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CISCO WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER - MELANIE IZRAL



Melanie Izral, Project Manager and Estimator for Ray Edwards Contractors, Inc. was named as CISCO's newest Board Member.

Izral, representing the Underground Contractors Association, replaces Frank Lollino, who had served since 2010.

"We are thrilled to have Melanie join the CISCO family," said Executive Director Dan Allen, "and at the same time, I'd like to personally thank Frank Lollino for serving and supporting CISCO for the past 10 years."

Melanie Izral began her construction career while interning during the summers for the Illinois Department of Transportation as a Construction Inspector. After graduating from the University of Iowa with a BBA in Management, she began working for Ray Edwards Contractors, Inc. as a Project Administrator.

Through the years Melanie has developed her skills with Ray Edwards Contractors, Inc. and now in her role as Project Manager and Estimator she oversees numerous high profile IDOT and Tollway projects. She is currently continuing her education in the Construction Industry by taking Construction Management courses at a local Community College.

"I look forward to joining the CISCO board, working with my fellow board members, and the staff on promoting the union construction industry."

APPLICATIONS COMING SOON FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, TOP PROJECTS



CISCO will soon be launching two long-standing programs - The Annual

Scholarship Awards, as well as its Project of the Year Award. By the end of next week, applications for both programs will be available via the web - www.cisco.org.

There are three different scholarship program categories: 1) Four-year college scholarships for high school seniors; 2) Two-year awards for seniors planning on attending a community college; and 3) Two-year continuing education awards to union members or contractor employees.

Project of the Year submissions are available in six categories that include new construction, renovation, residential, and infrastructure projects. For more information, call (630) 472-9411.

PCA MIDWEST "EXPO/FALL FEST" TO FEATURE BEARS' DAN HAMPTON



Don't miss out on the PCA Midwest "Associate Member Expo/Fall Fest" on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at Harry Caray's Restaurant in Lombard (adjacent to the Westin Hotel) starting at 6:00 PM.

This year's event will feature retired Chicago Bears Hall of Fame defensive tackle Dan Hampton.

GOVERNOR PRITZKER SIGNS "RETAINAGE" BILL INTO LAW

Late last month, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker signed SB 1636 into law.

This bill lowers retainage from 10% to 5% once, 50 percent of a construction project is complete. One of the goals of this legislation was to ease contractors' cash flow burdens and encourage new developments in the state.

CISCO would like to thank all of its members who called legislators and sent letters in support of the bill.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Newbold Hoselton, Executive Director of the Illinois Mechanical & Specialty Contractors Association at (217) 523-4361.

III-FFC CELEBRATES 20 YEARS!



The Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (III-FFC) celebrated its 20th anniversary last night with a gala

event at the Museum of Science and Industry.

III-FFC is a labor-management organization, funded solely through participating contractors, established to support, promote, and encourage fair contracting. It provides a "level playing field" in the public arena for both contractors and workers.

Through its initiatives, III-FFC enhances bidding opportunities for responsible contractors, ensures the fair payment of wages & fringe benefits, and protects taxpayer dollars.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

ATTENDEES GIVE CISCO GOLF OUTING AN A-PLUS

From the first errant tee-shot to the last raffle prize, the 2019 CISCO Golf Outing was spectacular again as 140 golfers enjoyed ideal September weather, great fun, a hearty lunch and great camaraderie.

Thanks to the generosity of our golfing guests, this year's charity - Gateway To Learning - was a deserving beneficiary.

Gateway to Learning is a special education and training center that provides services for individuals with intellectual disabilities, in order for them to reach their full potential.

Final contribution totals will be



CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen announces another raffle winner as he receives help from Jackie Jackson of Jansco, Inc. (left) and Gateway to Learning team member Elizabeth.

released later, but in the meantime CISCO would like to thank the many member organizations and industry friends who annually support us with their sponsorship of this great event. It is your support that counts!

This year's sponsors included:

Lunch Sponsors:

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There were also 32 Hole/Gift Sponsors, and we appreciate each organization's support! See you next year - Monday, September 14, 2020!

