

From the Foundation Board of Directors

Update on the Foundation for Mechanical Insulation Education, Training, and Industry Advancement



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The Foundation for Mechanical Insulation Education, Training, and Industry Advancement (Foundation) has been active in the last few months spreading the word about the benefits of mechanical insulation.

Panel Presentation at the 2024 NIA Annual Convention

On Thursday, April 18, the Foundation had the opportunity to present a panel discussion to NIA members and Convention attendees on the importance of the Foundation and its work on behalf of the mechanical insulation industry.

Panelists included:

- R. Dean Burows, DKB, Inc.
- David J. Cox, Owens Corning
- John Lamberton, Irex Contracting Group
- Moderator: Michele M. Jones, Foundation Program Manager

The session began with a video that showcased the impressive history of the Foundation, which was established in 1989, focusing on its achievements and contributions in the form of training programs, resources, and outreach. Fast forward to 2024, and the global focus on carbon emissions, energy efficiency, and sustainability are top of mind for every industry. Competition for recognition of efforts and contributions to these initiatives is fierce. The mechanical insulation industry is no different in its commitment to a more energy-efficient world, and the Foundation's capabilities in this space are unquestionable. The panel's session proved to be an excellent platform to engage with industry professionals to expand on the work of the Foundation in the carbon emissions reduction space, clarify its mission, outline the programs it manages and financial supports, describe the impact of its work in the industry, and explain why funding is so important.

The panelists spoke in detail about:

- Current and ongoing initiatives;
- Studies and articles promoting carbon emissions reduction, energy efficiency, and sustainability;
- Financial support of content development for NIA's Education Center;
- Support for the standards development initiative between NIA and the Association for Materials Protection and Performance (AMPP);
- Marketing and awareness efforts, and the ongoing work educating and communicating the value of insulation to end-user audiences and industry organizations; and
- Ways to support the Foundation, envisioning what could be accomplished with additional funding.

To learn more, access the presentation slides at <https://tinyurl.com/5n82cd22>.

Introducing the 2024–2025 Foundation Board of Directors

The Foundation Board of Directors met on Wednesday, April 17, and worked through a full agenda, including the election of its new Board members.

President: R. Dean Burows, DKB, Inc.

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- Daniel Aiken, ROCKWOOL Technical Insulation
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- Wally Blewitt, Knauf Insulation, Inc.
- Rob English, Owens Corning
- Jordan Farrell, Irex Contracting Group
- Jon Perry, Specialty Products & Insulation

The Board of Directors would like to thank the following outgoing Board members for their service and enormous contributions to the success of the Foundation:

- David J. Cox, Owens Corning (Past President)
- John Lambertson, Irex Contracting Group (Past Secretary and Treasurer)
- Laura Dover, Dover Insulation, Inc. (Past At-Large Board Member)

New Foundation Contributor

The Foundation Board of Directors wishes to thank Greg Cundiff, Kirby-Cundiff Insulation, for being its newest contributor.

If your company would like to be a Foundation contributor, please visit www.insulation.org/foundation/contribute. If you do not see your company's name in the full list of companies supporting the Foundation (see below), please contact foundation@insulation.org for more information.



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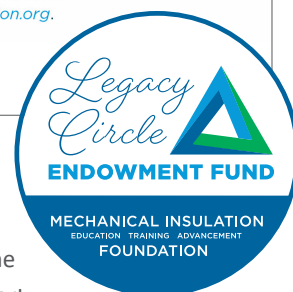
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New Way to Give: Legacy Circle Endowment Fund

In addition to the current annual business funding contribution levels—Platinum (\$30,000), Gold Elite (\$15,000), Gold (\$5,000), Silver (\$3,000), and Bronze (\$1,000)—the Foundation's Board of Directors created the Legacy Circle Endowment Fund as a way for those in the industry to leave a personal legacy donation. The Legacy Circle Endowment Fund allows donors to specify funding for individual programs or as a contribution to the general fund. Donors will be part of a unique group who want to give back to the industry and provide a permanent way to honor their individual industry contributions and service.

All contributions, including Legacy Circle donations, are fully tax-deductible donations. (*Minimum contribution is \$2,000.*)

The Foundation would like to thank the following donors for their generous support:

- David and Susan Andrews (NIA Past President)
- Dave and Trudy Cox (NIA Past President)
- Glenn and Judy Frye (NIA Past President)
- Joseph P. and Dorothy Leo (NIA Past President)
- Owens Corning Foundation
- The Raymond M. Burows Education Fund (DKB, Inc.)
- Charles (Chuck) and Debbie Schattgen (NIA Past President)

To learn more about this contribution opportunity, please visit www.insulation.org/foundation/contribute/endowment.

National Insulation Standards Updates

Work continues on the first standards drafts, including Flashing–Sealant, Sealing of Protective Covering Joints, and Sealing of Insulation Joints. Initial development of additional standards is underway.

Once the NIA draft process is complete, the drafts will go through the AMPP review process. An open comment period will be announced for each standard.

To Learn More

To learn more about the Foundation and the programs it supports, and for 2024 donations, please contact Kristin V. DiDomenico at foundation@insulation.org. The Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) and is managed by the professional staff of the NIA.