

# THE MECHANICAL INSPECTOR



Bill Moy accepting the Carl Adamko Inspector of the Year Award from Past President Guy Mitchell.

## CARL ADAMKO AWARD

Each year at the MIAM Spring Conference the Board of Directors presents the Carl Adamko Award to the "Inspector of the Year." This year Bill Moy is the well deserved and gracious 16th recipient of the Carl Adamko Award.

Our honoree has been an inspector since 1989 in Plymouth and Canton Townships. He started working in the trade in 1968 through 1989 and then became an inspector. He took a four year detour to serve his country as a U.S. Navy Seabee, working in refrigeration, plumbing and water treatment.

He earned his associate degree in Applied Sciences and has been a part-time instructor at Schoolcraft College in Climate Systems and related trade programs for the past 19 years. He holds Builder and Mechanical Contractor licenses.

He is currently the President of Southeastern Michigan Mechanical Inspectors Associations, Board of Directors for MIAM, Education Committee for MIAM and MMIA. Bill began donating his time as an instructor for MIAM, MMIA and other associations in 1994, and has taught over 21 classes in Administration, Communication, and Plan Review. He is known as the "King of Plan Review" by his fellow inspectors. He is committed to our association and spends a great deal of time making sure all inspectors have their education credits. At the end of the last cycle he responded by teaching small classes to many a desperate inspector who waited until the last minute for credits.

He enjoys hunting and fishing and has been married to his lovely wife Bette for 32 years this year.

Congratulations on this acknowledgement from your peers.

MIAM Spring Conference highlights inside...

April 2008



Welcome!

## NEW MMIA Members

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We Are Glad To Have You

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Improve  
And  
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**MMIA**, Inc.

Better Enforcement  
Today  
for a Safer  
Tomorrow

Joe Otis swears in the new MIAM Board of Directors at the MIAM Spring Conference at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.



L to R Joe Otis, Guy Mitchell, Treasurer, Mike Shaltz, President, Carl Janson, Sr. Vice-President, Jerry Payne, Vice-President, and Bill Hiller, Secretary.

# Presidents' Corner



## MIAM President Mike Shaltz

As your new President, I am pleased to say that MIAM continues to grow its membership each year—even in these hard times. I think the reason for that is simple. MIAM is the leading inspector association in the nation, and the largest, because we provide every credit hour required for every single cycle. Since our inception in 1986, we have never failed to keep this promise to our members. There is no need for you to go anywhere else. All you have to do is attend every conference and you will be completely current with the State of Michigan Bureau of Construction

Codes. Our speakers are all highly educated in their topics, whether they are from inside the association or are brought in from other organizations. Our programs are geared toward your comments from each Conference - yes, we do read them.

The Board of Directors and the Education Committee work hard to maintain strong communications with our members by keeping you informed every quarter through this Newsletter. We are open and ask for your input - both questions and comments. We provide timely Technical Topics for your review and continuing education. You will find our classes listed as well as any others we may hear about.

What I want you to take from this brief article is this: MIAM is here to help you become a better inspector through all of the options which are available to you. We also want you to become involved in your Association by volunteering your time and knowledge. It can be as much or as little time as you wish to spend. Like Nike says, "Just Do It". You won't be sorry. I know I'm not! Help us continue to grow and become stronger. Call us today.



## MIAM Past President Guy Mitchell

I wish to thank the entire membership for allowing me the honor of being your president this past year. I especially want to thank the Board of Directors for their help and support. This organization cannot exist without these dedicated men that volunteer their hard work, time and effort for all of us.

I would also like to thank the dedicated women at our association office that work so hard to help make this organization one of the best in the state.

The past year flew by but the friendships I have made will last a lifetime, I hope. Please feel free to contact me at anytime you feel I can be of assistance.

Thank you all for a wonderful time.



## MMIA President Vernon Pappas

Happy Spring everyone! Well the calendar says it's spring and the robins around my house don't have gloves on anymore. The Spring Conference just ended and I hope all who attended had a great time and even learned a

few new things.

