

The National Insulation Association's

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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\* Mike Feehery passed away on May 13, 2022. NIA mourns his passing but will never forget the contributions he made to better the industry and NIA.

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### **Leadership Message**

2022 was a year of tremendous accomplishment for the National Insulation Association (NIA), as our association made great strides not only in promoting the value of mechanical insulation as a means to help companies and our nation reach carbon-reduction goals, conserve energy, save money, improve process efficiency, and preserve worker safety, but also in providing new resources for members to achieve business and career goals. It was also truly a year of *Progress through Unity*, as so much of what we accomplished was enhanced, if not made possible, by cooperation and collaboration among NIA members and staff, and with others in industry and government.

As one example, after years of research, planning, and application, the Foundation for Mechanical Insulation Education, Training, and Industry Advancement (Foundation) was approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization on May 4, 2021. While the original mission to develop and implement strategies and recommend processes to advance and expand the commercial and industrial insulation industry remains, as an independent organization with tax-exempt status (rather than a standing committee within NIA), the Foundation is able to pursue grant opportunities and funding from groups and individuals that may prefer contributing to a charitable organization. This exciting development would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of NIA staff, and its continued far-reaching benefits to NIA members and the industry as a whole are only achievable with the generous support of donors. Please see page 20 for more details.

Throughout the year, NIA collaborated with industry and government to raise awareness of insulation's many benefits, working with the Insulation Industry Association Council (IIAC) to develop a building decarbonization policy statement; commissioning a study—with North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA), Insulation Contractors Association of America, American Chemistry Council (Plastics Division), and Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA)—on the energy and emissions impacts and economic benefits of installing code-compliant insulation across building sectors at the state and national levels; renewing an agreement to collaborate with the Energy Management Association; and partnering with the Industry Policy Conference to promote numerous webinars for NIA

members (see pages 20 for more information on NIA's strategic partnerships and coalitions). NIA also strengthened our relationship with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), by being accepted as a DOE Better Climate Challenge Ally. NIA is excited to be an Ally and amplify the message about the power of insulation as a thermal technology solution to reduce GHG emissions and increase energy efficiency.

In other notable developments, NIA's 2022 Annual Convention and Fall Summit were both well attended, bringing in new members and first-time attendees, demonstrating growing awareness of the association's value and the value of the opportunities for networking and learning these events offer. NIA's 2022 Premier Industry Manufacturers and 2021 Safety Excellence Award Winners were recognized for their achievements; and 20 individuals attained Certified Insulation Energy Appraiser status, as 30 others trained for and became Certified Thermal Insulation Inspectors.

On the subject of training and education, in December, NIA launched its Education Center, designed to meet the need for easily accessible, on-demand training and educational resources from a trusted industry source. As the go-to national source for information and training tools specifically designed for those involved in the mechanical insulation industry, the Education Center demonstrates why NIA is known as the Voice of the Insulation Industry. With new content added continuously by NIA staff—with subject matter expertise, input, and review from NIA members—to meet needs identified by NIA membership, the Education Center will help individuals, member companies, and our industry advance well into the future.

It has never been a more exciting time to be part of NIA, and it has been an honor to serve as President and represent our association, its members, and our industry. I look forward to seeing what we are able to accomplish together in 2023.

Joseph P. Leo, Jr., NIA President

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Michele M. Jones, NIA EVP/CEO



#### **Mission**

NIA is a not-for-profit organization representing all facets of the commercial, industrial, and mechanical insulation industry. NIA is led and funded by its members, and operates through a committee structure. NIA committees and various task forces review and assess issues and recommend actions to NIA's Board of Directors. Board-approved actions are then carried out by staff.

NIA's membership consists of merit (open shop) and union contractors, distributors, fabricators, metal building laminators, and manufacturers. These companies provide thermal insulation, insulation accessories, and components to the commercial, mechanical, and industrial markets throughout the nation and internationally. Since 1953, the Northern Virginia-based association has been the voice of the insulation industry, dedicated to keeping its members up to date on the latest trends and technologies.

#### **Mission Statement**

NIA's mission is to increase the success and professionalism of its membership by:

- Strengthening and developing the insulation industry;
- Elevating the image of industry standards;
- Keeping members informed of important industry-related developments; and
- Serving as an effective industry representative with outside groups, such as government and labor.

### ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION CHART



**Association Members** 



**NIA Standing and Operating Committees** 



**Board of Directors** 



**Executive Committee** 



NIA Staff

#### NIA's 2022-2023 Board of Directors

#### **President**

Joseph P. Leo, Jr., Atlantic Contracting & Specialties, LLC

#### **President-Elect**

Laura Dover, Dover Insulation, Inc.

#### **Secretary/Treasurer**

Jack Bittner, Johns Manville

#### **Assistant Treasurer**

Rick Sutphin, Performance Contracting, Inc.

#### **Immediate Past President**

David J. Cox, Owens Corning

#### **Regional Representatives**

Brian Willett, *Gribbins Insulation Company, Inc.* (CSIA)
Rick Baptista, *Irex Contracting Group* (ESICA)
Matt Hymer, *Midwest Materials Co.* (MICA)
Matt Caldwell, *Caldwell Insulation, Inc.* (SEICA)
Daniel King, *Bay Insulation Systems, Inc.* (SWICA)
Shawn Reichenbach, *Performance Contracting, Inc.* (WICA)

#### **At-Large Representatives**

Mellanie Askew, Coverflex Manufacturing, Inc.
John K. Freeman, Jr., Petrin, LLC
Marc Napolitano, Insulation Materials Corp.
David Patrick, Apache Industrial Services, Inc.
Jon Perry, Specialty Products & Insulation
John Stevens, Thermal Solutions-Ohio, Inc.

#### **Associates' Committee Appointee**

Jake Erickson, Armacell (Associate)

#### **Past President Advisors**

J. Kenneth Freeman, *Petrin, LLC*John Lamberton, *Irex Contracting Group* 

#### **NIA EVP/CEO**

Michele M. Jones

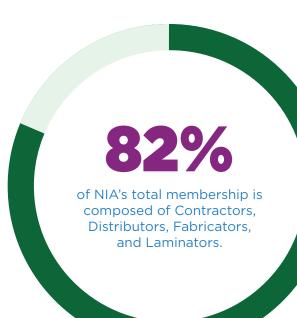
#### **General Counsel**

Gary Auman, Auman, Mahan & Furry

### **Membership**

NIA is the voice of contractors, distributors, fabricators, manufacturers, metal building laminators, and others in the commercial, industrial, and mechanical insulation industry. Membership in NIA is on an annual basis. In 2022, NIA represented 300 member companies, as well as 341 branches of those companies, totaling 624 locations.

NIA members lead the association through a committee structure. In 2022, NIA committees held meetings to fulfill their purposes and objectives, including reviewing issues and recommending actions to NIA's Board of Directors. NIA has 247 active members.



#### **Active Members by Revenue Category**

Active Members (Contractors, Distributors, Fabricators, Laminators) by Size (Annual Revenue in Millions):

50%	\$0-3 Million
21%	\$3-6 Million
11%	\$6-10 Million
4%	\$10-15 Million
5%	\$15-20 Million
2%	\$20-30 Million
3%	\$30-50 Million
4%	\$50+ Million

#### **Members by Membership Type**

Member Demographics (Percentage Based on Total Members = 300):

64%	Contractors
13%	Associates
<b>7</b> %	Distributors
8%	Fabricators
3%	Laminators
2%	International
1%	Associate Suppliers
1%	Affiliates
1%	Consultant/Manufacturers Representatives



### NIA Committee Structure

NIA's Board of Directors is responsible for establishing the association's operating and standing committees.

The operating committees include the Associates, Distributors/Fabricators, Health and Safety, Membership, Merit Contractors, Metal Building Laminators, Technical Information, Union Contractors, and Young Professional Advisory Committees. Each operating committee has a stated purpose and prioritized objectives.

The standing committees are the Convention, Education and Training, Executive, Fall Summit, Finance, Nominating, and Planning Committees, as well as the Foundation for Education, Training, and Industry Advancement (Foundation) Steering Committee. All meetings of standing committees are closed meetings, open only to members of the committee, staff, NIA General Counsel, consultants, and guests whose attendance is requested by either the Chair of the committee or the NIA President.

