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Promoting Structural Masonry and Skilled Craftworkers

Structural masonry has many advantages, including good design and cost savings. For BAC Local 4 INKY members, it can also mean significantly more manhours. IMI provides education and technical assistance that help make masonry a first choice, along with skilled BAC craftworkers and programs like IMI grout certification.



Indiana Designers Lunch & Learn about Masonry

The more designers learn about skilled union masonry and technical support available through IMI, the more they use masonry. That is why “Lunch and Learn” sessions with area architecture and engineering firms are a top IMI priority, with 2010 sessions already on the schedule.

Purdue University Workshop Series

A series of workshops for Purdue University’s architects and facilities managers has been extended by popular demand. The 25-person staff deals with new construction and restoration at five campuses plus satellite facilities throughout Indiana, and has been an appreciative audience for IMI sessions on flashing, fire safety, stone design, and more, plus job-specific consultations.



Masonry Days for Evansville and South Bend Decisionmakers

On October 22, designers, contractors and owners got to see skilled BAC members in action at the Evansville Masonry Day. Along with hands-on demonstrations, the program offered AIA continuing education credits, with seminars on flashing and moisture issues and codes and standards.

In South Bend, where restoration tops the list of designers’ concerns, IMI has a packed program on November 5 that will cover brick and terra cotta restoration, flashing and codes, plus a Quality Assurance panel of BAC Local 4 officials and contractors. A highlight of the day will be the **University of Notre Dame student design/build competition**.



IMI Training Boosts Marketability for Local 4 Members

To increase job prospects for BAC members, IMI offers a host of specialized training, often through train-the-trainer classes that give locals more flexibility to keep members certified. At The Flynn Center this year, Local 4 instructors took advantage of **OSHA and MSHA** train-the-trainer classes, while members increased their employability through **pre-job** and **cross-training** classes in PCC, Jahn restoration mortars, refractory, rigging, and more.



Building Inspectors Turn to IMI

Last year’s popular Building Inspectors Workshop prompted an encore this summer, focusing on masonry code requirements. The Northwest Indiana inspectors learned to recognize quality installation, and have already called IMI about specific projects. The workshop was “a great opportunity to show them that BAC and IMI provide skilled craftworkers,” says Local 4 Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Brown. “Another benefit is assisting building inspectors in distinguishing qualified contractors.”



Green is Good - for BAC Members and Contractors

With the push for sustainable design, IMI educates designers and construction managers on masonry’s contribution and the importance of skilled installation, and helps position BAC contractors for that work through the **Sustainable Masonry Certification Program**, developed under U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) guidelines. Topics such as construction waste management, building reuse tactics and building envelope and performance help make contractors a valuable part of a green building team. To learn more, go to www.imiweb.org/greenmasonry.

Contractor College

Another selling point that sets BAC contractors apart is access to ongoing professional education. The October session of Contractor College at The Flynn Center covered New Technologies, Quality Assurance, Air Barriers, and Mortar Restoration.



Instructor Certification Program

Congratulations to Local 4 instructors Scott Wooldridge and Kenneth Reiter, who graduated from the IMI Instructor Certification Program this October.

Reiter says his ICP education “will be a valuable tool in better reaching and teaching my students.” For Wooldridge, “it has helped me become not only a better teacher but a better union member,” he says.



Future Construction Managers Learn About Masonry and BAC Skills

Developing good work habits, including an appreciation for quality masonry, was the purpose of a Local 4/IMI program for Construction Management students at Indiana State University this October in Terre Haute. The program started with a lecture to make them more familiar - and appreciative - of masonry as a building material choice, and show how IMI and BAC can help them on their future projects. The hands-on demonstrations of laying brick and block served two purposes, says Assistant Professor Richard Nightingale: to see how the materials really go together, and to appreciate the skills and training of their future collaborators.