Please find on page 8 a letter written by Henry Green regarding the sprinkler inspection issue. I have received Mr. Green's permission to reprint it here. You will notice he addresses PA 207 as being limited in nature to State facilities. You will also notice that he mentions on any construction projects that inspectors must be registered as Act 54 inspectors and that the fire service does not require inspection. I leave it at that since his words speak for themselves. I'm sure this will not end this issue but hopefully it will shed some additional light on the subject for the Building Officials to rethink their positions on this matter.

The State website just posted that the Rules are online for the Michigan Building, Residential and Rehab codes. The new codes go into effect Aug. 1, 2008 and books should be available mid June. The association office will have the code books available as soon as possible.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the 6 credit hour technical ICC Class "2006 International Mechanical Code Fundamentals" on May 15 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center from 8 am to 3 pm.



## Transitions

In accordance with my announcement made at the Spring conference last year, I have decided to resign my positions on the Board of Directors and all standing committees. My resignation is effective at the end of this conference.

As announced at the General Membership Business Meeting, Bob Logan will take over the Region #8 Director position on the board.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members and staff for your continued support and assistance for these last 22 years to make it easier to serve for the good of the association.

Sincerely,  
Wayne Blossey

**Passings...** We are sad to announce the loss of long time members.

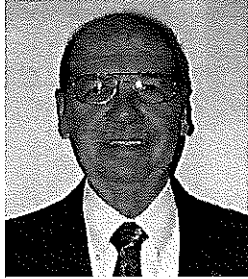
Kenneth Schaedler, Blissfield  
Gilbert Savoy, Metamora/Almont  
**They will be missed**

**MIAM held its election of officers at the Spring Conference in Clare  
and your new MIAM Officers are...**

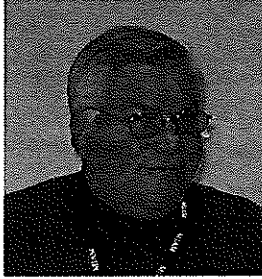
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**Ask the Committee:**

Send your questions about  
Mechanical Code enforcement to  
the Education Committee for  
discussion and research. As space  
permits, they will be answered in  
this Newsletter.

**Inform the Committee:**

These articles are directed to  
membership participation. We  
welcome you to please submit your  
comments and answers.

**REMINDER**

Publishing deadlines are as follows:  
Jan 1 deadline for Jan 15 mailing  
Apr 1 deadline for Apr 15 mailing  
Jul 1 deadline for Jul 15 mailing  
Oct 1 deadline for Oct 15 mailing  
Anyone is welcome to submit  
articles, but the Education  
committee will decide  
publishing priority.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Anyone who is even remotely connected to the construction industry in Michigan knows that the industry is going through some of the worst economic times that we've seen in the past thirty years. Cities and townships are struggling to make up for the loss of revenue resulting from falling property evaluations, failing retail businesses and vacant office space by laying off personnel and forcing cutbacks.

The inspector's job, however, remains the same: "Safety in the built environment". We're not running into burning buildings and nobody is ever going to make a movie about "The Heroes In The Building Department"; but when that fire damper closes and maintains the integrity of that fire wall, or when that smoke control system is protecting that properly constructed egress corridor while people escape disaster, it's because an inspector was doing his job. You saw to it that it was built right.

So when your city council is proposing cuts in the Building Department, they need to be reminded that they are not just looking at more potholes in the roads because of maintenance budget cuts or the grass not getting cut in the parks as often. They are looking at an increased potential for personal injury and even death.

Bill Paquette  
Farmington Hills Mechanical Inspector

**ASSOCIATION REPORT WMMIA—Jerry Payne**

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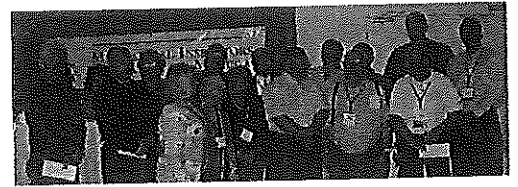
WMMIA has been working with suppliers and contractors alike to foster a better working relationship in our industry. Members of WMMIA have enjoyed a jump start in 2008 through participation of manufacturers, suppliers and the organization. Since December 11 hours of education have been provided to the membership. Special thanks to Shoemakers, Renewaite and Tension Barry.