#### **Industry-Specific Operating Committees**

#### **Associates Committee**

Chair: Sandy Shattles, Armacell
Vice Chair: Louis Walton, Proto Corp.
Secretary: Ginny Gier, Owens Corning

**Members:** Manufacturers, manufacturers' representatives, and associate suppliers. The Associates Committee strengthens and expands the insulation industry through education, technical assistance, subject matter expertise, and association membership growth. In 2022, the Associates Committee met in the spring at the Annual Convention and then at the Fall Summit, with 76 and 45 attendees, respectively, for an average of 61 attendees.

#### 2022 committee activities included the following:

- Affirming its commitment to take a greater role in generating
   *Insulation Outlook* magazine content. The Associates committee
   will have a task force to help gather content for the magazine and
   has added this as a part of its 11 Committee Purposes/Objectives/
   Actions. Task force volunteers are Jack Bittner, Dave Cox,
   Louis Walton, Larry Rice, and Mike Kozokowsky. The Technical
   Information Committee will continue its role of reviewing the
   technical articles for the magazine.
- Discussing NIA's Industry Measurement Survey for summer 2023.
   Ron King updated the committee and got feedback for future surveys and methodology. He shared that NIA has worked with Industry Insights since 1999 for the survey, which is published every other year. Findings show that the industry typically experiences a recession 18 to 24 months after the rest of the economy.
   The results of the next survey should be available in summer 2023.
- Hearing a presentation called "What Does the Future of Transportation Look Like?" by speaker Alex Leslie, Research Associate from the American Transportation Research Institute.
   He spoke for 45 minutes on industry topics including cost, driver retention, congestion, training, and safety, and was well received by the members.
- Discussing how manufacturers can help contractors. John Leo
  asked that manufacturers not lock their PDFs or help contractors
  find an easy way to include them in bid packages in order to
  meet LEED requirements on projects for contractors. Mark Horvat
  requested help from the manufacturers on how to update project
  specifications for mechanical engineers. The Associates members
  said most manufacturers have technical staff available to help with
  specifications, and the easiest way to get help is to reach out to
  the appropriate manufacturer.

- Exploring the possibility of NIA creating a National Insulation Standard. As there are no true mechanical insulation industry standards, Ron King discussed a possible development approach, scope, and process, and asked for feedback on all aspects. He sought committee members' feedback on whether it is a worthy, manageable endeavor for the association. It will be a major undertaking, and, once finished, standards will need to be updated, so it will be an ongoing journey. The committee had many questions and reaction was mixed.
- Hearing from Erin Roberts, Partner and Global Engineering and Construction Leader, Ernst & Young LLP, who presented "What's Coming Next? Economic Forecast and Global Supply Chain Challenges." The presentation focused on helping members prepare for and solve business logistics and scheduling issues. Roberts asked, "with continuing supply chain disruptions and evolving economic forecasts, how do you prepare for what is next?" Roberts provided an updated 2022 economic outlook and the latest on supply chain challenges and materials and labor shortages, and shared how all are being impacted by inflation.
- Electing Ginny Gier, Owens Corning, as the committee's Secretary. Louis Walton, Proto Corp., was elected Associate Representative on NIA's Board of Directors.

#### **Distributors/Fabricators Committee**

Chair: Matthew Calmeyn, Fabrication Specialties, Inc.

Vice Chair: Josh Murphy, Distribution International

Members: Distributors and fabricators. This committee promotes the value of distributors/fabricators to the mechanical insulation industry, helps grow the industry, and provides ongoing education and training to NIA's Distributor/Fabricator members. In 2022, the committee held two meetings, with 44 members attending the Convention meeting and 32 attendees at the Fall Summit meeting, for an average of 38 attendees.

### In addition, the committee actions included the following:

Learning from Alex Leslie, Research Associate,
 American Transportation Research Institute, who

- spoke for 45 minutes on industry topics including cost, driver retention, congestion, training, and safety. Leslie's presentation was entitled "What Does the Future of Transportation Look Like?" and was well received by the members.
- Hearing from Erin Roberts, Partner and Global
  Engineering and Construction Leader, Ernst & Young
  LLP, who presented "What's Coming Next? Economic
  Forecast and Global Supply Chain Challenges" to help
  members prepare for and solve business logistics and
  scheduling issues. Roberts asked, "with continuing
  supply chain disruptions and evolving economic
  forecasts, how do you prepare for what is next?"
  During this session, he provided an updated 2022
  economic outlook and the latest on supply chain
  challenges and materials and labor shortages. Roberts
  also shared how all are being impacted by inflation.
  The session was extremely popular, and the group
  had a long Q&A period. The majority of the meeting
  was spent hearing about and discussing this topic.
- Discussing plans to contribute articles to future issues of *Insulation Outlook* and add content to their industry segment web page.
- Electing Matt Calmeyn, Fabrication Specialties, Inc. as Chair; and Josh Murphy, Distribution International, as Vice Chair.
- Discussing educational speakers and topics for its upcoming meetings.

#### **Merit Contractors Committee**

Chair: Michael McCowan, L.C. Insulations, Inc.

Vice Chair: Jordan Fiske, Anchor Insulation Co.

Members: Industrial and commercial merit contractors.

In 2022, the Merit Contractors Committee met twice, including at the 66th Annual Convention on March 30, 2022, and at the Fall Summit on November 2, 2022, with an average of nine attendees.

### Committee activities and discussions included the following:

- Attending a presentation at the Fall Summit from FMI's Paul Trombitas that focused on the merit contractors' perspective on the growing trend of collaborative project delivery;
- · Promoting the value of active involvement in NIA

in-person events through outreach by the Committee Chair;

- Sharing regional and local market conditions in a lengthy roundtable dialogue at each meeting, including discussing expedited and delayed project schedules, backlogs, weather-related impacts, continuing effects of the pandemic, and a variety of staffing topics such as labor housing options, flexible work schedules, aging workforce, etc.;
- · Communicating ideas related to award programs;
- Providing input on helpful topics and overall content for "Contractors' Corner" in NIA News;
- Providing a volunteer to represent merit contractors on the Education and Training Committee;
- Supplying input for the Merit Contractor page on NIA's website; and
- Encouraging committee participation in NIA education programs, certification programs, membership promotion campaigns, and publications.

#### **Metal Building Laminators Committee**

**Chair:** Dave Tomchak, Bay Insulation Systems, Inc. **Vice Chair:** Chris Barton, Silvercote, A Distribution International Company

Members: Metal building laminators. This committee is composed of laminators of metal building insulation who are dedicated to developing and promoting industry standards and educational programs that will help members become more professional, productive, and profitable. It also seeks to increase awareness of the environmental and energy-saving benefits of metal building insulation among end users. In 2022, the committee and its task forces held several in-person and virtual meetings. Meetings held at the NIA Annual Convention and during the Metalcon Show averaged 8 Metal Building Laminator member companies and 6 Associate member companies for an average attendance of 40 people.

#### The committee focused on:

- Updating the 404 Certified Face Insulation Standard to the new MBL 404 - 2022 standard,
- Monitoring the ASHRAE standards impacting the metal building community, and
- Showcasing metal building lamination in articles in several issues of *Insulation Outlook*.

## Union Contractors Committee/International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Signatory Contractors/NIA Union Contractors Subcommittee

Chair: John Lamberton, Irex Contracting Group
Vice Chair: Rick Sutphin, Performance Contracting, Inc.
Members: Union contractors. The committee promotes
the growth of industrial and commercial union
contractors through education, training, productivity
enhancement, and strong union relations.

#### In 2022, committee activities included:

- Presentations from Gary Auman, Auman, Mahan and Furry, who discussed topics including significant safety updates, recent employment law changes, the latest on collective bargaining, anti-trust issues, non-compete agreements, the current climate at the Department of Labor concerning apprenticeship programs, pending legislation and rule-making regarding unions, the Supreme Court ruling on Union Strike Power, OSHA updates, and the Good Jobs Initiative;
- Member reports on market conditions in each region of the country; and
- Discussions of other issues affecting union contractors.

