounted for in the designs, but luckily, the engineering team found quick solutions. For example, some beams were missing and ceilings were not as shown in the “as-built” drawings. Unanticipated changes to the piping systems were required, so ACCO scanned the areas of the building that interacted with their scope to ensure that drawings were up-to-date and to avoid further changes.

Another problem arose when the building’s main natural gas connection was damaged and deemed inoperable. Instead of having a direct gas pipeline on site, the engineers used the low-pressure gas line from the hospital main to pull a new medium-pressure line and reroute the line to the behavioral health center. This required the removal and relocation of a major pressure regulator to open the medium pressure line.



Of course, the hospital needed to remain operational during the construction, and minimizing the impact of the gas being shut off required dynamic ingenuity—the gas line was shut down for a maximum of 30 minutes to pull the gas line from the main line during the “off time” at the hospital.

“The team spread out across the campus to ensure all buildings were reenergized properly and all equipment rebooted without impacting the hospital or the patients beyond the 30-minute window,” Hargett says. “Although this solution presented many difficulties and potential setbacks, diligent planning and efforts brought major success and the team was able to move forward with no further issues, delays, or shutdowns.

The building is the first medical office building and Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development level-three facility in Los Angeles County. It is also the first licensed behavioral health center of its kind in the state—providing mental health services including urgent care, outpatient, psychiatric health, substance abuse, and rehabilitation.

Success on this project was a result of consistent communication among the construction teams. “Multiple project teams from ACCO worked together to meet and resolve issues prior to the full project team’s construction meetings so those meetings were productive, proactive, and efficient,” Hargett says. “Each trade partner had full staff on site, which allowed for easier collaboration.”

While this project was full of challenges, it was equally rewarding. “With leadership from Bernards and the contributions of the entire project team, we were able to deliver this incredible project on time,” Hargett says. “ACCO is honored to have a role in bringing this center to serve the community.”

Learn more about ACCO Engineered Systems at accoes.com ■



COMING EVENTS

Contract Administration Seminar

February 16, 2023
Hotel Maya, Long Beach, CA

Sweethearts Ball

February 25, 2023
The Westin Anaheim

CAL SMACNA Convention

April 12-15, 2023
Monarch Beach Resort & Spa, Dana Point, CA

Semi-Annual Membership Meeting/Luncheon

April 19, 2023
Restaurant 917 @ Porsche Experience Center Los Angeles, Carson, CA

Angel Game Night

May 6, 2023
Angel Stadium

Friends of the Industry Golf Tournament

June 19, 2023
Friendly Hills Country Club

SMACNA National Convention

October 15-18, 2023
JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Phoenix, AZ



Mark Terzigni

The Future of



2023 brings important changes at SMACNA Southern California, in particular, a new executive director and a new president, both of whom will take the association confidently into a new and bright future.

After two years of strategic planning, numerous strategy sessions, candidate reviews, and interview sessions, the SMACNA Southern California executive committee and board of directors have selected Mark Terzigni as the new executive director to guide the future operation of SMACNA SoCal.

Terzigni is a talented, experienced association executive who will bring those skills to enhancing the value of membership and the well-being of members' companies. "My family and I are looking forward to becoming part of your sheet metal family," he says. "This position will allow me to use my years of industry experience and network of contractors, vendors, designers, and code officials to work with our labor partners to promote and elevate our industry."

Acknowledging the association's well-respected standing—developed by past and current staff, including outgoing executive director Kevin O'Dorisio, office manager Kim Williams, and administrative assistant Rubi Diaz—Terzigni looks forward to building on that great foundation.

He started his career by earning a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering before getting his first job in sheet metal at McGill Airflow. Fifteen years ago, he took a position at SMACNA National as a project manager in the technical resources department, and later became the director of engineering. Eventually, he became the executive director of market sectors and construction technology.

"My family consists of my wife, Allison, who has extensive experience in construction and is a PE in civil engineering, and our two sons, Dominic (6) and Santino (4), who can be quite a handful and always light up the room," Terzigni says. "As I transition into the role, I will make the rounds to meet each of you, so I may learn how best the chapter can meet your needs and to share the resources already available to you. Thank you again for the opportunity and the warm welcome."