For future classes, or to become a member please contact Jim at:  
[Hoppus@wmmiahop@comcast.net](mailto:Hoppus@wmmiahop@comcast.net).

Life is change, growth is optional-Grow through education

# MIAM Spring Conference

We had it all. Three days filled with the best education possible. Bingo Thursday night, Friday night banquet with great food and incredible raffle prizes. Ladies activities that were soothing and relaxing. Who can imagine what we'll experience in the Fall. Stay tuned.....



See all the happy winners. We had fourteen \$100 prize winners in addition to all the raffle prizes.



Old friends reconnecting after the long winter

Everyone enjoyed all the Conference activities



## THANK YOU SPONSORS

We asked and even more of you came through. Thank you for believing in our vision of education for the Mechanical Inspectors of Michigan.

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**West MI Mechanical Inspectors Association**



### EDUCATION REPORT - Bill Moy Co-Chair

I think Spring has finally come out of its hiding place. The Spring Conference is over and the schedule of speakers and classes was excellent. Thank you to the International Code Council for their presentation.

A special thanks to the suppliers for their efforts and time for the Cracker Barrel.

The Doherty Hotel again provided excellent service and accommodations to all that attended.

Your Education Committee is now preparing for the Fall Conference schedule. Again, check your hours and see where you may be short and let the committee know so we can prepare to assist you. As you know, we cannot read your minds. We greatly appreciate receiving your comments on the evaluation reports. They are invaluable to us in choosing your classes. Thank you for your participation in this very important process.

That about sums up the Ed Committee report. Think summer!!

A big thanks to Che Bella Salon for making our ladies even more beautiful. Hair, Nails and Makeup followed by a chair massage. What more could you ask for. You're right, a fashion show with our very own MIAM wives modeling. Lynne Bliet, owner of Black Bear and Broadcloth let our ladies play "Dress up Barbie" in her lovely shop. A good time was had trying on whatever caught your fancy, with shoes and accessories added. We hope Lynne will let us play at her store again. But, there was even more entertainment -our inspectors and families were entertained with Nintendo Wii games. Instructions were provided by Jessica and Coral Sanchez of Motor City Ventilation (Sponsor) and Zack and Sierra Haynes, children of Mark and Teresa Haynes.

The bubbling Chocolate Fountain with fresh fruit and other goodies was a delicious treat during the activities. Saturday morning the ladies enjoyed one last game of Bingo, a few laughs and than another farewell until the Fall Conference.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Conference. Have a great Spring and Summer.



**SPECIAL REPORT—RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS LEGISLATION**

Michigan's Governor Jennifer Granholm signed four pieces of legislation on December 27, 2007 to strengthen licensing and enforcement provisions for residential builders. Enrolled Senate Bill No 450, 451, 452 and 453 became Public Act 155, 156, 157 and 158 of 2007, respectively.

Senate Bills 450 and 452 would amend Article 6 (Violations and Penalties) and Article 24 (Residential Builders) of the Occupational Code to do the following:

- Increase criminal penalties for a person who operated as a residential builder or a residential maintenance and alteration contractor *without a license*.
- Allow a prosecuting attorney and the attorney general to bring a civil action against a person not licensed under Article 24 for practicing without a license; and require the court to order a fine payable to the prosecuting attorney or the attorney general.
- Require the completion of a prelicensure course of study by applicants for an initial residential builder or contractor license.
- Establish continuing competency requirements for licensed builders and contractors.
- Allow a licensed builder or contractor to apply for inactive status.
- Require the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG) to issue three-year residential builder and contractor licenses.
- Require a licensed residential builder, as part of a contract, to provide information relating to his or her individual license and any qualifying officer license.
- Revise the time period to file a complaint against a licensed builder or contractor.
- Prohibit a person not licensed under Article 24 from imposing a lien on real property.
- Include aiding or abetting another person in the unlicensed practice of an occupation as a violation of the code subject to administrative sanctions.
- Provide that restitution would have to be required for any violation of the code.
- Allow DLEG, the attorney general, and a county prosecutor to use forfeiture as a remedy.