#### **Young Professional Advisory Committee (YPAC)**

Chair: Ashley Luse DeBoer, Luse Thermal Technologies

Vice Chair: Collin Smith, Owens Corning Secretary: John Freeman, Petrin, LLC

Members: Associates, contractors, distributors/fabricators, and laminators. The YPAC offers a forum for young professionals to grow leadership skills, network with peers, gain industry information, and provide fresh insights and feedback to NIA management and the Board of Directors. In 2022, the committee met three times—two in-person meetings at NIA's Annual Convention and Fall Summit, and one virtual meeting—with an average of 15 attendees per meeting.

#### YPAC activities included:

- Continuing the YPAC Mentor Program by encouraging new participants and discussing new topics.
- Receiving two YPAC Mentor Program presentations on the topics of "Strategic Transitions from Project Management to Team Leadership" and "Succession

Planning and Leadership Transitions." Both mentees published their top takeaways and highlights in articles for *NIA News*.

- Hearing from NIA Board members at each meeting to provide updates on NIA's strategic priorities, including NIA President Joe Leo and NIA Assistant Treasurer Rick Sutphin.
- Discussing, drafting, and updating the committee action items, to include YPAC's commitment to diversity and inclusion in an updated action item.
- Representing the young professional perspective on the Convention and Fall Summit Planning Committees and reporting updates to the full YPAC.
- Forming one task force to address diversity and inclusion actions, and a second to research and discuss outreach to engineering students.

#### **General Operating Committees**

#### **Education and Training Committee**

Chair: John Lamberton, Irex Contracting Group

Vice Chair: R. Dean Burrows, DKB, Inc.

**Members:** Contractors, distributors/fabricators, and associates. This committee works closely with NIA staff to determine education and training needs for the mechanical insulation industry. In 2022, 2 virtual and 1 in-person meeting were held, averaging 14 in attendance.

#### In 2022, committee activities included:

• Focusing on marketing strategies for NIA's Thermal

- Insulation Inspector Certification™, including partnering with other organizations such as Inspectioneering, Association for Materials Protection and Performance, Energy Management Association, and Construction Users Roundtable to promote the benefits of inspection to their members;
- Recommending that NIA offer a learning management system (LMS) to members as a resource for mechanical insulation-focused education;
- Providing feedback on the concept of NIA's Premier Training Subscription package as part of NIA's Education Center (the LMS);
- Reviewing and helping to develop a pricing structure for NIA's Education Center;
- Prioritizing topics for the development of future microlearning courses;
- Creating course outlines for microlearning topics; and
- Providing feedback on moving NIA's Understanding Specifications and Understanding the Submittal Process courses to an on-demand format, to be developed in 2023.

#### **Health and Safety Committee**

Chair: Mike Hill, Performance Contracting, Inc.

Vice Chair: Bill McCaffrey, Irex Contracting Group

Members: Associates, contractors, distributors/
fabricators, and laminators. The Health and Safety

Committee is committed to the health, safety, and
welfare of NIA members, customers, and the insulation
industry. Through professional safety leadership,
the committee promotes the highest standards of
safety and health excellence to ensure a safe working
environment.





#### In 2022, committee activities included:

- Reviewing and updating NIA's Safety Excellence Award applications;
- Reporting on up-to-date OSHA issues;
- Receiving a presentation from T. Kramer, LJB, Inc., on what is new in the fall protection arena, including recent changes to ANSI Z359, new equipment available on the market, and his top five methods to reduce fall hazard risks:
- Addressing health and safety questions from members; and
- Exploring new ideas for working with other safety organizations.

#### **Membership Committee**

Chair: Rick Sutphin, Performance Contracting, Inc.

Vice Chair: Mellanie Askew, Coverflex Manufacturing

Members: Associates, contractors, distributors/
fabricators, and laminators. The Membership Committee
represents all member types and regions, identifies
and recruits potential member companies, increases
awareness of membership benefits, and encourages
participation by NIA members.

#### In 2022, committee activities included:

- Efforts related to goals for new member recruitment and member retention,
- Continuing its new member onboarding process and Ambassador Program,
- Examining potential resources for small contractor members, and
- Exploring ideas for working with regional insulation associations.

#### **Technical Information Committee (TIC)**

Chair: Bill Gregg, Promat, Inc.

Vice Chair: Louis Walton, Proto Corp.

Secretary: David Macias, T-FIT

Members: Associates, contractors, distributors/ fabricators, and laminators. The TIC serves as a forum for identifying and addressing technical issues confronting NIA members. It is tasked with generating and reviewing content for *Insulation Outlook* magazine and reviewing technical material for NIA. In 2022, the committee met four times. Attendance was as follows: 33 TIC members at the virtual winter meeting, 56 at the Annual Convention, 23 at the virtual summer meeting, and 19 at the Fall Summit meeting, averaging 33 attendees per meeting.

#### TIC activities included:

- Thanking Louis Walton, Proto Corp., for serving as Secretary, and elected David Macias, T-FIT, to that position for 2022;
- Researching topics and speakers for the Annual Convention educational presentations;
- Providing technical assistance to NIA's partners and members;
- · Reviewing course content for NIA's Education Center;
- Discussing and suggesting topics for articles in future issues of *Insulation Outlook* magazine;
- Conducting massive updates of the NIA Insulation Science Glossary, Guide to Insulation Product Specifications, and Insulation Materials Specification Chart; and
- Beginning the creation of two new specifications charts: Mastics and Jacketing.





#### **2022 Standing Committees**

#### 2022-2023 NIA Board of Directors

The members of the Board of Directors are listed on page 5.

#### 2022-2023 Executive Committee

President: Joseph P. Leo, Atlantic Contracting &

Specialties, LLC

President-Elect: Laura Dover, Dover Insulation, Inc.
Secretary/Treasurer: Jack Bittner, Johns Manville
Assistant Treasurer: Rick Sutphin, Performance
Contracting, Inc.

Immediate Past President: David J. Cox, Owens Corning

#### **Convention Committee**

Chair: Laura Dover. Dover Insulation

#### **Members:**

- · Jack and Wendy Bittner, Johns Manville
- Dorothy Leo, Atlantic Contracting & Specialties
- Ashley Luse DeBoer, Luse Contracting Group
- Rudy Nigl, L & C Insulation
- Sandy Shattles, Armacell
- Louis Walton, Proto Corporation

The Convention Committee works with NIA staff to develop and coordinate educational programs and entertainment for NIA's Annual Convention. In 2022, the committee successfully completed NIA's 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas (see page 26 for a summary).

#### **Fall Summit Committee**

Chair: Marc Napolitano, Insulation Materials

#### **Members:**

- John Brooks, Distribution International
- Jordan Fiske, Anchor Insulation
- Kenny Graves, TBN Associates, Inc.
- David Patrick, Apache Industrial Services
- David Sandretto, DKB, Inc.
- · Collin Smith. Owens Corning
- Kent Stapleford, Armacell

The Fall Summit Committee works with NIA staff to develop and coordinate educational programs for NIA's

Annual Fall Summit. In 2022, the committee successfully completed NIA's Fall Summit in Washington, DC (see page 28 for a summary).

#### **Finance Committee**

**Chair:** Joseph P. Leo, Atlantic Contracting & Specialties, LLC

#### **Members:**

- Dave Cox, Owens Corning
- Laura Dover, Dover Insulation
- · Michele M. Jones, NIA
- Rudy Nigl, L&C Insulation (Executive Committee/ Board of Directors)

The Finance Committee is responsible for developing the draft budget for the association. The committee is also charged with reviewing the financials and investments, accounting processes and the accounting team, and performance of investments and investment managers. This committee reports directly to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

#### **Nominating Committee**

**Chair:** Joseph P. Leo, *Atlantic Contracting & Specialties, LLC* 

#### **Members:**

- Dan Bofinger (Past President)
- Jake Erickson, Armacell (Board of Directors)
- Michele M. Jones, NIA Executive Vice President/CEO
- John Lamberton, Irex Contracting Group (Board of Directors)
- Rudy Nigl, L&C Insulation (Executive Committee/Board of Directors)

The Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying and proposing the slate of officers and new board members to the Board of Directors and NIA membership. In 2022, the proposed slate of officers and board members was presented and approved by the Board of Directors and the full body of the membership during the March 2022 business session.

