

Central Chapter

May Meeting Recap



Guest Speaker Tony Darkangelo
of FCA International.

The FCAI Central Chapter has recently offered, as part of their regular meetings, speakers focusing on pertinent and valuable topics of interest to contractor members.

Tony Darkangelo, CEO of the FCA International brought contractors up-to-date on many of the resources FCA offers to their members during the May meeting held at Black Band Distillery. Tony noted that recently the PCA/FCA Industry Standards have been updated and are ready for industry use. For decades, these standards (formerly PDCA Industry Standards) have served painting contractors as a blueprint for delivering quality painting, coating, and decorative finish work. They are nationally recognized consensus documents for the painting and coating industry's work practices.

FCA has worked diligently with the PCA Industry Standards committee over the past two years to review each standard line by line: condensing, refining, updating, and removing redundancies. These standards were updated with input from contractors, manufacturers, engineers, architects, spec writers, association leaders and industry subject-matter experts. The standards are now jointly branded with FCA International, reflecting the collaboration between the two organizations on this effort. FCA has partnered with the PCA since 2014 to enhance and advance the painting and coating industries.

The revised PCA/FCA Industry Standards allow the entire industry to understand what an appropriate finish looks like. The updated standards will also be provided to our industry training facilities for their use as they educate current and future applicators. In addition, the FCA developed comprehensive silica packages designed to provide guidance and resources needed to reach and remain compliance with OSHA's Silica Standards.

Recently, the FCA helped PPG test a new broadwall paint for high-traffic commercial spaces during the PDC 30 STARS event. PPG's goal was to gather feedback on the application properties of this paint before they finalize formulations.

Other resources that FCA offers include: Signatory contractors trade-specific plans for managing heat stress; Company-wide Quality Manuals and Job Specific Quality Plans; Monthly online Safety webinars on a variety of topics; Legislative action and information on many topics related to Union contractors including Bid Listing; Public, Private Partnerships; Immigration Reform; Multiemployer Pension Reform; Prompt Payment and opposing efforts to modify the Davis Bacon Act. Tony's talk was well received by members in attendance.



Central Chapter President, Jami
Taylor speaks at the May Meeting.

EVENTS

Friday, July 19
Central Chapter Golf Outing
@ Weaver Ridge

Tuesday, September 17
Central Chapter Meeting
@ Rob Dobbs

Tuesday, October 22
Central Chapter Community
Cares Night
@ Gateway

Saturday, November 9
Central Chapter
Holiday Party
@ Peoria Riverfront
Museum

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