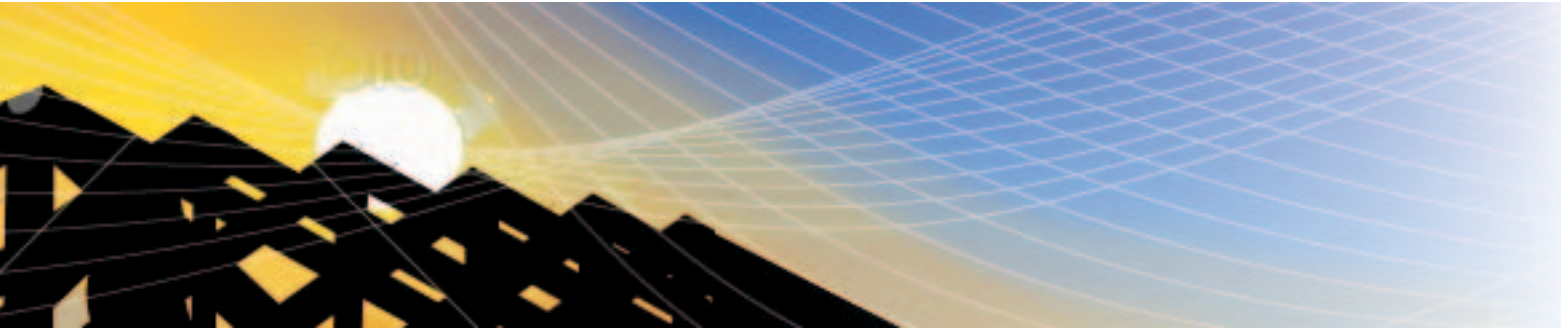


# ROOFERS IN THE NEWS

ROOFING STORIES AND EVENTS THAT ARE MAKING HEADLINES



## Midwest Roofers Make Connections in Rosemont, IL

**T**he 62nd Annual Conference of the Midwest Roofing Contractors Association was held at the Donald E. Stephens Center in Rosemont, IL, from October 26 – 28 this year. The show’s theme was “Making Connections in the Heart of the Midwest,” and it proved to be a dynamic and informative event.

With more than 100 suppliers and vendors filling the hall, the exhibit connected the people, tools, and information needed to succeed in the roofing busi-

ness. Special education and networking programs rounded out the experience, and an exclusive evening reception let members connect and learn from past MRCA presidents.

Representatives from the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Workers manned the International booth, which provided plenty of opportunities to catch up with long-standing signatory contractors and “make connections” with potential new ones.



*International Vice President/Local 11, Chicago, IL, President Rich Mathis, right, catches up with old friend Rod Petrick of Ridgeworth Roofing Co., Inc. in Bridgeview, IL.*



*International Vice President Don O’Blenis, right, says hi to Cary Cummings, left, and Phil Junge, who work for Korellis Roofing Inc. in Hammond, IN.*



*International Representative Eric Anderson, left, visits with Dennis Runyan, owner of Dryspace Inc. in Cedar Rapids, IA.*



*International Vice President Don O'Blenis, left, and International Vice President Mike Stiens, right, welcome Pete and Susan Korellis, owners of Local 26 signatory contractor Korellis Roofing.*



*International Vice President Mike Stiens, left, and International Representative Eric Anderson, right, greet local residents Miguel Lopez and Gabe Islas, who are employees of Local 11 signatory contractor Adler Roofing & Sheet Metal in Joliet, IL.*



*The exhibit included videos on the latest roofing technology.*

## Cardwell Retires as International Vice President

After many years of faithful service to the Roofers Union, Don Cardwell has decided to retire from the position of International Vice President. He will continue to serve the International as Special Assistant to President Kinsey M. Robinson, and he is also staying on as business manager of Local 176 in Nashville, TN.

Brother Cardwell was initiated into Local 176 in 1971. He served as president of the local union and has been business manager since 1983. He was also secretary-treasurer of the former Southern District Council of Roofers.

At its meeting in October of 1987, the International Executive Board elected him Tenth International Vice President. Upon his retirement, Brother Cardwell held the seat of First International Vice President.

"I thank Don for his 24 years of dedication as an International Vice President and look forward to continuing to work with him in his new position as Special Assistant to the President," said International President Robinson.



*Don Cardwell steps down as International Vice President and accepts the position of Special Assistant to the President.*



## Stiens Elected Tenth International Vice President

The International Executive Board of the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofer & Allied Workers unanimously elected Michael Stiens as Tenth International Vice President at the board's meeting in September.

Brother Stiens joined Roofers Local 42, Cincinnati, OH, in 1972. He went on to hold the positions of president, apprenticeship coordinator and business agent of the local union. He was appointed International Representative in 1997 and has spent the last 14 years assisting local unions across the country, with a focus on those in the Midwest. He is also a skilled trainer and has led OSHA safety classes throughout his career.

We would like to congratulate Brother Mike Stiens and wish him the very best as Tenth International Vice President.



*Mike Stiens, left, is sworn into office of International Vice President by International President Kinsey Robinson.*

## Historic Agreement Reached with Insulators

A historic Memorandum of Understanding has been reached between the Roofers International Union and the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators in an effort to eliminate jurisdiction disputes between the two trades.

The terms of the agreement were worked out by Roofers Vice President James Hadel and Insulators International Representative Gene Leclerc, and agreed to and signed by International President Kinsey Robinson and Insulators General President James Grogan.

After the signing President Robinson said that “this is another example of the long and close relationship these two crafts have enjoyed. This agreement will help

avoid misunderstandings concerning the proper assignment of work on future construction projects.” He also thanked President Grogan for his resolve in reaching the agreement and his dedication to finding harmony between the crafts.



*Pictured left to right: International President Kinsey Robinson and Insulators General President James Grogan shaking hands on the agreement, along with International Vice President Jim Hadel.*