# Products & Services

NIA is committed to delivering members access to top products and services that provide technical resources, increase industry awareness, and improve worker safety. NIA's numerous offerings promote insulation awareness and educate our members, the construction industry, and insulation end users. Many of the services and online resources are free or exclusive to NIA members. NIA offers products and services in the following categories: certification and training, educational resources, health and safety products, and marketing tools.

To view all of NIA's products, services, and resources, visit www.insulation.org/resources.

### Top-selling Items and Member Favorites

- Insulation Estimator's Handbook—3<sup>rd</sup> Edition
- Mechanical Insulation
   Installation Video Series
- NIA Insulation Sampler
- Safety Handbook for Distributors & Fabricators
- Safety Handbook for Insulation Workers

#### **Products**

In 2022, NIA reviewed the association's current product offerings with various committees, leadership, and members. Free resources and services exclusive to members include:

- The NIA members-only website, featuring committee meeting minutes; a downloadable "Proud Member of NIA" logo; the Electronic Reprint Library; and human resources forms and documents such as employment applications, employee termination forms, evaluations, job descriptions, new employee forms, offer letters, safety checklists, and time-off request forms;
- NIA News, a members-only newsletter; and
- Exclusive meetings and discounts on registration for numerous events and training programs.

### Additional NIA member benefits include special awards, offers, and discounts, such as:

- NIA's Safety Excellence Award (for more information, see page 29);
- Advertising opportunities for NIA members in various media outlets, including *Insulation Outlook*, digital publications, and the *NIA Buyer's Guide: Insulation Products & Providers*;
- Access to supplemental protections and liability coverage through NIA's Environmental/Pollution Liability Insurance Program, provided in partnership with Navigators and Alliant/Mesirow;
- NIA's Premier Industry Manufacturer Program (for more information, see page 29); and
- Various sponsorship opportunities at NIA's Fall Summit and the Annual Convention.

#### **Services and Other Resources**

#### Online resources include:

- Guide to Insulation Product Specifications,
- Insulation Materials Specification Guide,
- Insulation Science Glossary, and
- Mechanical Insulation Design Guide (the Design Guide, formerly known as MIDG).

### **Communications**

#### **Email Communications**

#### E-News Bulletin (ENB)

The ENB is a twice-monthly digital newsletter containing updates on NIA's events, training courses, products, and mechanical insulation industry news. It communicates essential industry information and deadlines. NIA members and regional insulation associations receive it automatically, but anyone may subscribe by filling out a short form on https://ow.ly/Q5Vx50PwAOa. In 2022, NIA communications staff:

- Deployed 29 ENBs to provide association news, press releases, legislative updates, and curated content through NIA's email provider, Constant Contact;
- Improved the "in this issue" section to highlight important information provided in each issue, such as key dates, critical deadlines, and helpful links;
- Added the "in case you missed it" section to highlight popular social media posts and allow an easy pathway for recipients to like and follow NIA's media channels;
- Highlighted important industry information as stand-alone e-blasts, including an industry opportunity study, a new alliance with the Department of Energy (DOE) as a Climate Challenge Ally, and a podcast interview with NIA's EVP/CEO Michele Jones; and
- Offered members digital email marketing opportunities.

A link to the most recent ENB is posted on NIA's website at www.insulation.org/news-publications/enewsbulletin. To be added to the distribution, members complete this short form: https://tinyurl.com/jsmqeaw or email Leslie Emery at editor@insulation.org.

#### **Member Email Communications**

In 2022, NIA staff continued to improve email communications to provide members targeted, visual, and scannable content, with the goal of providing useful information in a format that is easy to read and digest. In 2022, staff:

- Massively exceeded industry standards for email engagement rates for nonprofit membership organizations. NIA had a 41% open rate (up 13% from 2021) and a 13% click rate in 2022. Industry average for membership organization is 30% and 5% respectively. In some cases, NIA achieved email open rates as high as 80% and click-through rates as high as 49%.
- Promoted the launch of the new NIA's Education
   Center (the LMS) and MemberSuite (the Association
   Management System or AMS) to membership.
- Created a new Microsoft® Outlook press release template to expand NIA's branding and recognition in an easy-to-read format, without using a third-party email sender.
- Promoted affordable digital advertising options to increase non-dues revenue.
- Reviewed analytics to provide members with critical information in an effective manner.
- Used a mix of platforms, including NIA Bulletins via Microsoft Outlook, to convey time-sensitive information to all members.
- Created and deployed customized information about NIA events, awards, industry partnerships, announcements, and press releases in graphically enhanced e-newsletters.

#### **Websites**

#### www.Insulation.org

NIA staff continue to make improvements to our award-winning website. As the Voice of the Insulation Industry, NIA knows that its website is a source of information for NIA members and end users, and the site is updated on a near-daily basis to add new content and improve the member experience.

#### 2022 improvements included:

- Updating the Carbon Reductions web page that
  reinforces the power of mechanical insulation to
  reduce carbon and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions,
  offers comparisons to other technologies, and
  provides easy access to NIA resources as well as other
  helpful tools. It now has more than 40 resources,
  such as the Insulation Industry Opportunity Study,
  DOE's Better Climate Challenge resources, the latest
  Insulation Outlook articles, and the Environmental
  Protection Agency's GHG Equivalencies Calculator.
- Presenting the most relevant information for NIA members. COVID-19 news was a priority over the last several years, and NIA's goal was to provide the easiest way for members to find safety and legislative information that would relate to their business. As the pandemic slowed down, NIA began to priority overall safety, small business legislation, ESG, and other industry information.
- Creating a new web page to share all the latest on NIA's Education Center, including a platform demo, free resources for NIA members, information on how to become a Premier Training Subscriber, microlearning topics, and much more.
- Introducing a new web page that guided members on how to access MemberSuite, NIA's new membership management portal; how to log into NIA's Education Center; and how to ensure members are receiving pertinent communications.
- Updating information tailored to member segments and committees, including metal building laminators, merit contractors, young professionals, and distributors and fabricators.

- Providing calendar listings to highlight industry events, regional meetings, and NIA meetings and events.
- Offering digital editions of NIA News (on the members-only section of the website).
- Completing a year-end inventory review of website content to ensure information was up to date, valid, and useful.
- Posting current editions of the ENB on the site and to social media to promote NIA activities and deadlines.

#### www.InsulationOutlook.com

#### Improvements to the magazine's site in 2022 included:

- Incorporating graphics into the website design to be more reader friendly. For example, adding an image carousel to showcase magazine covers on the homepage. On the Current Issue page, a new image gallery spotlights the opening spreads of each article and the cover to increase brand recognition and webpage esthetics. Both new features are updated with each issue.
- Posting the articles from each monthly issue of Insulation Outlook.
- Updating articles' keyword search terms so they are more likely to appear in Google search results.
- Updating the home page spread monthly to include the month's full article listing.
- Updating promos and featured articles on the home page to highlight valuable content from prior issues and trending topics.
- Updating the 2022 advertisers page and advertising graphics for Premier 12, Preferred 7, and Select 4 advertisers.
- Adding the 2022 Media Kit, with updated editorial offerings.
- Updating all pages to include the most current information.

#### www.mechanicalinsulationfoundation.org

NIA is the management company for the now separate 501(c)(3) Foundation for Mechanical Insulation Education, Training, and Industry Advancement (Foundation). As such, NIA staff created this brand-new website for all Foundation activities, news, outreach, data, and ways to contribute to the Foundation.

- Posted information on how individuals, as well as corporations, can now make tax-deductible donations to the Foundation.
- The Foundation Board of Directors publishes a quarterly activity report on the website. NIA publishes this update in both NIA News and Insulation Outlook magazine as part of their management duties.
- A link to the Foundation website (www.mechanicalinsulationfoundation.org) is available in NIA's website navigation and www.insulation.org/foundation can also be used.

#### **Social Media**

NIA disseminates information and engages with member companies and the industry through social media with the account name NIAinfo on LinkedIn, Vimeo, Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter. NIA's presence on Vimeo allows users to stream video resources including all of NIA's free webinars. NIA allows members free access to all the webinars on its Vimeo website as a benefit of membership. In 2023, NIA will begin to focus our social media presence on LinkedIn, Twitter, and YouTube. Members and other industry participants can "like" and follow us on these three platforms to receive updates and industry information.

