JANUARY 2024

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January 17 Member BREAKFAST Mtg MAC West

January 31 Meet the GCs Expo St. Charles Convention Ctr

FEBRUARY

February 21 Member Dinner Mtg *Syberg's on Dorsett*

MARCH

SUBExcel Convention March 6-9 *New Orleans, LA*

March 20 Monthly LUNCH Mtg. Syberg's on Dorsett

APRIL

April 20 31st Annual Awards Gala *The Four Seasons STL*

For a complete list of all upcoming ASA MWC meetings and events visit www.asamidwest.com Happy New Year! I hope everyone's holidays were magical, filled with family and friends, or maybe not too much family. The holidays can also be the perfect time to rest and recharge, so if you were one of the lucky few who got that opportunity, I say congratulations and I am jealous.

The start of a New Year can be exciting, time to set business goals and make those new year resolutions. You can try the age-old resolutions like losing weight, exercising more, drinking less, and getting more sleep. While I encourage everyone to do all these things, let's face it these resolutions are easy to start but difficult to maintain.

Might I suggest an easier new year's resolution, come to more ASA events. This is a simple resolution to keep and a whole lot more fun! To start off your 2024 resolutions please join us for the Meet the GC Expo on Wednesday January 31st at the St. Charles Convention Center. This is a terrific opportunity to network, meet potential new clients or re-connect with existing ones. Whatever your motivation, attending the Meet the GC Expo is something you will not regret.

Another easy, non-dieting, resolution I suggest is getting more involved with the ASA.

As a member you are welcome to join any number of the many committees we have. Like planning events, then join the Programs Committee. Are you good at recruiting, then the Membership Committee is right for you. How about Safety? Do you oversee the safety program for your company, then the Safety Committee is calling your name. There are numerous other committees to join, and they do not take a huge commitment. I guarantee joining an ASA Committee is easier than the Atkins diet, walking a treadmill, yoga, or the latest craze of CrossFit. If you are interested in joining or learning more about an ASA committee, reach out to executive director, Susan Winkelmann <u>susan@asamidwest.com</u>.

As we step into 2024, I wish everyone the best of luck with whatever resolutions you may have for the new year. See you on January 31st at the Expo!

Dennis Voss Golterman & Sabo President, ASA MWC 314-402-5444 | <u>DennisV@golterman.com</u> The MAC West The Town & Country Room 1777 Des Peres Road Des Peres, MO 63131 January 17, 2024 | 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Member BREAKFAST MEETING-2024 Economic Forecast

ASA members-\$30 | Non Members \$100



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Make plans to join the ASA Midwest Council 22nd Annual Meet the GCs Expo!

THE ASA MEET THE GCs EXPO IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PREMIER STL AREA GCs

> Wednesday, January 31, 2024 St. Charles Convention Center

REMINDER! As an ASA Midwest Council Member you have <u>early access</u> to the General Contractor Exhibitors!

<u>MEMBER ONLY ACCESS</u>-3:00 to 4:30 p.m. All REGISTERED ATTENDEES-4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

ST. CHARLES CONVENTION CENTER

1 Convention Center Plaza Lower Level Convention Space St. Charles, MO 63303

Registration includes | hosted bar & appetizers <u>ASA Members \$85 | after 1.19.24. \$100</u> NON Members \$125 | after 1.19.24 \$140

Register online-www.asamidwest.com by Wednesday, January 24, 2024

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(Attendees not cancelled by 1.24.24. will be charged per ASA cancellation policy. No refund after 1.24.24., but you may always send someone in your place if you are unable to attend.)

January 17, 2024 Member BREAKFAST Meeting

The MAC West 1777 Des Peres Rd. | Des Peres, MO 63131 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Join the ASA Midwest Council on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 @ 7:30 a.m. at the MAC West.

2024 Economic Forecast

Presented by Mr. Charles Gascon, senior economist Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Join the conversation and take a look ahead at 2024, and how the economy may affect your business and the construction industry as a whole.

U.S. economic trends and outlook for 2024 | Outlook for monetary policy and interest rates in the new year as well as labor & job market outlook.