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O'Dorisio, who has served the chapter for 43 years, has every confidence in SMACNA SoCal's future and Terzigni's role.

"Seeing the chapter grow and evolve with new and talented leadership only adds to my pride and appreciation for the chapter," he says. "I will be serving as a mentor and advisor to Mark over the next 14 months as he assumes his role beginning in February."

SMACNA SoCal's new president, Pete Fortin of ACCO Engineering, has 45 years invested in the sheet metal and air-conditioning industry. He entered the apprenticeship program in 1976 and worked for a small firm for seven years before he began working for ACCO in 1984. Over the years, he advanced in the company and now serves as a senior vice-president of labor relations.

Fortin and his wife, Bonnie, were high school sweethearts. They have two girls, Jennifer and Lynn, and three grandchildren with another on the way.

"Pete is a fine man who is committed to leaving his industry better than he found it," O'Dorisio says. "He asks for members' support of the board of directors as it continues to grow, adjust, and initiate change while addressing the industry's challenges."

Fortin follows Hector Vargas, who served as president for two terms. During his presidency, he helped the association navigate two collective bargaining agreements, a pandemic, and several large projects—endeavors he credits successful thanks to the support of the SMACNA SoCal board, including Fortin as vice president.

Be sure to give Terzigni and Fortin a warm welcome as they help SMACNA SoCal into what promises to be a hopeful year for the sheet metal industry. ■

CHANGES, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2023

With significant change ahead on Capitol Hill, we have much more to accomplish and new challenges holding our gains from the 117th Congress in tax reforms, infrastructure, CHIPS projects, and much more. Due to our highly engaged contractor-led lobby team, in 2022 we saw more SMACNA policy priorities translated into bipartisan legislation and then public laws than any year in decades. Further, we submitted more regulatory comments than any year in SMACNA history.

The 118th Congress for the House of Representatives

As a new, divided Congress opens, the legislative picture and big issue agenda is beginning to emerge, not only for Congress but for SMACNA. Democrats are offering to present a unified front, both in the Senate where they are in the majority and in the House as the minority by a few votes. Republicans, by contrast, are off to an inauspicious start, if their hunt for a House Speaker has any predictive gesture. Last Congress was extremely productive, passing infrastructure, science and technology, and energy efficiency tax credits and deductions, and public and historic private-public-partnership investments, to name a few. But there are many policy priorities on the Democratic and GOP bipartisan agenda that were not resolved in 2022 but could gain traction in the 118th Congress.

Debt Limit – The Big Vote Ahead

Because Democrats were not able to raise or suspend the debt limit last year, they will need to do so this year and attempt to avert a 2011-style standoff that cost the nation its solid credit rating and billions in additional borrowing costs—to no advantage. Many Republicans have been vocal about their intentions to extract major cuts to programs like Social Security and Medicare, complicating attempts to reach a compromise. Failure to reach an agreement and the mere threat of default in 2011 led S&P to downgrade the country's credit rating for the first time ever. Congress allowing the US to default later this year would be far more damaging.

Government Funding

While the Fiscal Year 2023 omnibus is finally complete, the battle over funding for key agencies and SMACNA endorsed

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programs is not. House Republicans have already made moves to take a largely symbolic group of votes on rescinding funding in the *Inflation Reduction Act*, indicating their commitment to both choking off agencies' funding and cutting government spending in an open rule debate moment without much impact or bipartisan credibility on the Senate side. The FY24 budget process is also set to kick off soon, with the president's budget expected to be released in early February. This will set off a fierce debate over non-defense discretionary spending levels.

Bipartisan Buy-in

If any major legislation is to be passed this Congress, it will need bipartisan support from both the Republican House and Democratic Senate as well as the White House. There are only a handful of policies from the last Congress that members from both sides were interested in addressing and could be taken up this Congress, so new legislative territory will be open soon.

