



# MASFA Update

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*Mid-Atlantic Steel Framing Alliance Mission*

*The mission of the Mid-Atlantic Steel Framing Alliance is to promote and encourage the use of cold-formed steel framing in residential and commercial construction through a diverse membership of industry partners to foster, develop and sustain the steel framing infrastructure.*

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## MASFA Membership

Membership in MASFA is open to any entity with a business interest in cold-formed steel framing, including:

- Material Suppliers
- Manufacturers
- Fabricators
- Contractors
- Builders
- Sub-Contractors
- Developers
- Architects
- Engineers
- Code Officials
- Educators
- Remodelers

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## SPOTLIGHT ON EVENTS

MASFA tries to provide members with opportunities to learn, network and simply fraternize with people who share an interest in cold-formed steel products, systems and industry innovations. (Non-members are also welcome to attend our educational seminars and events.) Over the years we have held one national exposition, in addition to our regional functions. MASFA is one of the original regional steel alliance organizations formed in the USA. MASFA was formed in the late fall of 2000, began operating in January 2001 and has been in operation ever since.

MASFA's primary mission is to help educate, train and update people who are involved with the cold-formed steel industry. This includes architects, engineers, contractors, suppliers, inspectors and developers. MASFA has personnel available to travel to the interested party's place of business and present a cold-formed program, specifically designed for each type of

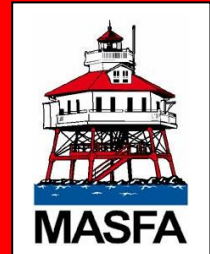
audience. MASFA holds quarterly educational seminars, in the evening and includes dinner, designed to help everyone in the cold-formed business. (Non-members are welcome to attend these dinner seminars.) We invite speakers from within the industry who are willing to keep their presentation generic, as we do not promote any specific products. MASFA charges a nominal fee to attend this events. We have been holding them regularly at Maggiano's Little Italy, Tyson's Corners, Virginia, including a cash bar and dinner with dessert. These events have been highly successful and enjoyable.

Last fall, at one of our dinner seminars, we invited two speakers, each from different companies, to speak on the advancements of specialty cold-formed beams in construction. This past January, we invited three speakers from different companies, to speak on advancements of cold-formed panelized construction. The MASFA Expo in May (see next

page) will replace our quarterly meeting by offering a host of educational programs. Information for this exciting event can be viewed at our web-site ([www.masfa.com](http://www.masfa.com)).

MASFA sponsors casual get-togethers, after work, to allow local members and non-members to network and discuss common issues within our region. These casual meeting places are rotated within our region to try and allow people from all over to have a chance to participate. In April 2010 we held an after work get-together at the original Green Turtle at Fells Point in Baltimore, Maryland. In the fall we held one at Clyde's at their Tower Oaks location in Gaithersburg, Maryland..

Once a year we host a networking and recreational event for everyone within our region. For the past two years, we have held this event at the Laurel Racetrack in Laurel, Maryland. We charge a nominal fee to participate but supply a buffet meal, all types of beverages, entertainment and a chance meet people with similar business interests.



The Mid-Atlantic Steel Framing Alliance (MASFA) has reserved space and a block of rooms at the Historic Inns of Annapolis, at a special rate of \$139 + taxes/night, for our Exposition this year. There are three hotels that make up the Historic Inns of Annapolis but our exposition, all seminars and meetings will be held at The Governor Calvert House. It is within easy walking distance from the other two hotels. We will have manufacturers' exhibits, a total schedule of 11 educational seminars, offering architects and engineers continuing education credits, luncheons with speakers and a dinner cruise on the Chesapeake Bay.

Monday, May 23, will feature a program of special interest to cold-formed contractors. Mike Anderson, Area President for GMS Building Material Suppliers, will give the keynote address at the luncheon, which will be

the start of our Expo. We have also included some educational seminars on May 23, that should be of particular interest to cold-formed contractors. Our dinner cruise is also scheduled for the evening of May 23, so as to include all of our guests.

Our Expo will also serve as host to the annual national conference of the Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute (CFSEI). The CFSEI will be conducting their annual meetings in conjunction with this two day event. Members from around the country will gather and conduct their annual business.

For those of you flying in, BWI Airport would be the recommended airport. Annapolis is about a 40 minute drive from the airport and there is no shuttle service available. You will need to either rent a car or hire a taxi to get to Annapolis. It is recommended you consider ride sharing, whether using a

rental car or taxi to help keep costs to a minimum. The Historic Inns recommend using either The Bay Area Cab Co. or Academy Cab Co. for the trip to Annapolis and the cost is about \$65.

Annapolis offers history, waterfront, the Maryland State House, shops, pubs and of course the U.S. Naval Academy as points of interest that you can visit. Our dinner cruise will be leaving from the waterfront, which is just a short walk thru downtown from the Historic Inns. Our cruise will take us by the Naval Academy and, time and weather permitting, will take us to the landmark that MASFA uses as its logo, the very interesting any unconventional Thomas Point Lighthouse. We will enjoy dinner while on the cruise and we promise the food and beverage will be outstanding.



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## Upcoming Events:

- MASFA & CFSEI Annual Conference

Mon. & Tues, May 23 & 24

All Day

Historic Inns of Annapolis

Annapolis, MD

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