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Virtual AGM 2020

Dear AEMA Members,

Thank you to all our members that attended AEMA's 2020 Virtual AGM. It was a success!

Highlights from the meeting included welcoming our newest members as Evan Petrower talked about the benefits and value of AEMA membership. A national voice is critical and with our collective experience we keep our association alive and ready to serve us all when needed.

Since we were unable to meet in person this year, AEMA is offering a free membership offer through December 31, 2020. Please share this with your colleagues and invite them to join. It is a great way to connect and it's affordable!

Don Zimmerman, treasurer, updated members on the financials, while Marsha Rucker, secretary, gave an overview of TrackBill's Legislative tracking and the importance of connecting with your local legislators as bills are introduced or amended.

A detailed code update was presented by Mark Townsend, and James Boydston along with Henry Handel talked about the importance of the CAT Program and continuing education.

AEMA President, Kurt Frieztzsche, announced that nominations are now being accepted for two open Board of Director positions. Please submit nominations to Marsha Rucker at secretary@aema.com by Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

In closing, Kurt talked about the relevance of AEMA and summed it up nicely through reminding members of the organizations purpose as outlined in the bylaws: *To foster the growth and development of the industry by engaging in activities and establishing programs to promote the awareness, understanding, acceptance and utilization of "Private Residence Elevator and Accessibility Equipment"*.

To unite members to liaise collectively with equipment users, architects and specifiers, building owners, code writers, regulatory authorities, Government and others associated with the "Private Residence Elevator and Accessibility Equipment" industry.

To contribute to the development, standardization and promulgation of safety codes and standards which directly or indirectly affect the design, installation and utilization of industry equipment.

To serve as a forum for the standardization of equipment operation, terminology, signage and other design aspects to facilitate safety, security and ease of use.

To gather, analyze, appraise and disseminate information and ideas pertaining to the industry.

To be a service organization.

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Welcome New Board Members

Henry Handel, Handle and Son Elevator/Lift Company, and **Evan Petrower**, Day Elevator & Lift.

Henry S. Handel, Handel & Son Elevator/Lift Company, has 33 years of experience in the elevator industry. He has worked as a mechanic, project manager, sales manager and is currently president. He has served on the Board of Directors for NAEC and has been chairperson for several NAEC committees. Locally, he is a member of two Builders Exchanges and the Home Builders Association.

Henry Handel



Evan Petrower



Evan Petrower, President, Day Elevator & Lift, West Hempstead, NY, since 2004. He has 25 years of experience in Technical Consulting and Project Management of Elevator and Lift products such as elevators, wheelchair lifts and stair lifts. DAY Elevator & Lift was founded in 1992, with the singular goal of elevating the quality of people's lives. Evan believes strongly in the education of all technical staff and use of the CAT Program and requires mandatory enrollment. Day Elevator currently has 11 enrolled in the CAT Program with an additional 3-4 enrollees in January. Evan graduated with a B.S. in Computer Science from St. John's University and was hired at First Investor's Corp in Suffern, NY. In 1990 he moved on to General Contracting and Project Management with E & R Associates in Emerson, NJ. In 2004 he became President, Project Manager and Sales Manager of Day. He is licensed as a CAT-S Certification Supervisor, NYC Director of Elevator Agency, NJ Elevator, Escalator and Moving Walkway Mechanic and has his OSHA 30. He is a member of AEMA, ABC, LIBI and ECNY. He is certified as an AIA presenter of home elevators, wheelchair lifts, LULA elevators and Material Handling. He also serves on the Accessibility and Residential Elevator 18.1 Committee. Evan is married to Darlene and has two adult children. In his free time, you can find Evan at Mets or Jets games, as well as an avid skier.