The SMACNA Early Agenda

The big carry over issues for more aggressive advocacy in 2023 include passing:

- extension of the IRS Section 179 bonus depreciation tax deduction at 100%
- extension of the Research and Development Credit (R&D)
- the *SAFE Act* to allow the financial system to process cannabis related business payments, often to contractors building and servicing legal operations
- change order reforms to pay contractors when work is certified on public work
- confirmation of the Wage and Hour director within the Department of Labor

We can be confident that with our engaged leadership, membership, committees, and chapter executive team, we can hold most of our gains from the 117th Congress and complete the unfulfilled issue goal list we fell just short of as Congress adjourned. ■

NEWS: CLASSIFIED WORKER TRUCKDRIVER (CWT) RE-DESIGNATION

Effective January 1, 2023, Local 105 will allow signatory contractors with truck drivers that are currently designated as Classified Workers (CCW) to be re-designated within Local 105's operating system to a Classified Worker Truckdriver (CWT).

The purpose is to clearly identify which classified workers are truck drivers and which classified workers are working in shops fabricating materials or installing materials on job sites. This will assist contractors with their shop and jobsite ratios, since the CWT's will not be counted in the company's overall manpower ratio of journeymen, apprentices, and classified workers. The new designation does not change the member's rate of pay, nor does it change any of the fringe benefits for the member. It is simply an identifier within Local 105's system.

Designated CWTs are only allowed to load, unload, and drive materials to and from shops, job sites, and vendors. The CWT designated members are not allowed to fabricate, assemble, spool, section, seal, or install any type of materials in the shops or on job sites. If it is deemed that the designated CWTs are working outside the parameters listed above, they will be designated as CCW and be counted against the company's overall ratios.

This will help our labor partners with any confusion on manpower ratios and will also help with over-crew cost, allowing our signatory contractors to remain competitive in the market with the non-union and any other crafts with whom they may be competing. ■

SMART LOCAL 105 AND SMACNA SOCIAL WAGE AND FRINGE PACKAGE INFORMATION

In accordance with the collective bargaining agreement effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024, please be advised the wage and fringe package effective January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023, is increased by \$1.79 per hour.

Please follow the Funds Payment and Remittance Reporting Procedure effective January 1, 2022. Note the minimum wage ordinance is the responsibility of the employer on job sites. Employers are responsible for the proper payment of wages.

Pursuant to our collective bargaining agreement, the following wage and fringe package shall be effective January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023. The total taxable wage is increased by \$1.79 per hour.

Effective January 1, 2023, the Local union 105 Los Angeles/Orange Empire wage and fringe package shall be as follows:

	Journeyman Wages	Foreman/Detailer	General Foreman
Hourly Taxable Wage (increase)	\$53.67	\$61.72	\$64.40
* Savings Plan (taxable)	-10%	-10%	-10%
* 401(a) Plan - mandatory	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
* Retiree's Supplemental Health Plan (increase)	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.55
* Health Plan	\$10.60	\$10.60	\$10.60
* Health Reimbursement Acct. (HRA)	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
* Local Pension	\$11.82	\$11.82	\$11.82
** Local Training JATC	\$0.70	\$0.70	\$0.70
*** National Training ITI	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.12
*** National Pension (increase)	\$4.45	\$4.45	\$4.45
*** NEMI	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03
*** SMOHIT	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02
**** LMCT/FP-ACC	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09
Total Wage Package:	\$83.55	\$91.60	\$94.28
**** Industry Fund	\$0.56	\$0.56	\$0.56
TOTAL:	\$84.11	\$92.16	\$94.84

The mileage rate established is fifty-eight and one-half cents (\$0.585) per mile. See zone and subsistence.

**** Working dues rate (no change) – Effective July 1, 2022, the dues check-off rate remains at two dollars and twenty-six cents (\$2.26) per hour worked.

*, **, ***, ****, and *****. See changes on the Funds Payment and Remittance Reporting Procedure effective January 1, 2022, and refer to this document for information regarding remittance payable names and the remittance mailing addresses.

For questions or to review supporting documents, please call Local 105 at (909) 305-2800.

SMART Local 105 2023 Holidays: Q1 & Q2

Holidays	LA/OE Commercial	Industrial	Bakersfield Commerical	Orange Empire Residential	LA/OE S&M	Bakersfield S&M	LA/OE Residential	Bakersfield Residential
Day After New Year's Day Monday, January 2, 2023		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 16, 2023	✓	✓	✓					
President's Day Monday, February 20, 2023	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Good Friday Friday, April 7, 2023	✓	✓	✓					
Memorial Day Monday, May 29, 2023	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