

President's Message

I have two items of importance to bring to your attention this quarter...

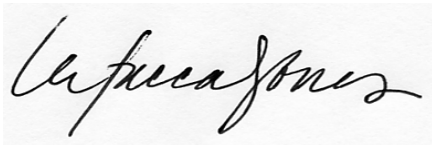
Many of you are hearing rumblings regarding Senate Bill 355. This bill has been introduced by Senator Margett. The portion of the bill which most concerns us is the portion which proposes to define a contractor to include an individual or firm proposing to provide construction management services on state construction projects. This would result in mandatory licensure as a general contractor by all firms providing construction management services. To read the full bill go to: http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0351-0400/sb_355_bill_20070625_amended_asm_v96.html

This bill, if passed, could have far reaching consequences for our industry. As a result, SoCal, along with San Diego and Northern California chapters, are working together to defeat this legislation. We are working with other state organizations and have hired the services of a lobbyist to represent our interest on this bill. Our National organization is supporting us in this effort and has earmarked funds to assist us.

When legislation is proposed that impedes the professional practice of CM to the detriment of the owners, whether on a local, state or federal level, CMAA is prepared to respond. SB 355 is an excellent example of three chapters and the national office collaborating in the interest of the association and CM's. What can you do? Write a letter to your state representative and to Senator Margett stating your objections to this bill. You can find a sample letter on our website.

Have you heard about our CMAA Transportation Summit, July 20-21? This is our national conference on transportation with a local flavor and is sponsored by the California Chapters. We have invited local, state and national transportation owners and experts to be a part of this important and exciting event. Please consider submitting a proposal; the deadline is March 26.

Don't forget-April 2 is our annual Awards Dinner. Hope to see you all there!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Jones', is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

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