#### More about NIA's Social Media Presence and Content

- NIA launched its presence on LinkedIn early in 2021, and the follower growth through 2022 was remarkable—beginning with 50 followers in early 2021, growing to 845 at the end of 2021, and increasing by almost 90% by December 2022.
   On December 31, 2022, NIA was excited to have 1.580 LinkedIn followers.
- At the end of 2022, all NIA's social media accounts had increased in number of followers, with 902 people liking the Facebook page (up from 760 in 2021), 855 following NIAinfo (up from 831), and 1,449 Twitter followers for InsulationInfo (up from 1,420 in 2021).
- Social media followers can enjoy member and industry photos year-round, including coverage of

- NIA events, NIA representation at industry meetings, member meetings, and training courses. For NIA events, follow the #NIAmeets.
- Social media is an effective tool to share information about the power of insulation as a decarbonization tool, and a number of NIA's most informative and popular posts came from subject matter experts who amplified this message, including both members and non-members.
- With Insulation Outlook magazine enjoying a majority end-user audience, NIA staff focused on sharing the most popular and informative articles with social media followers to expand the reach and impact of NIA as an industry thought leader.
- NIA Past President Dave Cox continued to share his insights about insulation's high return on investment as an energy-efficiency and decarbonization tool with external audiences in *Power Magazine* and *BIC Magazine*. To further amplify his message, NIA shared the articles via social media, and those articles enjoyed some of the highest engagement rates among NIA's social media followers.

NIA staff follow each member company's social media accounts when they join NIA. To ensure that we are up to date, please email your account name to Leslie Emery at *editor@insulation.org*.

### **Publications**

### Buyer's Guide: Insulation Products & Providers

The 2022 guide was mailed with the January 2022 issue of *Insulation Outlook*. It contains an alphabetical listing of NIA members and highlights advertisers and Foundation contributors. Members are also listed by member category, state, and type of products or services offered. The guide is mailed to members and end users to assist in the purchase of insulation products and services.

#### **NIA News**

*NIA News* is written for members to provide all the latest updates on NIA's activities and events, and share useful business articles with the membership—all in one resource. It is a members-only print and digital newsletter that is provided to NIA members free of charge as part of their membership dues.

#### Following are highlights from 2022:

- In 2022, 4 issues were distributed to more than 1,600 members, and all offered coverage of NIA events, programs, and services, as well as industry and safety news.
- As part of the YPAC's Mentor Program, one 2022 participant wrote on the topic of leadership transitions and succession planning to share their newly gained insights with the entire membership.
- NIA continued the 2021 column "Contractors' Corner" to provide quick tips and useful information, especially for smaller contractors who perform many functions in their business. NIA asked members to provide feedback and focused on member-suggested topics. The column was published in three issues, covering Heat Illness Resources, Contracts 101, and Reducing Fall Hazard Risks.
- To help members determine which of NIA's growing list of educational programs would best match their needs, NIA News featured several articles that helped categorize courses as beginner, intermediate, and

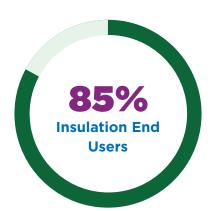
- advanced, to fit the needs of industry members at various career stages.
- To further the goal of promoting insulation awareness and educating its members, news on NIA's educational offerings was featured in each issue, including highlighting courses organized by format (virtual, in person, and on demand), the relaunch of Mechanical Insulation Basics (formerly known as E-Learning Modules), and the launch of NIA's Education Center at the end of 2022.
- Recognition by your peers is important, and NIA News honored the 2022 Premier Industry Manufacturers and the 2021 Safety Excellence Award Winners.
- The newsletter announced exciting news to the membership in 2022, including establishment of the Foundation for Mechanical Insulation Education, Training, and Industry Advancement as a separate organization. The announcement was made in Issue 2, and Issues 3 and 4 featured updates on activities from the Foundation Board.
- With the return of the Annual Convention taking place in the spring, NIA staff members Michele M. Jones and Erin Penberthy shared their insider tips to help members make the most of their time in San Antonio, Texas.
- Because safety is a cornerstone topic, the newsletter featured safety topics in each issue, keeping members updated on OSHA priorities, Emergency Temporary Standards, evolving safety policies, top areas of OSHA violations, and hazard identification.
- Debuting in Issue 4, NIA staff launched new design elements and refreshed the design of NIA News.
   Issue 4 also was the first all-digital format.

A link to the digital edition of *NIA News* is emailed to members, and the newsletter is available in the members-access area of *www.lnsulation.org*. The digital edition features relevant embedded links in each issue for quick access to desired information.

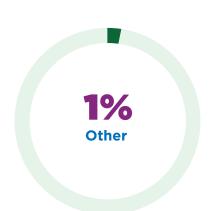
#### **Insulation Outlook**

NIA publishes *Insulation Outlook* magazine to give members a forum to speak directly to engineers, mechanical contractors, plant/facility owners/managers, specifiers, code officials, and insulation end users. Among the most popular articles are those written by NIA members to educate the construction industry about basic insulation knowledge, proper installation techniques, specification and design best practices, and insulation material physical properties and applications. During 2022, the magazine educated more than 11,500 engineers, mechanical contractors, and end users; NIA membership; and recipients of gift subscriptions for clients of NIA member companies.

#### **Insulation Outlook Circulation Metrics:**







#### **Subscriber's Primary Industries:**

41% Commercial
34% Industrial
11% Utilities
8% Institutional
6% Government Agencies





#### **Advertisers**

In the fall of 2022, with the feedback and insight of the Board of Directors' Budget Task Force for Publications, the long-standing Premier 12, Preferred 7, and Select 4 print advertising packages were modernized to include both a mix of digital and print media and renamed. NIA now offers individual ads as well as three advertising packages designed to reward frequent advertisers with free marketing opportunities across all NIA platforms: **Industry Leader, Competitive, and Basic packages.** Descriptions of the package benefits can be found in the 2023 NIA media planner and at *www.insulation.org/io/advertisers*. There are now more ways than ever for NIA members to reach their audience. NIA added various new platforms including digital packages (web, email, and social media ads); website packages; advertorial spreads; contractor ads; tech spotlights; and new, industry-specific digital and print product guides.

NIA's advertising agency, The YGS Group, helped members promote their products, services, and brands with expanded and customized marketing packages designed to meet member companies' goals.

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#### **Editorial**

NIA has published *Insulation Outlook* for more than 60 years, and we are proudly committed to continue improving the only national resource dedicated to the commercial and industrial insulation industry. For readers' convenience, all articles are uploaded to the website approximately 1 month after publication. Members are encouraged to keep reading at *www.InsulationOutlook.com*.

#### **Submission of Press Releases**

Press releases are printed free of charge as a member benefit to enhance readers' knowledge of the insulation industry. Articles and press releases should be sent to editor@insulation.org.

#### Circulation

Throughout 2022, NIA focused its efforts on strengthening its current list of subscribers and researching new ways to partner with industry groups for potential distribution and/or promotion of *Insulation Outlook* to various audiences. NIA achieved great results from telemarketing efforts, which were highly successful in encouraging new mechanical engineering subscribers. To accommodate pandemic-related worksite changes, NIA members and subscribers were also offered the ability to temporarily or permanently receive their issues at a remote or home office. As a result of all these efforts, the magazine had a high rate of new 1-year names and renewals.

### **Activity Updates**

#### **Strategic Partnerships and Coalitions**

#### **Insulation Industry Association Council (IIAC)**

NIA is actively involved in the IIAC, an informal forum for association executives from all insulation industry-related membership organizations that support the commercial, industrial, mechanical, and residential insulation industries. IIAC members exchange information, share best practices, and collaborate on policies impacting the mechanical insulation industry. Through regular, virtual meetings, the IIAC seeks to enhance and raise public awareness of the benefits of insulation and promote those policies and practices that grow the market and strengthen the industry.

In addition to NIA, the IIAC is made up of representatives from the following insulation-related organizations.