Supply chain, inflation, real estate trends, and key economic indicators | **Ample time for Q&A, so bring your questions!**

MEETING AGENDA:

7:30 to 8:00 a.m. | Breakfast & Networking 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. | 2024 Economic Forecast Presentation

Registration includes breakfast & presentation \$30 ASA Members | \$100 Non Members Register at asamidwest.com by Friday, January 12, 2024

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Wednesday, January 31st, 2024

St. Charles Convention Center



3:00 - 4:30 p.m. | ASA Member Early Access 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. | All Attendees Welcome

Advance Registration Required \$85 ASA Members | \$125 Non ASA Members

After January 19th Registration Deadline | Members \$100 | Non-Members \$140

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Upcoming ASA Midwest Council Meetings & Events



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ASA Monthly Member BREAKFAST Meeting MAC West

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ASA Monthly Member DINNER Meeting Syberg's on Dorsett

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The Red Carpet Awards Gala The Four Seasons Hotel STL



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The 2024 Legislative Session begins at 12 noon on where Cole County Circuit Judge Cotton Walker ruled Wednesday, January 3 and will run through Friday, in favor of the commission after they filed suit when May 17 at 6:00 p.m. On December 1, legislators began the Office of Administration refused to implement a the annual ritual of pre-filing legislation. The pre-filed pay increase for MoDOT employees. The pay plan was bills gave a telling look at the legislative priorities of approved by the commission, but was never approved our state representatives and senators. This year by the legislature, thus setting up a battleground over marked a near-record number of bills pre-filed, where which branch of government controls MoDOT well over 1,000 bills and resolutions were filed within spending. Walker was slated to hear arguments on the first week and throughout the month. This was a December 18 on a motion by the Attorney General's huge increase over the amount filed in the same period office to reconsider his decision. Regardless of the last year, where 769 legislative initiatives were filed. decision made by Walker, one would assume the losing Legislators may continue to file bills until March 1.

As session gets under way, it marks the beginning of fund is far from over. the end for two highly respected members of the Missouri Senate. Karla Eslinger, of the 33rd district, The far-right branch of Missouri Senate Republicans – which covers six counties in southern Missouri, has formerly called the Conservative Caucus - has accepted an appointment from the State Board of rebranded themselves into the Missouri Freedom Education to be Missouri's next Commissioner of Caucus. A number of former Conservative Caucus Education. Eslinger will finish the upcoming legislative members recently issued a release with their updated session, and then take the lead at her new position as name and several new members, including some House current Commissioner Marge Vandeven plans to retire members. Included in the group are Senators Koenig, at the end of June. Eslinger holds a doctorate in Hoskins, Brattin, Carter, Eigel, and Schroer. House educational leadership and policy analysis and served members included Representatives Keathley, Boyd, in various capacities in public education before her and Sparks. It remains to be seen if the newly named service in the Senate. State Representative Brad group will be obstructionists as they were in past Hudson (R-Stone and Christian Counties) had already sessions, but they have already launched social media announced plans to challenge Eslinger in next years' attacks at Senate leadership. primary election. At this juncture, he appears to be the only Republican candidate for the position.

Senator Elaine Gannan also recently announced her begins on January 3. plans to forgo a second term as she will not seek continue until the legislative session ends in mid-May. reelection in 2024. Gannon currently serves in the 3rd Senatorial District which includes Crawford, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francios, Washington and southern Jefferson Counties. Gannon issued a press release stating that her Senate service has limited the time she is able to spend with her family, especially her grandchildren. At this juncture, it appears this race will have a crowded primary of three Republican candidates have announced their interest in running for this open seat, including current state representatives Michael Henderson and Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway.

In a recent hearing of a House appropriations subcommittee, Department of Transportation director Patrick McKenna told committee members that the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has the authority to make expenditures regardless of the opinion and directives of the General Assembly. McKenna was referring to an October court ruling

side will appeal the ruling. It appears the battle over who controls the purse strings of the road and bridge

We will begin sending weekly legislative updates to ASA members shortly after the legislative session These weekly updates will As a reminder, weekly legislative updates including information regarding the general activities of the legislature and also include updates on legislation that directly impacts ASA members during the week.

We will continue to keep you updated of any political happenings in Jefferson City and around the state. Nikki Strong, Strong Consulting Group.



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Each month you will receive an update on the committees within ASA, to keep you informed. on current happenings at the committee level. Below are this month's committee reports. Interested in joining a committee? Contact Susan Winkelmann, ASA Executive Directorsusan@asamidwest.com or 314.845.0855



SAFETY

Watch for the Safety Award Applications available this month, and due by the end of February. More details coming via email!

For additional information regarding the ASA Safety Committee, or to join the committee,

contact our Safety Committee Co-Chairs: Rose Kastrup with CSA Advisors at (417) 761-4194 or Steve Williams with Bell Electrical at (314) 447-9071.



