

# **Specialty Contractors Council Meeting March 9th, 2011**

## **Introductions:**

## **Reviewed Mission Statement:**

Revised Mission Statement – “Identify key issues impacting the specialty contractors, communicate and provide influence on these issues to the general and specialty contracting communities.”

## **Reviewed Goals And Verified Correct Strategies Are Outlined For Goals To Be Reached:**

### **SCC Goals For 2011**

- 1) Provide proactive influence and advocacy
  - Influence with passing/training of the retainage bill
  - Participation at the June CML conference
  - Update Orange Book
  - Become more involved with MDEDC
  
- 2) Provide training and educate on key issues
  - Training/education for change order directive
  - Education about DBE and joint ventures with DBE
  - Training on current delivery systems
  
- 3) Improve communication on key issues
  - Communicate to membership at large
  
- 4) Increase business development and networking opportunities
  - Business relationships

## **Formed Subcommittee for the Four Goal/Objective Areas**

- 1) Influence - Craig Clark, Jerry Denison, John Lillard, Michael Gifford, Dan Parker, and Rex Wiedersphan  
Influence Group Champion: Craig Clark
  
- 2) Training/Education - Tom Keating, Stacy Krems, David Davia, Marc Butler, Steve Huck, Neil Sharples, and Sean Moore  
Training/Education Group Champion: Sean Moore

- 3) Communication – Kevin O’Connell, Larv Franklin, Rick Ellis, Craig Ayers, and Vern Knorr  
Communication Group Champion: Kevin O’Connell
- 4) Business Development – John Thomas, Sean Farley, Brent Powers, Bill Brown, Tom Fuller, John Gibbs, Dave Mahan, Randy Phillips, Todd Berich, and Scott Van Deren  
Business Development Group Champion: Scott Van Deren

Each group Champion will report progress to SCC membership during the monthly meeting. The Champion’s role is to lead and motivate the team to assure that the strategies and action items are being met, and the goal accomplished.

### **Goal Subcommittee Update/Discussion**

Influence – Craig Clark, group champion, updated the membership on the focus of the subcommittee. He said that the group will focus initial efforts towards economy development and continue to push for changes with the Orange Book. Michael Gifford updated the group on HB 1115 – Retainage Bill: This bill passed the House by a vote of 61-3. The bill has moved into the Senate. It faces an uphill battle as it moves through the Senate. Bud Starker stated that HB 1020 Pre-Lien Notice died in committee but he believes that the bill will come back in legislation. He would like to see the group have some input when the bill comes back around.

Training/Education – Sean Moore has agreed to be the group champion. Marc Butler challenged the general contractors to voice what training/education they would like to see the specialty contractors focus on. The training/education subcommittee agreed to assist in organizing the April 13<sup>th</sup> presentation on Lean Construction.

Communicate – Kevin O’Connell, group champion, discussed the need of creating a Specialty Contractors Council web link on the AGC/C’s web page. Also, the group would like to develop a LinkedIn account. The LinkedIn account will allow members to log in and make recommendations to the group via the internet.

Business Development – Scott Van Deren agreed to be the champion for the group. Scott Van Deren would like to come up with a questionnaire with 4 or 5 questions for the general contractors that will be presenting at our monthly meetings. Brad Schmahl from JHL Contractors agreed to present at the next meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **BIM Presentation – “Building Information Modeling Technology Can Help Your Company Thrive”**

Panel consisted of Jeff Kleinschmidt, JR Butler; Todd Ellsworth, Aspenhills Consulting; Tommy Hunt, JE Dunn; and Rick Khan, Mortenson.

What is BIM? – The old idea of BIM is that it is primarily used for marketing and the new idea of BIM is that it improves communication and improves cost savings.

#### Benefits of BIM

- Increase preplanning
- Increase efficiency
- Increase prefabrication
- Ultimately saves on time

#### Why BIM? – 3D virtual building coordination

- Model/Delivery/Install – more manufacture and less onsite construction
- 3D virtual mockups – able to talk through conflicts and possible overlaps

#### Who Should Model? – If you provide shop drawings you should be using BIM

- 2D shops can be extracted from 3D models

#### How do you get started with BIM?

- Research BIM and 3D software solutions
- Education – Everybody needs to have a general understanding of BIM
- Be a part of the preconstruction planning process.
- Make sure that there is a BIM process plan. Plan should always outline who is providing what information.
- Reach out to experts to help you with the overall process

#### **Action Items for next meeting**

- 1) Each one of the subcommittee to be prepared at next meeting to spend 5-10 minutes briefing the council on their goal and how it is being reached
- 2) Finalize plans for Lean Construction presentation for next meeting (April 13<sup>th</sup>)
- 3) Create questionnaire for monthly presenting general contractors