- Air Duct Council (ADC)
- Cellulose Insulation Manufacturers Association (CIMA)
- Center for the Polyurethanes Industry (CPI) of the American Chemistry Council (ACC)
- Extruded Polystyrene Foam Association (XPSA)
- High-Performance Insulation Professionals (HPIP)
- Insulation Contractors Association of America (ICAA)
- North American Insulation Manufacturers
   Association (NAIMA)
- Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA)
- Reflective Insulation Manufacturers
   Association International (RIMA)
- Structural Insulated Panel Association (SIPA)

In 2022, numerous efforts were initiated through the IIAC to advocate for the various membership segments represented by the council and for the industry as a whole, including the activities described below.

#### **Insulation Opportunity Study**

 NIA, along with the NAIMA, ICAA, ACC (Plastics Division) and PIMA, commissioned a third-party research firm to assess the state- and national-level energy and emissions impacts and economic benefits that could accrue from the installation of code-compliant insulation in the residential, commercial, and industrial building sectors. Data included in the study quantifies the benefits of completing insulation retrofit projects across residential, commercial, and industrial buildings, and underlines the potential impact forward-thinking policies can have on decarbonizing the built environment. The study was released in September 2022 and can found at <a href="https://www.insulationad-vocacy.org/insulationopportunitystudy">www.insulationad-vocacy.org/insulationopportunitystudy</a>. A webinar was held October 22, 2022 to review the study's findings.

#### **Decarbonization Policy Statement**

 NIA worked with IIAC members to develop a building decarbonization policy statement on behalf of the insulation industry

### Insulation Industry Defense Production Act (DPA) Designation

- Leaders of NIA, PIMA, and NAIMA met with the senior team at the DOE responsible for carrying out activities related to the DPA designation. Meeting participants agreed that this designation was not the result of perceived operational challenges within our industry, but was rather triggered by a recognition by the Biden administration that in order to seriously tackle the climate crisis, there was a need to address energy use in buildings, which means increased utilization of insulation. As such, the DOE's focus was on federal policies that promote insulation in new and existing residential, commercial, and industrial buildings. Activities that DOE seemed receptive to undertaking included:
  - Being a government champion for updating model energy code requirements for all relevant government programs (including federal mortgage products).
  - Promoting insulation in conjunction with solar and heating/cooling equipment installations supported by federal funding,
  - · Addressing programmatic roadblocks that limit

- insulation upgrades in the DOE Weatherization Program, and
- Undertaking demonstration initiatives in DOE-supported programs that highlight the climate benefits of insulation.

The DOE hosted a virtual town hall on the insulation DPA designation. Multiple federal agencies and the White House participated, as will organized labor, affordable housing advocates, environmental justice organizations, efficiency groups, and state agencies. The DOE would like broad participation from all the insulation trade associations and companies.

The most positive outcome from the DPA designation is increased leverage in NIA's ongoing efforts to drive our messages throughout the current DOE commercial and industrial programs and for residential and building

envelope insulation improvements. This will push the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code® building envelope requirements into all relevant federal policies and programs, beginning with the FHA New Home loan program.

### Strategic Partnerships and Coalitions Activities in 2022 included:

- Renewing a memorandum of understanding with the EMA to support each other in promoting areas of mutual interest.
- Discussing programs and initiatives that could benefit the commercial and industrial insulation industries with representatives of the U.S. DOE.
- Working with DOE Industrial Assessment Center representatives to discuss opportunities to work together, including developing webinar presentations.

### Marketing the Thermal Insulation Inspector Certification Program and the Importance of Inspection of Insulation for Mechanical Systems

NIA's marketing efforts related to the benefits of the inspection process and the Thermal Insulation Inspector Certification Program remained a focus in 2022.

Work continued with various engineering/design firms and facility owners for inclusion of inspection language in their respective specifications and standards, as well as with guide specification organizations for inclusion of inspection language in their documents. In addition, NIA continued to work with its Associate members for the inclusion of inspection language in their guide specifications and application guides. The following Associate member companies have committed to inclusion and/or support of the inspection process:

- Aeroflex USA
- Alpha Engineered Composites, LLC
- Armacell
- CertainTeed

- Duna USA, Inc.
- Foster Products (HB Fuller Construction Products)
- Howred Corp.
- Johns Manville
- K-Flex USA, LLC
- Kingspan Insulation, LLC
- Knauf Insulation, Inc.
- Lewco Specialty Products, Inc.
- Owens Corning
- Polyguard Products, Inc.
- Proto Corporation
- R.P.R Products, Inc.
- ROCKWOOL Technical Insulation

To view current information on the program, please visit www.insulation.org/training-tools/inspectorprogram/recommending-inspectors.

#### A New Era for the Foundation for Education, Training, and Industry Advancement



2022 was the first full year that the Foundation for Mechanical Insulation Education, Training, and Industry Advancement (Foundation) operated as an independent 501(c)(3) company. Prior to that, the Foundation was a standing committee within NIA and not a separate entity. With this change, the Foundation formed its own Board of Directors. The Foundation is being managed by NIA's professional association management staff, as directed by the Foundation's Board of Directors.

The Foundation's primary purpose is to develop and implement strategies and recommend processes to advance and expand the commercial and industrial insulation industry through objectives such as promoting mechanical insulation to

the commercial/industrial construction community; promoting the value of insulation to audiences including specifiers, architects, engineers, plant owners, facility managers, building owners, government bodies, and allied associations; and establishing NIA as the industry resource for information on mechanical, commercial, and industrial insulation systems. The Foundation's actions include the funding of educational resources for the industry.

- Individuals, as well as corporations, can now make tax-deductible donations to the Foundation.
- The Foundation Board of Directors publishes a quarterly activity report on the website. NIA publishes this update in both NIA News and Insulation Outlook magazine as part of their management duties.
- A link to the Foundation website is available in NIA's website navigation and www.insulation.org/foundation can also be used. Please visit the website to learn more.
- The Foundation's Annual report can be found at https://insulation.org/foundation/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2023/07/2022-Foundation-For-Mechanical-Insulation-Annual-Report.pdf

### **Training and Education**

With significant discounts for members, NIA offers numerous virtual learning programs and educational pathways to fit the needs of industry members at all career levels. In 2022, NIA offered its learning programs in virtual and in-person formats to meet the needs of its members.

#### **Beginner**



ON DEMAND E-L FARNING MODILIES

#### **Mechanical Insulation Basics**

#### (formerly known as "Mechanical Insulation Education and Awareness Campaign E-Learning Modules")

These self-paced, on-demand, e-learning modules are perfect for engineers and insulation personnel who are new to the industry. The series explains the types of insulation on the market, the science and technology of how insulation works, design questions that should be asked for every project, and basic insulation information to help beginners become knowledgeable about the industry. The course format was updated in 2022 and is now available on NIA's Education Center at <a href="https://www.niaeducationcenter.org/courses/48060">www.niaeducationcenter.org/courses/48060</a>.

#### **Intermediate**

### NIA Understanding MECHANICAL INSULATION

#### **NIA's Understanding Mechanical Insulation**

NIA's Understanding Mechanical Insulation (formerly called "Introduction to Mechanical Insulation," and Part 1 of the Thermal Insulation Inspector Certification Program) is available as a stand-alone course for those who have some experience in the insulation industry to become more knowledgeable about mechanical insulation, the industry, and its products.



#### NIA's New Understanding the Submittal Process

This 2-hour class launched in 2022 and teaches students how to identify the type and scope of submittal requirements, the components and importance of the submittal package, and the purpose of the submittal process.

• In 2022, NIA held 2 virtual courses, which included 15 students.

### NIA Understanding SPECIFICATIONS

#### NIA's New Understanding Specifications

This 5-hour class helps participants understand the purpose and complexity of specifications, how they vary between market segments, and how applying that knowledge can benefit their company. The course is designed to be of value to multiple audience segments involved in the design and application of mechanical insulation for both new construction and maintenance.

• In 2022, NIA held 1 virtual course and 1 hosted course, which included a total of 33 students.

