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## Chapter Update

We have entered a new frontier - Newsletters! A leap into 'digital mass mail' seemed like a natural progression as we continue to expand the idea of what it means to be *The Mechanical Contractors Association* in Oklahoma. We've come a long way toward achieving that goal this past year, starting with a name change to better reflect our mission.

### *'Why change from MCA of Eastern Oklahoma?'*

We established ourselves 62 years ago and remain the only [MCAA](#) chartered chapter in the state. Our leadership takes the responsibility of promoting our local industry very seriously and believes a name change better reflects our long standing mission to do so.

### *'Tell me more about MCAA'*

Established in 1891, MCAA is the largest and most influential mechanical contractors trade group in North America. Representing thousands of contractors, hundreds of manufacturers and

## Latest MCAOK Blog Posts

*You can always find past newsletters and latest blog posts on our website. April highlights include:*

[Congress Readies More PPP Funding For Small Businesses. Here's What You Need To Know.](#)

[COVID-19: OSHA Reporting Requirements](#)

## May Safety Tip

Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizers Are Flammable!

To be effective against COVID-19, the CDC states that hand sanitizers must contain at least 70% alcohol. Since alcohol is flammable, we must be extremely careful when using it around items such as lighters and welding equipment.

## Upcoming Meetings

*Did you know that members have no-cost access to dozens of education sessions and conferences*

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continent - the [Mechanical Contractors Association of America](#) is the industry standard.

### 'How Do I Get Involved?'

Great question! The best way to get involved is to attend our monthly luncheons. Our face-to-face networking sessions will always be the ideal way to get the full membership experience. But we also understand that taking an extended lunch might not work for your busy schedule. That's why I am pleased to announce that we are working to create a library of Virtual Owner Education Sessions (VOES) as well as committing to virtual local meetings when appropriate - all exclusive for MCA of Oklahoma members.

### 'You're Appreciated'

I like to personally thank you for your continued work in our important and essential industry. And I hope those of you whom I have not met, reach out to discuss opportunities on how to get involved. There is always room for those looking to grow their knowledge and business!

Membership opportunities can be found [here](#).



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### Members Only Meetings

**May 5-7 @** Grand Hyatt DC —  
CEA National Issues  
Conference\*

**May 13 @** The Polo Grill Tulsa  
— MCA-SMACNA Education  
Meeting\*

**June 15-17 @** JW Marriott  
Austin — Women In Mechanical  
Industry Conference

**June 24 @** The Polo Grill —  
MCA-SMACNA Education  
Meeting

**July 15 @** The Polo Grill Tulsa -  
MCA Business Meeting

\*Cancelled or rescheduled due to  
COVID-19

### Labor News

Watch [United Association](#) General President  
Mark McManus  
and MCAA



President Brian Helm [discuss our joint efforts](#) to adapt to new working conditions as a result of COVID-19.

The UA has partnered with Eastern Gateway Community College to bring members and their families a completely free online Associate's Degree or, an online Bachelor's degree from Central State University in Ohio at a reduced rate. [Learn more about the program.](#)

Why UA? For 125 years, the UA

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After nearly 24 years, MCAA bid farewell to John Gentile, who has retired as the national association leader and CEO. John left an incredible mark on MCAA and the entire mechanical construction industry. In honor of John's dedication and passion for the association and industry, the foundation formerly known as MCERF, has been officially renamed the [John R. Gentile Foundation](#).

MCA of Oklahoma and the entire network of chapters would like to formally welcome Tim Brink as the new MCAA Chief Executive Officer. Tim is the former local association executive of [MSCA of Eastern Pennsylvania](#) and most recently served as MCAA's Chief Operating Officer.

### **Latest National Resources**

CNA is sharing a risk control bulletin on [Hygiene Controls in the Workplace](#).

Recording now available of webinar [Project Management Tools for Remote Work](#).

MCAA's most valuable resource just got even better. Get started today with this overview video of [WebLEM+Plus](#).

Many construction owners, general contractors, and construction managers are now requiring their contractors and subcontractors to produce either a *Company COVID-19 Exposure Control Plan*, or a

anywhere else in the industry. Project owners from small firms to Fortune 500 companies utilize their highly skilled workforce for construction, maintenance and installation services. Read more about what the [United Association](#) brings to our industry.

### **Further Reading**

Enjoyed this month's Newsletter? There's more where that came from. Here's what's hot in the construction community right now:

[Democrats Unveil Virus Workplace-Safety Bill](#)  
*by Bloomberg Law*

[EEOC Backs Employer Virus Testing](#)  
*by Bloomberg Law*

[AEC Firms More Optimistic in New Corona Virus Survey](#)  
*by Engineered Systems Magazine*

[New Union Label: Female, Progressive, and Very Anti-Trump](#)  
*by Politico*

### **Thanks for Subscribing**

The team at MCA of Oklahoma wants to extend a hearty 'thank you' to all of our great member

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your company is required to produce either plan, MCAA's new [easily customizable Model Plan](#) will make meeting the requirements very easy.

## Company Spotlight

Coming June 2020

Did you know that one of our primary directives is to promote the Oklahoma mechanical contracting industry?

Starting in June we will begin featuring an Oklahoma company working in the Mechanical Contracting trade. This can be a contractor, supplier, MCA member, vendor, or even your favorite independent engineer.

Would you like your company to be featured? Do you know someone who would benefit from being in the spotlight? Please send your ideas to Jenelle Edgar at [Jenelle@mcaok.org](mailto:Jenelle@mcaok.org).

mechanical contracting community shine!

### Open for Business

Although business never sleeps, our physical office was unoccupied temporarily due to COVID-19 concerns. Executive staff is back and continues to work for the betterment of the industry.

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