Senate Bill 451 would amend the Revised Judicature Act to require a court to notify DLEG of the entry of a judgment for damages against a licensed residential builder for certain violations; and include a violation of the Occupational Code's licensure and registration requirement as a crime for purposes of the seizure and forfeiture of the proceeds of a crime.

Senate Bill 453 would amend the State License Fee Act to do the following:

- Increase the per-year license fee for a builder or contractor from \$40 to \$60 for one license cycle, and prescribe a \$50 fee for subsequent years. (The fee is currently scheduled to fall to \$30 after September 30, 2007 without passage of the bill.)
- Create the "Builder Enforcement Fund" and require it to be used for the enforcement of Article 24 of the Occupation Code regarding *unlicensed* activity, and the prosecution of *unlicensed* practice.
- Make a one-time-only allocation to the Enforcement Fund of \$30 from the \$60 license fee received during a single three-year license cycle.
- Allocate to the Enforcement Fund \$5 of the \$50 license fee until the balance reached \$3 million, and reinstate the allocation when the balance fell below \$750,000.

The penalty provisions (In Enrolled Senate Bill No. 450) deserve special mention:

"Notwithstanding subsections (4) and (5), a person not licensed under article 24 as a residential builder or a residential maintenance and alteration contractor who violates subsection (1) or (2) is guilty as follows:

(a) In the case of a first offense, a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$5,000.00 or more than \$25,000.00, or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

(b) In the case of a second or subsequent offense, a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$5,000.00 or more than \$25,000.00, or imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both.

(c) In the case of an offense that causes death or serious injury, a felony punishable by a fine of not less than \$5,000.00 or more than \$25,000.00, or imprisonment for not more than 4 years, or both."

The acts become effective June 1, 2008. For additional information or copies of the new laws, contact Contractors Legislative Services by E-mail: [lynnbriggs@comcast.net](mailto:lynnbriggs@comcast.net)



MMIA and MIAM would like to thank the speakers who volunteer their knowledge and time for a great cause! A special **THANK YOU** to...

Kevin Bernier, Steve Cobb, Philip Lapoint, Fady Mattar, Bill Moy, Larry Mullins, Vernon Pappas, Jeff Poland, Ron Sandelius, Darrel Simon, Garry VanDenBerg, and Cheryl Van Hovel for your contributions to the *MIAM Spring Conference*. We could not have done it without you. Excellent job all! Eli Howard, Vern Pappas, Mike Dilling and Mark Riley. MMIA always appreciates the time you donate to the association.

**MMIA Ukrainian Cultural Center**

May 15 - IMC Fundamentals 8-3pm 6 Cr T  
Jun 19 - Commercial Plan Review 3 Cr PR

# INSPECTOR EDUCATION

## MECHANICAL INSPECTOR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

September 17, 2006 Thru September 16, 2009

REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS	MIAM (03-29-08)	MMIA (03-20-08)
Administration	4	4
Technical	24	13
Communication	1	2
Specialty	18	12
Plan Review	12	3
Total	59	34

**West Michigan Mechanical Inspector Association**

Meets at the Zeeland Township Hall, 6582 Byron Rd, every 2nd Thursday each month at 12:45 pm. The Association has a business meeting, followed by a seminar. Note: May meeting will be on a Friday, 6 credit hours, Class Number to be announced. WMMIA Contacts: Paul Schaut: pschaut@ci.grand-rapids.mi.us

**CIT Certified Inspectors Training**

Hotel Doherty, Clare, June 2- 5, 2008

Plumbing - June 2                      Mech. & Plan Review - June 3  
Bldg & Plan Review - June 4      Electrical - June 5