#### **Advanced**

#### NIA's Thermal Insulation Inspector Certification Program



NIA's Thermal Insulation Inspector Certification Program is a 2-part, 4-day course designed to educate participants on how to evaluate installation work and determine whether it is compliant with

mechanical insulation specifications. The certification-level course is for experienced insulation professionals who are ready to learn a new specialty, and for companies ready to offer insulation system inspection as part of their services. The course is beneficial for anyone who has responsibility for contracts, maintenance, business development, quality assurance/quality control, project oversight, safety, inspections, estimating, management, product development, mechanical insulation system design, and specification development. Students who attend the course and pass two exams become NIA Certified Thermal Insulation Inspectors. All current certified inspectors are listed on NIA's website, and current NIA members are listed in green on the web page.

 In 2022, NIA held 2 virtual, 1 in-person, and 1 hosted Thermal Insulation Inspector Certification courses, certifying 30 new inspectors.

Find a trained and certified inspector in your area. There were 85 certified inspectors as of December 31, 2022.

#### NIA's Insulation Energy Appraiser Program™ (IEAP)



This 2-day course teaches experienced insulation professionals how to determine the optimal insulation thickness and corresponding energy and dollar savings for a project. The refreshed course is

designed for participants who are looking to expand their skill set and for companies that want to broaden their business capabilities by adding insulation appraisals to show insulation's return on investment to their customers. Participants will learn how to conduct a facility walk-through, understand the tools necessary to complete the appraisal, and learn how to create a final report for customers. In 2022, NIA added a section to the IEAP course focused around carbon reduction, and also implemented the new version of the 3E Plus® software. Students who attend the course and pass the exam become NIA Certified Insulation Energy Appraisers. All current certified appraisers are listed on NIA's website, and current NIA members are listed in green on the web page

 In 2022, NIA held 2 virtual Insulation Energy Appraisal courses, certifying 20 new appraisers.

There were 165 NIA Certified Insulation Energy Appraisers as of December 31, 2022. Find a trained and certified appraiser in your area.

#### **Educational Webinars**

In 2022, NIA held five webinars and partnered with the Industry Policy Conference on promoting a variety of webinars to NIA members.

#### The following webinars were offered:

- Improving the Bottom Line: It's Time to Think of Mechanical Insulation Systems Differently held in conjunction with the Industrial Assessment Centers (*January 20, 2022*);
- Insulation's Impact on Corrosion, Energy Costs, and Carbon Reduction held in conjunction with AMPP (February 10, 2022);
- CUI Susceptible Areas of Inspection and an Overview of Inspection Methods held in conjunction with AMPP (May 19, 2022);
- Insulation Pays Off—Business Case for Energy Appraisals and Inspections held in conjunction with the EMA (September 14, 2022); and
- Managing CUI Risks When Moisture Lingers in Your Insulation System held in conjunction with AMPP (September 29, 2022).

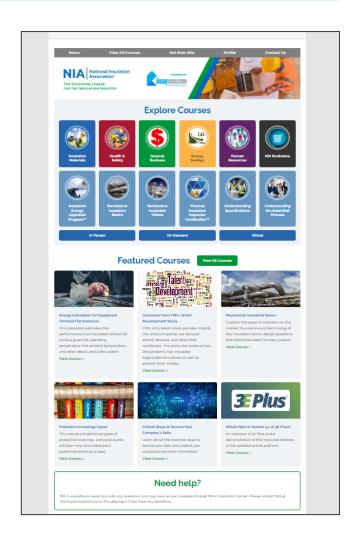
#### **NIA's Education Center**

In December 2022, NIA launched its Education Center, which is a new concept in training and education for the insulation industry to meet the growing need for easily accessible, on-demand training from a trusted industry source. It is the go-to national resource for information and training tools specifically designed for anyone who is involved in the mechanical insulation industry. Content is continuously added throughout the year.

#### **Benefits of NIA's Premier Training Subscription**

- Cost Savings: For one low annual fee, all employees receive access.
- Variety: Training is available to increase skills for every professional on your team.
- Convenience: Content is offered on demand, ranging from a few minutes up to an hour.
- Access: Popular NIA training programs, such as NIA's Mechanical Insulation Basics, are included.

To learn more visit www.niaeducationcenter.org.



### **Meetings**

#### NIA's 66th Annual Convention



NIA held its 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas, with the theme *Together for Tomorrow*. NIA members and guests came together to gain industry knowledge from educational sessions and committee meetings, and connected with business partners and colleagues at multiple networking events, including the Convention First-Timers and VIP Reception, Welcome and Appreciation Evening, Manufacturers' Dessert Hospitality Suites, Farewell Reception and Dinner, and NIA's Silent Auction. The Convention had 313 attendees, 34 of which were first-time attendees, including 4 new members. The 89 active companies participating included 42 contractors, 35 distributors, 12 fabricators, 10 laminators, and 3 holding company representatives. There were 109 associates, 77 spouses and guests, 6 TIAC members, and 19 others, including speakers and industry guests.







#### **Keynote Presentations**

- "The Power of One," by Clint Pulver, Emmy Award Winner, Author, Musician, and Workforce Expert
- "Next-Level Leadership for an On-Demand World,"
   by Sara Ross, Chief Vitality Officer, BrainAMPED

#### **General Sessions**

- Expert Panel Discussion: Learning Perspectives—The Contractor and Distributor Relationship, with the following participants:
  - Mark McCowan, Vice President, L.C. Insulations, Inc.
  - Marc Napolitano, Vice President/General Manager, Insulation Materials Corporation
  - Jon Perry, Chief Executive Officer, Specialty Products & Insulation
  - Rick Sutphin, Senior Vice President Operations, Performance Contracting, Inc.
  - Jack Bittner, Senior Product Manager, Johns Manville (facilitator)
- "3E Plus® Software Updates" by Charlie Haack, NAIMA

#### **Educational Sessions**

- "Fire Response Properties," by Barry Badders and Juan Flores, Intertek
- "Water Vapor Transmission Properties—A New Meaning to the Word Vaping!" by Charlie Petty, Lamtec Corporation

#### **Industry Sessions**

 "3E Plus Q&A and Insulation Industry Standard Discussion," by Charlie Haack, Vice President, Technical Services, NAIMA and Ron

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- King, NIA Past President and Consultant (Joint Union/Merit Contractors Session)
- "Legal Insights on Key Contractor Topics," by Gary Auman, NIA General Counsel and Attorney, Auman, Mahan and Furry (Union Contractors Subcommittee)
- "Regional Updates Committee Analysis," by Rudy Nigl, L&C Insulation (Merit Contractors Session)
- "Succession Planning and Leadership Transitions," by Steve Luse, Luse Thermal Technologies, and Rudy Nigl, L & C Insulation (Young Professional Advisory Committee, YPAC)
- "Top 5 Methods to Reduce Fall Hazard Risks," by Thomas Kramer, P.E., CSP, Managing Principal, LJB Inc. (Health and Safety Session)
- "What's Coming Next? Economic Forecast and Global Supply Chain Challenges," by Erin Roberts, Partner and Global Engineering and Construction Leader, Ernst & Young LLP (Associates and Distributor/Fabricator Session)

#### 2022 NIA Silent Auction Raises Nearly \$38,000

The fifth NIA Silent Auction was held on April 1, 2022, in conjunction with the Annual Convention. The event successfully raised nearly \$38,000 in net proceeds, which set a new fundraising record and was split evenly between Folds of Honor, a non-profit that provides educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service members, and NIA's Foundation for Mechanical Insulation Education, Training, and Industry Advancement, which seeks to create greater awareness of the benefits of mechanical insulation. NIA also raised funds from the raffle to benefit the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, in Honor of NIA Past President, Alec Rexroat. The Silent Auction is held every other year, and the next Silent Auction will take place in 2024.

The 2022 Silent Auction Task Force—Co-Chaired by Dave Cox, Owens Corning, and Joe Leo, Atlantic Contracting & Specialties—included Mellanie Askew, Coverflex Manufacturing, Inc.; Dean Burows, DKB Inc.; Mike Hill, Performance Contracting; Steve Luse, Luse Thermal Technologies; Rudy Nigl, L & C Insulation; Sandy Shattles, Armacell; and Dave Tomchak, Bay Insulation.