In Memory of MARIE McDONALD: Marie McDonald passed away on May 31 at her home in Walnut Creek, California. McDonald spent much of her life in San Francisco, where she made a name for herself in the industry. In the late 1950s, she was instrumental in forming what would become the first National Association of Women in Construction chapter on the U.S. West Coast. After learning she had a knack for sales at Dwan Elevator Co., McDonald in 1958 became the first woman in California to receive an elevator contractor's license. In 1977, she founded elevator-inspection firm McDonald Elevator Co. and was named the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce 1988 Entrepreneur of the Year. Cited by many elevator women as someone they model themselves after, McDonald was the recipient of the National Association of Elevator Contractors (NAEC) William C. Sturgeon Distinguished Service Award in 2001. McDonald earned her QEI certification through NAESA International, and, in 1976, was elected to NAESA's board. In the mid 1980s, she became the first woman certified elevator inspector in the U.S. Through NAESA and other organizations, including NAEC and the Vertical Initiative for Elevator Escalator Women, McDonald forged many lifelong friendships. McDonald sold her company shortly after her beloved husband, John McDonald, passed away in 1989, and worked for Pacific Access Contractors in Redwood City, California, until her retirement in 2013. After retirement, McDonald kept busy campaigning for local Democratic candidates and issues, reading and spending time with her family. Survivors include her children, Kimara, Lori and Adam.

We Want to Hear from You!

Please feel free to engage with any local news, experiences, or questions that may be of interest to the rest of the AEMA community. Thank you and best wishes to say goodbye to the crazy pandemic year of 2020 and a more safe, mask free, productive 2021!

Code Update

Correction to code update

New Version of A17.1, Section 5.3 – Residential Elevators

- Clause 5.3.1.8.2.2 was modified to clarify the car door monitoring requirements. If both the car door or gate and the landing door or gate are not cycled at a landing then the elevator will **NOT** accept calls.

Welcome New Members

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Welcome
everyone!

Glad you're
here!

CAT Program



Please contact **Kathy Bell**, kathy@naec.org for information regarding applying for the CAT™ Education Program, and for complete details on the CAT™ Certification Program. Detailed CAT™ Education Program information can be found at NAEC.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Elevator World's Fall/Winter Educational Materials can be accessed [here](#).

Dave Balmer Scholarship Opportunity

To honor the legacy of Dave Balmer, a scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 will be awarded annually to a technician of an AEMA member company determined to be most deserving by the AEMA Committee. The scholarship is to be used by the technician recipient for enrollment in industry tech training programs.

If you, as an AEMA member company, have a technician that would like to apply, the application can be accessed [here](#).

Deadline for submissions: December 31, 2020

Blog Article by Eddie Gontram, Gontram Architecture

<https://gontramarchitecture.com/accessibility-the-20-rule-explained/>

Membership

Members, please take a minute check your membership contact information as it's displayed on the website. You may access it [here](#) and send updates to Marsha at secretary@aema.com

Note:

- After downloading the PDF file you can use the + and – buttons to increase the view of the file.
- You can hit the Ctrl-F key and search the file for a particular member, town or state.

Know someone in our industry who could benefit from being an AEMA member? [Share the Flyer](#) and invite your fellow colleagues to join AEMA, it's free until December 31, 2020!

TrackBill

Top bills being tracked:

OH HB289 Revise elevator laws

Last Action: Reported Substitute Commerce and Labor (November 24, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Representative Brian Baldridge (R)

SB127 Revise Elevator Law

Last Action: Refer to Committee Transportation, Commerce and Workforce (May 1, 2019) Primary Sponsor: Senator Kenny Yuko (D)

OH HB432 Grant Ohio occupational licenses to out of state licensees

Last Action: Refer to Committee State and Local Government (December 10, 2019) Primary Sponsor: Representative Jena Powell (R)OH

MI –HB5907 Occupations; individual licensing and registration; regulation and licensing of elevators and elevator contractors; update references to repealed statutes in construction code. Amends secs. 13e & 28 of 1972 PA 230 (MCL 125.1513e & 125.1528). TIE BAR WITH: HB 5908'20

Last Action: Bill electronically reproduced 06/25/2020 (June 25, 2020 in the House)

MI –HB5908 Occupations; individual licensing and registration; regulation and licensing of elevators and elevator contractors; include in the skilled trades regulation act. Amends secs. 105, 109, 907, 943 & 945 of 216 PA 407 (MCL 339.5105 et seq.) adds art. 12; repeals 1976 PA 333 (MCL 338.2151 –388.2160) & repeals 1967 PA 227 (MCL 408.801 –408.824).