For more information contact: Curtis Stowe  
248-624-0570 (office) , 586-436-0450 (cell phone)

**NEED A SUB?** Are you going on vacation? Planning to take time off your job? Too much work and not enough staff? Check this listing for a substitute inspector to give you a hand when you're not in the office or over worked. The following people may be available to sub for you: **Ed Barnes 248-224-3357 John Douglass 734-665-9254 Ed Durbin 586-739-1600 Brian Guccini 248-953-2763 Bill Karas 810-650-8183 Bill Myers 248-348-5830**. If you would like to be added to this list, please call the Association offices at **248-649-5443**. We need many subs throughout the state to help fill in during on vacations, illnesses and breaks.

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT & CONSUMERS SERVICES WORKMANSHIP! CODE VIOLATION OR NOT?

by Scott Fisher, Director, Office of Government and Consumer Services Reprinted with the permission of Scott Fisher

Prior to the adoption of the 2000 Michigan Codes, the "workmanship" section of the building code helped simplify the lives of many building inspectors in Michigan. Particularly those who performed inspections and completed reports that related to complaints filed against a licensed residential builder or maintenance and alteration contractor. With the adoption of the 2000 Michigan Codes, that section has vanished.

Every time the office spoke with someone about an issue that was covered under the removed section, his or her take on the matter was always different, which resulted in more confusion.

After discussing, the "workmanship" matter with the bureau's administration and the Enforcement Division of the Bureau of Commercial Services, it was felt that an article would help answer any questions that may still exist. It is with that in mind that the following information is provided.

Although "workmanship" is not specifically addressed as it once was in the building code, poor workmanship or workmanship not meeting the standards of the custom or trade, is a violation of 1980 PA 299, Occupational Code, Section 2411 (2) (m). Section 2411 (2) states: "A licensee or applicant who commits 1 or more of the following shall be subject to the penalties set forth in article 6"... Section 2411 (2) (m) states: "Poor workmanship or workmanship not meeting the standards of the custom or trade verified by a building code enforcement official."

When conversing with building inspectors around the state about complaint investigations, a number of them indicated

that they were under the assumption that they no longer had the authority to check the workmanship column of the report. That assumption is not correct. As part of an investigative team, building inspectors not only have the authority to identify workmanship problems, they have a responsibility to do so as prescribed by 1972 PA 230, Section 12 (1) which states: "An enforcing agency shall periodically inspect all construction undertaken pursuant to a building permit issued by it to ensure that the construction is performed in accordance with conditions of the building permit and is consistent with requirements of the code and other applicable laws and ordinances." The other applicable law in this case is the Occupational code, and the Residential Builders and Maintenance and Alteration Contractors General Rules.

So remember, when completing a report relating to a complaint against a residential builder or maintenance and Alteration contractor, "workmanship" problems should be identified. However, merely checking the box on the report does not help much. A brief description of what was witnessed, and its location needs to be provided. It is always helpful if a picture of the problem accompanies the report.

Questions relating to the completion of a report for the Bureau of Commercial Services should be directed to their Enforcement Division at (517) 241-9202. Other questions may be directed to the Office of Local Government and Consumer Services at (517) 241-9347.

**“RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT FOR ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE SUPPRESSION LAWS”**  
**Henry Green February 13, 2008 letter**

I am writing in regards to a memorandum dated September 28, 2007, in which Frances L. Finnegan opined about the responsible department for enforcement of fire suppression laws. In this document, Ms. Finnegan concludes, “since the 2006 I.F.C. is the most recent code amended and effective, it is my opinion that the person to enforce fire suppression/protection laws including, but not limited to, inspections, is the fire official or his designee.” There are several items I wish to bring to your attention in this matter. The Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, 1972 PA 230 (the Act), provides that the state code is effective throughout the state without local modification. The Michigan Building Code adopted pursuant to the Act provides for fire protection systems, specifically where they are required. The referenced fire code prescribes how the systems must be installed.