#### Fall Summit 2022



NIA held its Fall Summit in National Harbor, Maryland. NIA hosts an annual members-only event that brings together the mechanical insulation industry in one central location for education, training, and networking. Fall Summit is designed to "Educate, Engage, and Elevate," by providing actionable content for attendees that companies can implement immediately to build their businesses. The event features topical speakers, open committee meetings, tailored industry sessions, and networking opportunities to develop new business relationships.

NIA's 2022 Fall Summit was attended by 115 members from 59 companies, 18 of which were first-time attendees, and 6 were new members. The event offered attendees more than 20 hours of education and included 2 keynote sessions and 11 committee sessions, including 5 with industry speakers.





#### **Keynote Presentations at the Fall Summit**

- "Address the Epidemic: Suicide and Opioids in the Construction Industry," by Rick Rinehart, ScD, Deputy Director, The Center of Construction and Research and Training
- "FMI's Economic Forecast and Construction Outlook" by Paul Trombitas, Partner, Strategy Practice and Building Products, FMI



#### **Industry Sessions at the Fall Summit**

- "Collaborative Project Delivery from the Insulation Contractor's Perspective," by Paul Trombitas, Partner, Strategy Practice and Building Products, FMI (Merit Contractors Session)
- "Expert Panel Discussion: Bring Us Your Top Safety and Health Questions," by Gary Auman, NIA Legal Counsel, Director, Auman, Mahan and Furry, and William McCaffrey, NIA Health and Safety Committee Vice Chair, Vice President, EHS, Irex Contracting Group (Health and Safety Session)
- "Legal Insights on Key Contractor Topics," by Gary Auman, NIA General Counsel and Attorney, Auman, Mahan and Furry (Union Contractors Subcommittee)
- "Strategic Transitions from Project Management to Team Leadership," by Jon Perry (SPI) and Tom McKinnon (Armacell) (Young Professional Advisory Committee, YPAC)
- "What Does the Future of Transportation Look Like?"
   by Alex Leslie, Research Associate, American
   Transportation Research Institute (Associate Manufacturer and Distributor/Fabricator Session)

#### **Fall Summit Sponsors**

NIA extends a special thank you to the Fall Summit sponsors:

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### **Awards**

#### NIA's Premier Industry Manufacturer Program™

Available exclusively to NIA member companies, this program was developed to reward Associate (Manufacturer) members for their actions that demonstrate leadership, commitment, and support to the mechanical insulation industry and NIA. NIA announced the winners of the 2022 Premier Industry Manufacturer Awards in conjunction with NIA's 2022 Convention held March 30-April 1, 2022.

- Armacell
- Johns Manville
- Owens Corning

NIA companies that reach a minimum of 175 participation points in the 2022 calendar year will be recognized as Premier Industry Manufacturers in 2023.

For more information about the program, please visit www.insulation.org/membership/premier manufacturer.









### NIA Members Win 2021 Safety Excellence Awards

NIA announced the 2021 Safety Excellence Award winners at its Annual Convention, which took place March 30-April 1, 2022, in San Antonio, Texas. An archive of past award announcements is available at <a href="https://www.insulation.org/membership/safety-award/award-winners">www.insulation.org/membership/safety-award/award-winners</a>.

NIA's Safety Excellence Award is the association's highest industry honor and the only national award for outstanding safety performance in the mechanical insulation industry. NIA created the award program in 2004 to recognize top companies that have established structured safety programs to ensure the well-being of their employees and create safe working environments. The Health and Safety Committee helps to oversee and



guide the awards program, and applications are judged by Gary Auman of Auman, Mahan and Furry, who specializes in OSHA issues. All applicant companies receive an individualized, detailed Safety Training Analysis Results (STAR) Report, which is based on their responses to application questions.

#### Associate (Manufacturer) category winners are:

#### Platinum:

Armacell, Chapel Hill, NC
Johns Manville, Denver, CO
Knauf Insulation, Inc., Shelbyville, IN
Owens Corning, Toledo, OH
Proto Corp., Clearwater, FL

#### Gold:

CertainTeed, Malvern, PA ROCKWOOL Technical Insulation, Milton, ON, Canada

#### Silver:

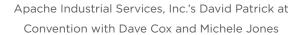
Polyguard Products, Inc., Ennis, TX

#### **Contractor category winners are:**

#### Platinum:

Advanced Industrial Services, LLC, Toledo, OH Advanced Nuclear, LLC, Quarryville, PA Advanced Specialty Contractors, LLC, Aston, PA Apache Industrial Services, Inc., Houston, TX APi Construction Co., New Brighton, MN Argus Contracting, LLC, Santa Fe Springs, CA Atlantic Contracting & Specialties, LLC, Hicksville, NY Cornerstone Services Group, LLC, Omaha, NE DKB, Inc., Pasco, WA Farwest Insulation Contracting, Anaheim, CA F & H Insulation Sales and Services, Inc., Kechi, KS Gribbins Insulation Co., Inc., Evansville, IN Hawkeye Insulation Specialists, Inc., Cedar Rapids, IA Insulations, Inc., Harahan, LA Iowa Illinois Taylor Insulation Co., Davenport, IA I-Star Energy Solutions, Quarryville, PA Liberty Industrial Group, Phoenix, AZ Luse Thermal Technologies, Aurora, IL Performance Contracting, Inc., Lenexa, KS







Gribbins Insulation Co., Inc.'s Brian Willett

QCI Thermal Systems, Inc., Iowa City, IA Summit Contracting, LLC, Portland, OR Thermal Solutions—Ohio, Inc., Proctorville, OH

#### Gold:

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#### **Bronze:**

All-Temp, Inc., Kansas City, MO Angel's Insulation Sales & Services, Inc., Oakland, FL International Asbestos Removal, Inc., Babylon, NY TBN Associates, Inc., Lanham, MD

#### **Distributor/Fabricator category winners are:**

#### Platinum:

Bay Insulation Systems, Inc., Green Bay, WI Extol of Ohio, Inc., Norwalk, OH Specialty Products & Insulation, Charlotte, NC

#### Gold:

American Mechanical Insulation Sales, Inc., Farmington Hills, MI

Distribution International, Inc., Houston, TX Geo. V. Hamilton, Inc., McKees Rocks, PA

#### Silver:

Coverflex Manufacturing, Inc., Houston, TX

#### Metal Building Laminator category winners are:

#### Platinum:

Bay Insulation Systems, Inc., Green Bay, WI

#### Gold:

Silvercote, A Distribution International Co., Greenville, SC



Knauf Insulation, Inc.'s Michael Stoner and Darrell Peil



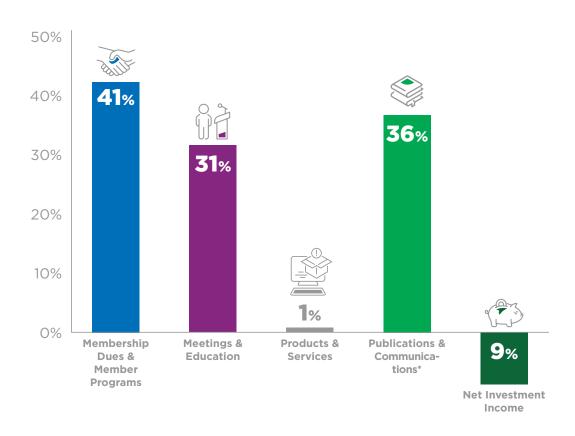
Performance Contracting Inc.'s Mike Hill and Rick Sutphin

### NIA 2022 Financials (Unaudited)\*



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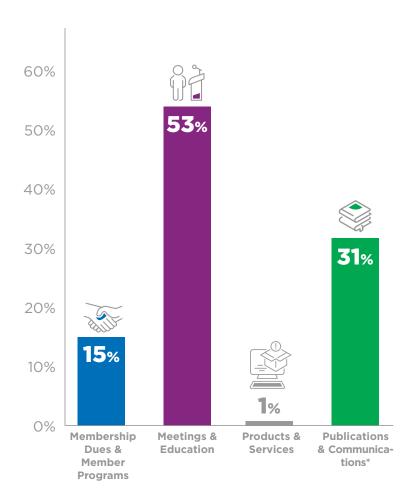
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**Total Expenses:** 

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