Last Action: Bill electronically reproduced 06/25/2020 (June 25, 2020 in the House)

MI –HB 5909 Occupations; individual licensing and registration; regulation and licensing of elevators and elevator contractors; update references to repealed statutes in local government occupational licensing act. Amends sec 11 of 2018 PA 493 (MCL 123.1431). TIE BAR WITH 5908'20

Last Action: Bill electronically reproduced 06/25/2020 (June 25, 2020 in the House)

NY A9063 Relates to the licensing of persons engaged in the design, construction, inspection, maintenance, alteration, and repair of elevators and other automated people moving devices.

Last Action: Enacting Clause Stricken (July 6, 2020 in the Assembly)

NY –S7306 Relates to the licensing of persons engaged in the design, construction, inspection, maintenance, alteration, and repair of elevators and other automated people moving devices.

Last Action: Referred To Ways And Means (February 27, 2020 in the Assembly)

NY A4509 Requires the licensing of persons engaged in the design, construction, inspection, maintenance, alteration and repair of elevators

Last Action: Substituted By S4080c (June 20, 2019)

NY S4080 Requires the licensing of persons engaged in the design, construction, inspection, maintenance, alteration and repair of elevators

Last Action: Approval Memo.95(January 1, 2020 in the Senate)

HI –GM566 Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

Last Action: Confirmed. Ayes, 24. Aye(s) with reservations: none. Noes, 0 (none). Excused (Senator(s) Harimoto. (May 19, 2020 in the Senate)

Trackbill Continued

HI SB2907 Boiler and Elevator Safety Law; Third-Party Inspectors; Third-Party Inspection Companies

Last Action: Referred to LCA, WAM. (January 27, 2020 in the Senate)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ronald D. Kouchi (D) Summary: Authorizes the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to allow third party inspectors and third party inspection companies to conduct certain types of elevator inspections; effective July 1, 2020, repealed June 30, 2025.

ID HB398 Elevator Safety Code

Last Action: Reported signed by the Governor on March 11, 2020. Session Law Chapter 99 Effective: 07/01/2020 (March 12, 2020)

MD –SB618 Public Safety –Hydraulic Elevator Inspections –Privately Owned Buildings Cross-filed Bill: **HB1507**

Last Action: Text –Chapter –Public Safety –Hydraulic Elevator Inspections –Privately Owned Buildings (May 8, 2020 in the Senate)

MD –HB1507 Public Safety –Hydraulic Elevator Inspections –Privately Owned Buildings

Last Action: Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.(February 11, 2020 in the House)

MD –HB1237 Public Safety –Elevator Inspections –Transit Compact Authority

Last Action: Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 pm (February 11, 2020 in the House)

TX -HB2466 Relating to the regulation of contractors and equipment mechanics for elevators, escalators, and related equipment; requiring an occupational permit; authorizing a fee; authorizing an administrative penalty.

Last Action: Referred to Licensing & Administrative Procedures (March 11, 2019)

[2019-2020 86th Legislature](#)

(Introduced - Dead) Relating to the regulation of contractors and equipment mechanics for elevators, escalators, and related equipment; requiring an occupational permit; authorizing a fee; authorizing an administrative penalty.

[\[HB2466 2019 Detail\]](#) [\[HB2466 2019 Text\]](#) [\[HB2466 2019 Comments\]](#)

2019-03-11 Referred to Licensing & Administrative Procedures

UT –SB23 Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing Amendments

Last Action: Governor Signed (March 30, 2020)

IA –SF2372A bill for an act concerning government regulation relating to state building code requirements, private investigative agencies, and elevator regulation, and including applicability and effective date provisions.

Last Action: Amendment S-5069 filed (March 10, 2020 in the Senate)

LA –HB683 Provides relative to life safety and property protection and temporary and emergency conveyance device mechanic licenses

Last Action: Sent to the Governor for executive approval. (June 3, 2020)

Board of Directors Nominees!

AEMA is accepting nominees to serve on AEMA's Board of Directors. The two open board positions will be filled by a membership vote, if required, and will start their term on January 1st, 2021. They will join the following current board members:

Mark Townsend	Manufacturer Member	Garaventa Lift
Maxime Savard	Manufacturer Member	Savaria
Henry Handel	Contractor Member	Handel & Son Elevator & Lift
Evan Petrower	Contractor Member	Day Elevator & Lift

Per the AEMA By-Laws we are required to have at least two directors that are contractor members and two that are manufacturer members.

Please submit all nominees to secretary@aema.com by Tuesday, December 8th.