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A Message from your President

We are back having SACA luncheon meetings!!!!

The endless Covid restrictions and cancellations are finally over. On Wednesday October 27th our first meeting will have the Mayor of Sierra Vista Rick Mueller as our guest speaker. On Wednesday November 24th we will have our next meeting with Cochise County Sheriff Mark Dannels as our guest speaker. We have moved the location to Cochise College where the food will be better, and we will be able to support our local college with real world experience in event catering for their food education program.

Let's all make an effort to attend these meetings and invite our clients, subcontractors and vendors to also attend. If the Mayor sees 30+ people in attendance we stand a better chance of being taken seriously when we lobby for change as opposed to having only a handful in the audience.

We are also scheduling CPR and safety training for our members. We need feedback from our members as to what type of training and when would be the most beneficial.

Now is a great time to join the SACA board and help us pursue positive change in the industry and in our community. Our future events might be different than how they were run before, and we need your help in discovering new ways to grow as an organization and community.

Kevin Wilusz



SACA Calendar of Events

General Membership Meetings, October 27, 2021

After over a year of no meetings, we are excited to begin hosting the Southeastern Arizona Contractors Association Membership Meetings again. For these events we will be observing social distancing and safety guidelines.

We will be hosting our Mayor of Sierra Vista, Rick Mueller.

The cost for this event will still be \$20.00 per person. You may pay via cash, check or credit card at the event. If you choose to pay online, there will be a 3.5% processing fee added to the transaction.

Please follow the link for more information and event registration. [SACA October 2021 GMM Registration](#)



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Volunteer Opportunities available!!
If you are interested in helping with helping SACA grow and make a difference in our community, we would be delighted to welcome you. We could use help with community outreach and a person acting as a City Liaison. If you are interested, please reach out to one of our current Board Members.

Government Meetings

Cochise County Board of Supervisors Board Of Supervisors Hearing Room 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee	Tuesdays 10AM
Sierra Vista City Council Council Chambers, City Hall 1011 N Coronado Drive	2 nd &4 th Thursdays 5PM
Benson City Council Benson Community Center 705 W Union Street	2 nd &4 th Mondays 7PM
Bisbee City Council City Hall Building 915 S Tovreaville Road	1 st &3 rd Tuesdays 7PM
Douglas City Council City Hall, Council Chamber 425 10 th Street	2 nd Wednesdays PM
Willcox City Council City Hall, Council Chamber 300 W Rex Allen Drive	1 st Thursday 5:30PM

Virtual Plan Room

Visit SACA's virtual plan room for local bid opportunities.

www.saca-az.org, under membership.

Call 520-458-0488 for more information.

SACA's Annual Charity Golf Classic for 2021 cancelled

Unfortunately, with the newer COVID restrictions, SACA has been unable to secure a venue and vendors for the Golf Classic this year. We regret not being able to bring this fun event to the membership, but we are already planning for next year's Golf Classic and we are working on another possible event for the Spring!

SACA's 16th Annual Charity Golf Classic

November 6, 2020 at San Pedro Golf Course in Benson, AZ

The golf event was held in Benson at the San Pedro Golf Course, this year due to the COVID-19 restraints at the golf course we normally hold our event. The golf event we planned was as socially distant as we possible could, and COVID resistant as possible. This event helps raise the necessary funds to support local community charities as well as the SACA building fund.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors, without your support, we wouldn't have been able to make things happen.

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Health, Safety and Welfare

OSHA Education and Training

For the 6th time in 7 years, federal inspectors find Illinois contractor putting construction workers at risk of industry's deadliest hazard.

Emerald Inc. cited for 8 violations at Elk Grove Village work site, faces \$229K in penalties.

On April 16, 2021, U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspectors observed employees of Emerald Inc. without fall protection while performing framing and carpentry work at a residential townhome development under construction in Elk Grove Village.

OSHA cited the company for one willful, five repeat and two serious safety violations, and proposed \$229,792 in penalties. OSHA identified similar hazards present at Emerald Inc. work sites in February 2021, May 2020, February 2018, December 2017 and October 2017, and issued citations. The company has failed to resolve the issued citations, leading OSHA to refer \$172,521 in unpaid penalties to debt collection.

Please follow the links below for more information.

URL: <https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/region5/10142021-0>

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Arizona Registrar of Contractor News

AZ ROC: Scheduled Outage to the ROC Online Customer Portal

The AZ ROC online customer portal will be down for scheduled maintenance beginning on November 9, 2021 and ending on November 15, 2021. If you have started filling out a form (i.e. application, complaint form etc.), please complete the form by 11:59 PM on November 9, 2021. Any incomplete and unsubmitted applications or forms will not be saved.

Contractor's License Exams Move Online

Trade Exams

AZ ROC's online exams are still being administered by our vendor PSI, however, beginning on October 1, 2021, Arizona contractor's license applicants can take trade exams online without having to sit for the exam in-person. Applicants can still opt to take their trade exam(s) at one of PSI's testing centers. The Qualifying Party can register to take the trade exam(s) online or at a testing center [here](#) (link is external).