While the city may have adopted a fire code by reference, this adoption may not override state statute or the codes adopted pursuant to the statute. The Michigan Building Code is currently under revision and will be updated later this year and include a reference to the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code. This reference is based on the code utilization of certain provisions of the reference document. In the opinion authored by Ms Finnegan, she cited the adoption of the 2000 edition of the Michigan Building Code by the City of Pontiac. In January 2000, each local enforcing agency (county, city, village and township) were provided with a notice of adoption to administer the codes. The City of Pontiac failed to file this notice timely and was required to submit a formal application to administer and enforce the codes. On July 19, 2000, formal notification was provided to the city indicating the acceptance of the application.

Section 4 of the Act also provides: “The director shall prepare and promulgate the state construction code consisting of rules governing the construction, use, and occupation of buildings and structures, including land area incidental to the buildings and structures, the manufacture and installation of building components and equipment, the construction and installation of premanufactured units, the standards and requirements for materials to be used in connection with the units, and other requirements relating to the safety, including safety from fire, and sanitation facilities of the buildings and structures.”

The Michigan Building Code provides in Section 102.6 that: “The legal occupancy of any structure existing on the date of adoption of this code shall be permitted to continue without change, except as is specifically covered in this code, the International Property Maintenance Code or the International Fire Code, or as is deemed necessary by the building official for the general safety and welfare of the occupants and the public.”

Section 102.4 of the Code provides: “The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference. Where differences occur between provisions of this code and referenced codes and standards, the provisions of this code shall apply.”

In the course of the approval of the application for the City, it was noted that the individuals responsible for the administration and enforcement of the code(s) were required to be registered pursuant to the Building Officials and Inspectors Registration Act, 1986 PA 54. This Act established the minimum qualifications and on-going educational requirements for individuals assigned the duties of administration and enforcement of the code(s).

For the application of building code provisions, an individual must be registered as a building inspector and for the mechanical code, a person must be a registered mechanical inspector. Fire inspectors or fire officials are not registered under this Act.

Section 8b(3) of the State Construction Code Act provides: “Subject to the other provisions of this act, **an enforcing agency is any official or agent of a governmental subdivision that is registered under the building officials and inspectors registration act, 1986 PA 54, MCL 338.2301 to 338.2313**, qualified by experience or training to perform the duties associated with construction code administration and enforcement.” [emphasis mine]

With respect to the applicability of the referenced codes and standards, Section 101.4 of the Michigan Building Code states: “The other codes listed in Sections 101.4.1 through 101.4.7 and referenced elsewhere in this code shall be considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference.”

Section 101.4.6 provides a reference to the International Fire Prevention Code. The referenced code is the 2003 edition under the current Michigan Building Code. The Michigan Building Code provides specific requirements for fire protection systems including fire suppression systems. Section 901 of the Code provides: “Fire protection systems shall be installed, repaired, operated and maintained in accordance with this code and the International Fire Code. Any fire protection system for which an exception or reduction to the provisions of this code has been granted shall be considered to be a required system. Exception: Any fire protection system or portion thereof not required by this code shall be permitted to be installed for partial or complete protection provided that such system meets the requirements of this code.”

The State Fire Prevention Code, 1941 PA 207 was also cited in the opinion. Specifically, Ms. Finnegan cited certain rules adopted pursuant to this Act. It should be noted that rules adopted by the State Fire Safety Board are limited in application. Section 29.3c permits the Board rule promulgation responsibilities for certain occupancies. These include: schools and dormitories, building for which the state is the lessee or which are owned by the state, health facilities, places of public assemblage, penal facilities, dry cleaning establishments using flammable liquids and mental health facilities.

Further, Section 29.3e provides: “The Board shall promulgate rules pertaining to uniform fire safety requirements for the **operation and maintenance**, but not construction of commercial buildings, industrial buildings and residential buildings, excluding 1- and 2 family dwellings and mobile homes.”

Hopefully, this information will assist in your understanding of the application of the state regulations governing construction, occupancy and maintenance of buildings and structures. Should you wish to discuss this matter in greater detail, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,  
Henry L. Green, Hon. AIA  
Executive Director  
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