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## SMACNA ELECTS FIVE NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**SAN ANTONIO** — The Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA) elected five members to its Board of Directors at their annual business meeting on Oct. 16 at SMACNA's 71st Annual Convention. The directors will serve four-year terms beginning on Oct. 16 at the close of the convention.

Following is a list of new directors along with news releases on each new director.

The newly elected directors are:

Craig Benson

Paramount Sheet Metal Ltd., Port Coquitlam, British Columbia

Carol Duncan

General Sheet Metal, Clackamas, Ore.

Todd Hill

Ventcon Inc., Allen Park, Mich.

Kevin Jones

Richards Sheet Metal, Ogden, Utah

Anthony Kocurek

Energy Balance and Integration LLC, Albuquerque, N.M.

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## **CRAIG BENSON OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTED TO SMACNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



**SAN ANTONIO** — Craig Benson, owner of Paramount Sheet Metal, Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada, was elected to the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA) Board of Directors. His four-year term began Oct. 16 at the close of SMACNA's 71st Annual Convention.

Benson is eager to serve on SMACNA's Board of Directors, seeking solutions to industry issues and concerns.

He has served on SMACNA's Duct Cleaning Task Force as well as on the ITI Apprentice Contest Committee and the National Joint Apprentice and Training Committee.

Long involved in the industry, Benson has served on the Board of Directors of the British Columbia Sheet Metal Association (SMACNA-BC) and as its chapter president, vice president, and chapter councilor. He has served as a SMACNA-BC/SMWIA Local 280 Health Benefits Fund trustee and SMACNA-BC/SMWIA Local 280 Sheet Metal Industry Training Board trustee. He has also served on the SMACNA-BC Negotiating Committee, Nominating Committee, Partnership Committee, and as an alternate councilor to the Council of Chapter Representatives.

He attended Pacific Vocational Institute in Burnaby, B.C., and entered the sheet metal industry in 1976 working as a material man. Paramount Sheet Metal has been a member of SMACNA since 1986 and does commercial HVAC work.

## **CAROL DUNCAN ELECTED TO SMACNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SAN ANTONIO** — Carol Duncan, president of General Sheet Metal Works Inc., Clackamas, Ore., was elected to the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA) Board of Directors. Her four-year term began Oct. 16 at the close of SMACNA's



71st Annual Convention.

“I want to give back to the industry that has been my family’s livelihood for more than 30 years,” Duncan said. “My husband is a retired sheet metal worker with 46 years in the trade. We have a 23-year-old daughter who wants to continue the business, and I want to ensure our industry stays strong so she can.”

Dedicated to addressing government policy issues affecting the industry, Duncan has taken an active role in legislative activities on the national, state, and local levels, including testifying on behalf of the industry at Congressional hearings in Washington, DC. She has served as a long-time member and chair of SMACNA’s Legislative Committee and SMAC PAC Committee, and as chair and member of the Political Pacesetters Council. She received SMACNA’s Legislative Contractor of the Year award in 2013.

She currently serves on the Business and Financial Management Committee. For her commitment to the industry, she was inducted into SMACNA’s prestigious College of Fellows. Duncan has also served as chair and vice-chair of SMACNA’s Council of Chapter Representatives. She has also been a member of the Budget and Finance Committee and the Multi-Service Chapter Application and Selection Committee.

She served as president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and chapter councilor in the SMACNA Columbia Chapter in Portland, Ore. She also chairs the chapter’s Health and Welfare Plan and the Governmental Affairs Committee, and served on the Labor Management and Negotiating Committees.

Active in state policy affairs, she currently serves on the Oregon Governor’s Management and Labor Committee of the Workers Compensation Committee, as well as on the boards of the Construction Industry Crime Prevention Committee and the Innovation Partnership.

She also serves on the Board of the Clackamas Community College Foundation. She entered the sheet metal industry in 1982 as a controller in her family’s business.

General Sheet Metal Works, founded in 1932, is a multifaceted provider of construction services spanning commercial HVAC, industrial sheet metal, design/build, and architectural sheet metal. They work with a variety of clients whose needs range from standard heating installations to closely controlled ventilation systems for electronic manufacturing facilities. Read more about them at [www.gsmw.com](http://www.gsmw.com).

## **TODD HILL ELECTED TO SMACNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



**SAN ANTONIO** — Todd Hill, president of Ventcon Inc., Allen Park, Mich., was elected to the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA) Board of Directors. His four-year term began Oct. 16 at the close of SMACNA's 71st Annual Convention.

"The opportunity to serve on SMACNA's Board of Directors is another great way to give back to the industry that has been so good to me," Hill said.

"Since my first day of my apprenticeship I have enjoyed all aspects of the sheet metal industry. Over the past 24 years, I have had opportunities to challenge myself and grow professionally within the industry."

On the national level, Hill currently serves on SMACNA's Business and Financial Management Committee, Contractor Operations Manual Task Force, and the Pre-Insulated "Phenolic" Duct Construction Standard Task Force. He also has previously been a member of the NEMI/NEMIC Green Construction Task Force and Green Building Task Force.

