EIFS Industry Members Association

EIMA Takes Steps to Reduce Restrictions on EIFS in Chicago

Seeing that the City of Chicago government has not moved to reduce its restrictions on use of EIFS, EIMA has written a letter to Rahm Emanuel, the Mayor of Chicago, asking him to intercede and approve the use of EIFS within the city.

The City of Chicago has a restriction on barrier EIFS, but certain departments will not even approve the EIFS with drainage that are permitted. EIMA is frustrated that the city employees in the planning and development department freely acknowledged when EIMA representatives met with them that they don’t like to approve EIFS projects and generally reject them. The only exception to this generalization is when a developer applies intense political pressures to get an EIFS project approved.

Further, EIMA believes the situation would be improved if the City of Chicago would adopt the International Building Code (IBC) which contains the necessary provisions for the proper installation of EIFS. In looking for possible allies, EIMA has reached out to the Building Owners and Managers Association of Chicago, which has already taken the stand that it would like to have the City of Chicago adopt the IBC.

If you want to join this effort, or know of persons in the Chicago area in the EIFS industry who you know would want to join the effort, please contact Scott Robinson at EIMA.

Balloting For ANSI/EIMA EIFS Standard is Underway

EIMA is now balloting for the new, proposed EIFS standard that will replace the outdated ANSI/EIMA 99 A 2001. The new standard will add provisions for EIFS with Drainage and will replace citations for outdated references with the current ones.

Using procedures approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), EIMA has set up a small committee representing the various interests in the EIFS industry to vote on this proposed standard. This group, in ANSI terms, is referred to as a ‘canvass.’ If you want to participate in the balloting, please contact Dave Johnston at EIMA.
A Tribute to Danny Bonnell

By Mike King
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We have lost a loyal patriot and statesman to our industry, as Mr. Danny Lee Bonnell recently lost a valiant fight to cancer which he had battled over the past several years. Even more so we have lost a great friend who cherished life and all those around him.

As a personal friend to Danny and his family, I cannot write this tribute without emotion and without passion to a man who lived life to the fullest and who embraced every opportunity to enjoy his family and friends. He was a pioneer and cornerstone to theEIFS industry and will be remembered by the many EIFS high rise condos that dot the Myrtle Beach coastline. Truly a legendary feat that has forever more changed the landscape of EIFS in Grand Strand Coastal area.

Danny and his family migrated to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina looking to better their lives and almost penniless started Commercial Systems which grew into one of the most respected EIFS companies in the country. His Son, Danny Lee Jr., continues this tradition of quality and values at Commercial Systems Plus.

Sometimes we refer to “breaking the mold” when we lose a dear friend; such as, Danny, but be assured the mold has been broken and we will miss his stories and unforgettable tales which many of us came to endear. There was never a dull moment around Danny and his story telling antics.

I personally met Danny in the early nineties when he conducted his business with sales representatives at McDonalds on Kings Highway. If you wanted to visit with Danny about business it was at McDonalds, black coffee and sausage biscuits and he always paid.

Commercial Systems was widely known in the Myrtle Beach area but though Danny’s association and contributions with EIMA, AWCI and the Carolina Lath & Plastering Association he became a recognized figure in our industry. Losing Danny leaves a huge hole in our hearts that cannot be mended and for many of us who had the wonderful experience to have Danny in our lives, we know the “mold is broken”. His inspiration to all of us and his spirit will live on and his legacy will thrive for future generations as a benchmark we should all aspire to achieve. Truly, a pioneer!

Danny supported our industry in every way thinkable and his tradition lives within all of us. We thank you Mr. Bonnell for all you represented and for helping frontier our lives. You will always be remembered. Peace and blessings from all your friends at EIMA and beyond to the Bonnell family and our sincere condolences but more so our joy in the celebration of Danny’s life where he touched so many.

ASHRAE Considers ‘Envelope Verification’ Provisions

At its meetings during theASHRAE Convention in Seattle on June 27-July2, the Envelope Subcommittee of theASHRAE 90.1 Standing Standard Project Committee will present for full committee approval a proposal that will revise the inspection criteria for the building envelope during construction to ensure that it meets the requirements of 90.1. The revised provision states: “All building construction, additions, or alterations work subject to the provisions of this standard shall remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes until approved in accordance with the procedures specified by the building official. Items for inspection include but are not limited to: insulation (emphasis added), fenestration, mechanical systems, water heating systems, and lighting systems.” It will also add a new section to provide for inspection and verification of the building envelope. This section lists the specific requirements for continuous air barrier materials and assemblies in the opaque building envelope.

If the full 90.1 committee approves this proposal, it will be published for public comment. The EIMA Technical and Research Steering Committee is monitoring the progress of this proposal and will review its provisions if and when it goes out for public comment.
Quarterly Project Award Winner Announced

Last year, the EIFS Industry Members Association (EIMA) launched a visually-stimulating program, showing the benefits of EIFS from coast to coast on a range projects. This program, titled the Quarterly Project Awards Program, demonstrates the wide range of benefits exterior insulation and finish systems (EIFS) offer. This quarter, the award is presented to Sto Corp and its Ocean Village on the Shore project located in Arverne, New York.

The approximately 557,000 square foot development showcases several benefits of EIFS from continuous insulation to great flexibility in designing a project. The StoTherm Lotusan NeXT EIFS system was used on the recladding, which offers a combination of a continuous fluid-applied air barrier, exterior insulation properties, and a textured finish with self-cleaning capabilities.

The benefits of using EIFS as an exterior wall cladding continue to hit new highs far surpassing the longstanding benefits of energy efficiency and cost. EIFS offers a lasting aesthetic appeal and reduces overall life cycle costs, all while easily meeting the continuous insulation requirements of ASHRAE 90.1.

Committee Updates

The EIMA Technical and Research Steering Committee met in Richmond Virginia on June 18th to discuss issues that had originally been introduced at the 2014 EIMA Annual Meeting. During the meeting the committee reviewed the outcomes of the IgCC codes changes that EIMA had been engaged in during the April 27th - May 3rd hearings. EIMA continues to be involved with the Energy Efficiency Foam Coalition, the group monitoring and advocating against efforts to ban flame retardants. The committee was advised of those areas of the U.S. where such a ban was expected to be considered and discussed possible next steps for EIMA to take on this issue.

Several upcoming items were reviewed and discussed as well, from the ASTM EIFS Symposium in October to the balloting process of ANSI/EIMA 99-A-20xx to air barriers. There continues to be several issues that the committee is monitoring and will provide updates when they become available.

EIMA’s Communications and Education Committee met on May 29th at the Philadelphia offices of Dow Construction Chemicals. After concluding the decision-making process study last year, the committee continued its analysis of both the findings and possible next steps. A major focus of the last several meetings has been outlining all the possible next steps, which will be shared as they are further developed.

The committee also looked at an exterior wall cladding comparative piece the Brick Institute of America released on Earth Day. Upon being made aware of this document, EIMA officials realized several of the points were surprisingly not just off base, but totally inaccurate. EIMA had previously responded with a blog post calling these points into question; the committee will continue to explore additional comments.
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