



# 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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- Contractors
- Builders
- Sub-Contractors
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- Engineers
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## President's Report

As we begin a new decade, I would like to take a look back to review the core values of the Mid-Atlantic Steel Framing Alliance (MASFA), our industry and their significance to the next decade. The core values of our nonprofit charter are to increase the use of cold-formed steel farming by providing education about our industry, products and systems in a generic, non-proprietary way to individuals and groups throughout our industry. MASFA has developed accredited educational programs for material suppliers, contractors, developers, architects, engineers and building inspectors. We provide the majority of our educational seminars at no cost and provide the latest information on our industry.

Because standards and technology change, MASFA keeps current with the state of our industry. We

address revisions, new technologies and innovative applications. By updating our educational programs, we provide the latest in design, usage and inspection information for cold-formed systems. As most of you already know, keeping current is an important consideration. It is relatively easy to keep current when business is slow but much more difficult to stay on top of things when business is booming. The need for education doesn't disappear when things get busy and all of us need to continue to keep current with the industry as it changes.

This brings me to the main point I would like to make. MASFA is dedicated to providing all facets of our industry with current information on the state of our industry. But, in order for us to continue this important work we need your help. We have said before that we need you to

join MASFA to help make us financially stronger. If you are already a member, thank you. But, just as important as being a member, we need your input as to where we can help provide education that can help you and your business grow. If you see a designer showing poor cold-formed product usage on a job, please let us know and we will be happy to try and schedule a seminar with their organization. Also, if you have a job where the inspector seems to lack proper knowledge of cold-formed systems, we would like you to let us know So we can try and schedule a seminar with the inspection jurisdiction. We are dedicated to serving the Mid-Atlantic region and will provide coverage from southern New Jersey to Virginia Beach.

Jeffrey M. Klaimen, PE  
2009 President, MASFA

## MASFA Events

MASFA has been very busy in the last few months holding quarterly dinner meeting at Maggiano's in Tysons Corner. The topic of discussion was Building Information Modeling (BIM) and its use within the cold formed steel construction industry. John Klockeman of Radius provided the

presentation and fielded the large number of questions surrounding this wave of the future technology that is sure to make its way into every construction project in the coming years.

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**Upcoming Events:**

- **2010 MASFA EXPO / TRADE SHOW**  
*Get Yourself Connected*

Wed. June 16, 2010  
8am – 1pm  
Holiday Inn College Park, College Park, MD  
[www.masfa.com/events.html](http://www.masfa.com/events.html)

**Project Highlight**

**The International Painters and Allied Trades Headquarters**  
Headquarters Building and Residence Hall

**Location:** Hanover, Maryland

**Construction Manager:** Kite Reality

**Exterior/Interior Framing Contractor:** Performance Contracting Inc. (PCI)



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This job has been spotlighted because it is a great example of structural cold-formed framing used for mid-rise load bearing construction. It also features a number of MASFA member companies who contribute to this type of construction.

The job consists of two three story buildings, the Headquarters Building and a Residence Hall. It is designed as a panelized job and Panel Systems Inc. engineered, built and delivered the load bearing panels for both the interior and exterior to the site. PCI set the panels and built the shoring for the floors of the building. The job was started in December 2009 and both buildings were closed in by early March 2010. Performance Contracting Inc. began the drywall work on both buildings about mid-March.

Ed Daigneau  
MASFA Board Member

**The following MASFA member companies contributed materials and/or services to the project:**

**Precision Contracting Inc.  
Capitol Building Supply  
ADTEK Engineers Inc.**

**Panel Systems Inc.  
The Steel Network  
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Chief among those questions was the concern that the subcontractors who deal solely with CFS framing may be left out of the loop, or conversely forced to purchase expensive software in order to be involved in BIM projects. The answer to these concerns was that although some coordination difficulties may arise and some capital expenses may be necessary to accommodate this new technology, the paramount key to any successful BIM project is communication between all the designers

and contractors. With good communication, the majority of the problems seen with BIM or any construction project can be solved.

The second event was part of MASFA's new direction in the 2010 year to promote industry growth through social networking events. The first MASFA Happy Hour of 2010 was held at the Green Turtle in Fells Point, MD. Well attended by over 35 industry colleagues, the event provided a laid back, relaxed atmosphere to have fun while interacting with other like members of

the cold-formed steel industry.

Lastly, MASFA is proud to announce its regional Expo and Tradeshow coming up on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn, College Park, MD. This is the first show in MASFA's new annual series of trade shows in the Mid-Atlantic Region and will include a wide range of exhibitors from the CFS industry, as well as three educational sessions ranging from fire rated CFS assemblies to developments in powder actuated fastening of CFS.

