Welcome to PCEA Orlando and the first newsletter of my term as President. I want to thank you for your interest in PCEA and for allowing me to represent this chapter. Some amazing things happened last year under Christina Kanhai Presidency, and I wanted to do a quick recap for anyone new and for those that have not been able to make every meeting. We set a membership record for the Orlando Chapter, at 145 members. Second, we set a scholarship amount record and gave away $17,000 through our three scholarship options, Randy Welch, Student Member, and Member Professional. With the help of those two items, we were able to win the Bill Helms PCEA Chapter of the Year award at the National Convention in May.

I have four main goals that the 2019-2020 Board of Directors will accomplish during my term as President - to give away more scholarship money, break last year’s membership record, expand our contributions to the community, and defend our status as Chapter of the Year and recipients of the Bill Helms award this year. You can read more about these goals on the following page.

If you are not a member, and would like more information about becoming one, please reach out to me or any of the other Board Members listed in each newsletter.

Thank you,

Tim McLaughlin
PCEA Orlando, Chapter President

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CHAPTER GOALS:

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YEAR

PCEA Orlando’s 2019-2020 Board of Directors has four main goals:

1. Raise more money for scholarship programs.
2. Break last year’s membership record.
3. Expand our community contribution efforts.
4. Win Chapter of the Year, AGAIN!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Be sure to register on the PCEA Orlando website for the following events:

UPCOMING PCEA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

October 22, 2019, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Citrus Club, 255 South Orange Avenue
Suite #1800, Orlando, FL 32801
Topic: Packing District Development
Speaker: Parlament House

January 28, 2019, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Speaker: Dr. Sean Snaith
Director of Economic Forecasting
University of Central Florida

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 8—Construction input prices fell 0.6% in September and are down 1.7% year-over-year, according to an Associated Builders and Contractors analysis of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Producer Price Index data released today. Nonresidential construction input prices fell 0.7% for the month and are down 1.4% compared to the same time last year.

Much of the year-over-year decline can again be explained by falling energy prices, as crude petroleum (-19.2%), natural gas (-34.6%) and unprocessed energy materials (-21.3%) all plummeted. Only three of 11 key construction-related materials experienced monthly price increases in September: softwood lumber (+2%), steel mill products (+0.8%) and plumbing fixtures and fittings (+0.6%).

“A weakening global economy, a sturdy U.S. dollar and revolutions in technology across much of the energy spectrum continue to contribute to deflationary price pressures in construction materials prices,” said ABC Chief Economist Anirban Basu. “The expectation is that materials prices will continue to remain weak absent a major geopolitical event. Even the drone strike on Saudi Arabia’s oil facilities, which caused oil prices to spike briefly, was insufficient to place meaningful upward pressure on prices.

“Today’s PPI report bodes well for contractors for at least three reasons,” said Basu. “First, contractors continue to wrestle with growing human capital shortfalls, which has helped to bulk up compensation costs, including rising overtime expenditures. All things being equal, rising wage pressures truncate profit margins. Stable materials prices help to counteract that to an extent. Second, the lack of apparent inflationary pressures makes it more likely that interest rates will remain low. Anything that keeps the cost of capital low for developers and other project owners is generally positive for construction spending.

“Third, there is growing concern that the overall cost increase associated with the delivery of construction services has resulted in a growing number of projects being delayed or cancelled,” said Basu. “Much of this has to do with the lack of skilled workers, which has subcontractors scrambling for capacity. Today’s release, which shows that many materials prices are decreasing, helps to abate the pace at which construction service delivery costs are rising. That will help extend the current construction spending cycle.”

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Argos USA
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Balfour Beatty Construction
Barton Malow Company
BASE Construction, Inc
Bright Future Electric
BrightView Landscape Development, Inc
BRPH
CCK
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Clancy and Theys Construction Co
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ConTech Construcion, LLC
Cornerstone Construction Services, Inc
DACG Inc
Design Communications, Ltd
DL Harkins Construction
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