To determine which trade exams are required for a specific license classification, refer to: [License Classification Requirements](#).

For more information regarding online exams, please follow the link to the ROC news article [here](#).

Articles from EC&M – The Magazine of Electrical Design Construction and Maintenance

New Study Suggests Union Apprenticeships Rival Four-Year College Degrees

Research findings reveal construction apprenticeships stand up to bachelor's degrees on key economic and social metrics.

A new national study by the Illinois Economic Policy Institute (ILEPI) recently revealed that, on average, graduates of joint labor-management (union) apprenticeship programs in the construction industry are able to achieve near wage and benefits parity with other types of workers with four-year college degrees.

The study, "Union Apprenticeships: The Bachelor's Degree of the Construction Industry – Data from the United States 2010-2020," analyzed 10 years of data from the Current Population Survey's Annual Social and Economic Supplement released by the U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Census Bureau. It comes as Congress is considering more than \$1 trillion in new infrastructure investment that is expected to increase demand for skilled trades workers.

"The data reveals that broad stigmas that have long been associated with vocational training alternatives to college are simply not grounded in fact," said study ILEPI Policy Director Frank Manzo IV. "Compared with two- and four-year colleges, joint labor-management apprenticeships in construction deliver a more robust training regimen, similar diversity outcomes, competitive wage and benefit levels, and comparable tax revenue for states and local governments, while leaving graduates entirely free of burdensome student loan debt."

To read the rest of this article, Please follow the link to [ECM.com](https://www.ecm.com).

*This article was taken from the online version of The Magazine of Electrical Design Construction and Maintenance, EC&M. The link to the issue can be found [here](#).





Southeastern Arizona Contractors Association Member List

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Artistic Roofing Systems LLC	(520) 458-6781	www.roofingcompanysierravista.com
Castle & Cooke of Arizona, Inc.	(520) 378-9344	www.catelecookearizona.com
Cemex Materials South, LLC	(520) 236-2573	www.cemexusa.com
City of Sierra Vista	(520) 458-5775	www.sierravistaaz.gov
Cochise College	(520) 515-4509	www.cochise.edu
Cochise County	(520) 432-9440	www.cochise.az.gov
Creative Pools and Spas	(520) 508-6051	www.creativepoolsaz.com
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Dana Kepner Company	(520) 624-7180	www.DanaKepner.com
Diversified Design	(520) 327-7384	www.ddc-az.com
Empire Homes, Inc.	(520) 455-5506	www.empirehomes-az.com
Grasshopper Landscaping	(520) 456-8945	www.grasshopper-landscaping.com
Greater SV Chamber Of Commerce	(520) 458-6940	www.sierravistachamber.org
Guild Mortgage Company	(520) 227-5484	www.guildmortgage.com
Harvey Plumbing Inc.	(520) 378-3154	www.harveyplumbing.com
Hudbay Rosemont Project	(520) 495-3504	www.hudbayminerals.com
Isaacson Homes, LLC	(520) 559-0288	www.iqconstruction.biz
KE&G Construction, Inc.	(520) 458-9594	www.kegtus.com
Mountain View AC & Heating LLC	(520) 458-9594	www.mountainviewac.com
Mr. Fix It of Sierra Vista, LLC	(520) 227-8194	www.mrfixitsv.com
Mr. Shed	(520) 255-0901	http://mrshed.net/
Mule Mountain Pest Control	(520) -234-3435	www.mmpc-az.com
Perrill Construction	(520) 378-9467	www.perrillconstruction.com
Pioneer Title Agency	(520) 459-4592	www.pioneertitleagency.com
R.L. Workman Homes	(520) 458-0771	www.rlworkmanhomes.com
Rutherford Diversified Industries	(520) 458-8761	www.rutherforddiversified.com
Sierra Remodeling	(520) 459-3164	www.sierraremodeling.com
San Pedro Plumbing	(520) 378-4696	https://san-pedro-plumbing.business.site/
Sierra Vista Electric, Inc.	(520) 458-7196	www.sierravistaelectric.com
Sierra Vista Herald	(520) 458-9440	www.svherald.com
Sierra Vista Tile, Inc.	(520) 378-0841	www.sierravistatile.com
Southern AZ Home Builders Assoc.	(520) 795-5114	https://www.sahba.org/
Southwest Desert Images	(520) 803-0063	www.southwestdesert.com
Southwest Gas Corp	(520) 452-4103	www.swgas.com
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Truly Nolen Pest Control	(520) 458-5095	www.trulynolen.com

Members of SACA have invested their resources to support the local construction industry. Please honor them by giving them priority when choosing business partners.

Despite the struggles with the continuing pandemic, SACA has been able to continue to support our local communities by supporting students in the Cochise College Residential Construction Program, Special Olympics and the Wounded Warriors Project.

We are very grateful for the support from our members making it possible for us to support these programs.