Hill currently serves on the Board of Directors of the SMACNA Metropolitan Detroit chapter, Pension and Annuity Joint Trust Funds, Local Joint Adjustment Board, Joint Apprenticeship Committee, Labor Relations Committee, Fire Damper Committee, and Market Recovery Committee.

Entering the industry in 1990 as a sheet metal apprentice with Ventcon, Hill received his associate's degree in applied science in computer-aided and mechanical design from Schoolcraft College. Hill received his apprentice training with Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 before becoming a journeyman in 1994.

At Ventcon, Hill had the opportunity to enter the office as a CAD operator and advance through several management positions, eventually becoming president in 2005. In 2010, Hill and his two partners acquired the business. As the largest employer in SMACNA Detroit, Hill has an excellent working reputation and relationship with labor and management partners.

Ventcon is a 44-year-old mechanical HVAC/sheet metal firm based in Allen Park, Michigan. Their business is comprised of 70 percent commercial and 30 percent industrial projects. Learn more at [www.ventcon.com](http://www.ventcon.com).

## **KEVIN JONES ELECTED TO SMACNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SAN ANTONIO** — Kevin Jones, vice president of Customer Development, Richards Sheet Metal Works Inc., Ogden, Utah, was elected to the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA)



Board of Directors. His four-year term began Oct. 16 at the close of SMACNA's 71st Annual Convention.

"It will be a privilege to serve on SMACNA's Board of Directors and contribute to the future development of SMACNA and the Sheet Metal Industry," Jones said. "As a SMOHIT trustee and SMACNA committee member, I have come to know the dedicated volunteers and staff on the national level. These committed professionals share my work ethic, beliefs, and interests in improving the Sheet Metal Industry."

On the national level, Jones has served on the SMOHIT Board of Trustees and on SMACNA's Convention and Director Nominating Committees.

On the local level, Jones' has served a chapter president, vice president, and on the Board of Directors of the Utah Sheet Metal Contractors Association.

His service includes 16 years of commitment to the development of young apprentices. He led the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC) as a trustee and committee chair to transform the program and develop young people's skills. During his 14-year tenure as chair, the committee adopted a new curriculum, changed from night schooling to a concentrated daytime program, doubled the facility's size by adding a new building for specialized training, and added career path programs provided by the International Training Institute (iTi).

He has served on the chapter's Education and Safety Committee, the Nominations Committee, and as an Industry Fund chair and trustee. He also coaches youth sports, including track and field, football, baseball, and basketball, and is active in his church community.

Jones attended Local No. 312 apprenticeship training and Weber State University. He entered the sheet metal industry in 1991 as a pre-apprentice, shipping clerk, and fabricator with Richards Sheet Metal then moved into a sales position.

In business since 1928, Richards Sheet Metal provides a total solution for a variety of customers in transportation, waste management, military and government, mining, food services and sanitation, machinery, construction, and architectural. Learn more about them at [www.richards-fab.com](http://www.richards-fab.com).

## **ANTHONY KOCUREK ELECTED TO SMACNA BOARD OF DIRECTOR**

**SAN ANTONIO** — Anthony Kocurek, owner of Energy Balance and



Integration LLC, Albuquerque, N.M., was elected to the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA) Board of Directors. His four-year term began Oct. 16 at the close of SMACNA's 71st Annual Convention.

"I have benefitted greatly from SMACNA, both as an employee of a SMACNA member contractor and as an owner of a SMACNA-member company," Kocurek said. "I want to do my part to ensure the many ways SMACNA makes the construction industry, and all those in it, better."

Kocurek has long been dedicated to the industry, particularly fire life safety concerns. On the national level, he currently serves as co-chair and trustee of the National Energy Management Institute Committee (NEMIC) and on the International Training Institute (iTi) TAB Task Force.

Active in the SMACNA-New Mexico chapter chapter, he has served as its president, vice president, and secretary. Known for his commitment to partnership success, he has been a trustee of the Health and Welfare Board, trustee of the Defined Pension Board, and trustee of the Local 49 JATC.

Kocurek was instrumental in creating New Mexico's Senate Memorial 27, a working committee that makes recommendations on inspections, testing, and maintenance of fire/smoke dampers and smoke control systems to educate the New Mexico community on fire-life safety.

He graduated from the University of Phoenix. Kocurek entered the industry as a TAB apprentice and learned the trade with the Sheet Metal Workers Local 49. His community service includes being chair of the Boy Scout Committee and a varsity scout leader, and an active member in the LDS Church.

Energy Balance and Integration LLC (EB&I), provides testing and balancing services in New Mexico, Colorado, eastern Arizona, and western Texas. In business since 1976, their capabilities include testing control systems, performing sound tests, evaluating system operation, performing fire life safety testing and more. Learn about EB&I at [www.ebinm.com](http://www.ebinm.com).

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