MEMBERSHIP

If you know a subcontractor who would benefit from the resources that ASA brings to its members, let us know. The benefits of ASA membership are many and our committee is very focused on adding quality new members. For Additional information contact our Membership Committee Co-Chairs, Chris O'Hagan, JD Kutter. (314) 444-4949 <u>chris@jdkutter.com.</u> OR Rob Meeh, R.F. Meeh (314) 608-0361/<u>rjmeeh@rfmeeh.com</u>

CONTRACT REVIEW

Did you know ASA Midwest Council has an extensive library of General Contractor contracts on file? These contracts have been reviewed by the Contract Review Committee, and include comments/suggestions of changes you may want to request during your contract negotiations. The contracts are available to ASA members only, and can be requested by sending an email to susan@asamidwest.com

If you have questions regarding the contract review service offered to our ASA members, please contact the Contract Review committee chair, Dick Stockenberg, ASA MWC chapter attorney, The Stockenberg Law Firm; <u>richard@stockenberglawfirm.com</u>

PROGRAMS

We want to hear from our members to ensure we are providing the best content possible to meet your needs! Who would you like to hear from at an upcoming meeting? If you have any suggestions or feedback, please contact our Programs Committee Co-Chairs: Chris O'Hagan, JD Kutter <u>chris@jdkutter.com</u> (314) 444-4949 OR Dan Tucker, MC Mechanical Services <u>dtucker@mcservicestl.com</u> (314) 707-7595



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The Most Common **Fire Safety Mistakes** by Businesses



Skipping Regular Inspections

Most cities and municipalities require businesses to get A dirty head will not respond when it needs to and will an annual fire safety inspection. businesses either forget to get one or the city doesn't do a for a smoke detector to detect a fire, the more danger good enough job enforcing the requirement. Skipping fire there is. Check smoke detectors every six months and safety inspections often isn't intentional. owners and their teams get busy, and the inspection slips their minds. However, this does not diminish the safety Obstructed Exits and Sprinklers risk. Regular inspections are the best way to catch fire Obstructions are common in businesses, such as a safety issues before they become a problem.

for years. The obvious danger in avoiding regular fire Nothing is supposed to be stored within 18 inches of a safety inspections is if the sprinkler system, fire alarm, fire sprinkler head because it can disrupt the flow of the smoke detectors or extinguishers are not in good working sprinkler. Obstructing exits makes it harder for a lot of order, they will not be able to prevent a fire from people to get out of a building quickly during a fire. This spreading. professional check their system at least once per year, but business owner. Take note of every exit and fire doing so twice per year is recommended to be safe.

After the inspection, companies will get a report from walkway or sprinkler. their inspector on the status of the fire protection systems, stating what works well and what needs to be A Lack of Action Plan fixed. Keep this report for two to five years for record- What should be done when there is a fire? Most business keeping purposes. This will allow future inspectors to owners don't have a plan for how to get everyone out of know what some of the past issues were and the steps the the building in a calm and orderly fashion. Business business took to fix them. Conducting annual fire safety owners who work in a commercial space should have a inspections is a simple step that business owners can do written emergency action plan for employees. to protect their team and their building from a fire. It is ensures everyone knows what the exit routes are and the most common mistake business owners make in fire what procedures are in place. safety and also the easiest to fix.

Poorly Maintained Signs and Lighting

week, one might think every worker knows how to get in include directions on when equipment needs to be shut and out of that building. However, things change when a down and other fire suppression procedures. fire starts, and smoke starts filling the building and Management should review the emergency action plan limiting visibility. When a fire is raging, often the only with employees at least once per year. The emergency things visible are the fire lights and exit signs. But exit action plan should follow OSHA standards. signs and fire lights with dead bulbs or that are not connected to the emergency power are all too common. Fires on commercial properties are common, but the Replace unilluminated exit signs and fire lights and test good news is most reasons why fires happen are them once a month. Testing them is easy and only preventable if inspections are taken seriously and issues requires the press of a test button to ensure it is connected to the emergency power source. If any issues common fire safety mistakes, and they will be better arise, call a fire safety professional to replace the sign.

Dirty Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors, like anything else, accumulate dirt, dust, and grime. Smoke detectors get dirty, and dirty smoke detectors don't work very well. Business owners frequently forget to clean their smoke detectors, making them less likelv to detect smoke auickly.

However, some not alert the fire department of a fire. The longer it takes Company clean out or replace any dirty heads.

warehouse or industrial businesses, that have to store a large number of materials. However, materials and Some businesses have not done a fire safety inspection equipment cannot obstruct any exits or sprinklers. Businesses should have a fire safety issue is very common and can be easily fixed by the sprinkler location and make sure not to store anything too close. Remove anything that is obstructing the

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An emergency action plan should cover what employees and employers need to do to make sure everyone is safe Working in a commercial space for the majority of the during an emergency fire. This action plan should also

> are quickly addressed. Businesses should avoid these equipped when an emergency happens.

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