

**Temperatures Rising in D.C.
March 2013**

Anticipation is high in Washington, D.C., as we wait for a slow-moving spring to arrive and a similarly paced Congress to take action on some crucial legislation.

H.R. 184 Update

We recently spent the day on the Hill talking to congressional representatives including Rep. David McKinley (R-WV), the new Republican Chairman of the High Performance Building Caucus; Rep. Candice Miller (R-MI), the Chairwoman of the House Administration Committee; Staff Counsel Bryan Zumwalt of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee; and David Gillies, a Staff Member on the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

In addition, we were fortunate to schedule individual meetings with Reps. Michael G. Grimm (R-NY) and Timothy H. Bishop (D-NY), who introduced H.R. 184 in the 113th Congress. Congressman Grimm was a standout freshman legislator in 2012 who is noted for his drive and enthusiasm. As he began his term he looked for a winning bill and hand-picked ours to introduce this year. His passion and determination are infectious.

In addition to Reps. Bishop and Grimm, current co-sponsors of H.R. 184 include:

- Rep. André Carson (D-IN)
- Rep. Richard L. Hanna (R-NY)
- Rep. Daniel W. Lipinski (D-IL)
- Rep. Gary C. Peters (D-MI)
- Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL)
- Rep. Jon D. Runyan (R-NJ)

National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) Consultative Council Update

In the February 2013 edition of the *Insulation Advocate*, we provided an in-depth update on the activities of the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) Consultative Council, of which NIA is a member. We reported that the Council and its member organizations would be issuing a report in March/April to the President and Congress that strongly encourages “policymakers, foundations and research institutions to provide financial, political and technical support for research...” in many areas of energy efficiency. We are pleased to report that final version of the Consultative Council’s report is out for member approval via mail ballot. Currently the release of

the Institute's Annual Report is scheduled to coincide with High-Performance Building Congressional Caucus briefing on May 14, 2013.

Industry Measurement Survey Update

NIA's Foundation for Education, Training, and Industry Advancement recently conducted the 2011-2012 Industry Measurement Study and the results are in. We would like to extend a special thank you to the companies that participated. Please look for an article outlining the results of the survey in the May/June 2013 issue of *NIA News* and the June 2013 issue of *Insulation Outlook*.

As spring finally arrives, we hope that our progress with securing bill sponsors and getting our bill introduced on the Senate side will also heat up. If you are a Foundation contributor and are registered to attend the upcoming NIA Convention, please plan on attending the second annual Foundation Stakeholders Town Hall Luncheon. For more details, please contact Kristin V. DiDomenico at kdidomenico@insulation.org or 703-464-6422, ext. 115, up until Friday, April 12, 2013.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele M. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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