

# CONSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

## The Quarterly Progress Report



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### 2011 CLC Steering Committee

## Membership Remains Strong as the Kansas City Chapter Prepares for 2012

The Kansas City Chapter Steering Committee began 2011 focused on membership retention as most industry analysts forecast another difficult year. As a tribute to the committee's efforts and the strength of the chapter, the existing membership was not only maintained but the chapter grew by more than 20 percent to a staggering 160 members in November.

During the membership appreciation event in August, Angie McElhane, CPA, 2011 CLC Kansas City Chapter Treasurer and Partner, Marks Nelson Vohland Campbell Radetic LLC, commented, "While our loyal member base caught up on what's been going on in K.C. construction and shared memories from the events and years past, we also celebrated with our new members for helping us achieve a milestone." She continued, "Our 2011 membership goal was to increase our membership to 150, which seemed like a stretch given how much change is going on with the economy. We happily initiated our 150<sup>th</sup> member at the [membership appreciation] event."

As 2011 draws to a close, the focus turns to 2012 and planning for another year of successful events and programs. Josh Vogel, 2011 CLC Kansas City Chapter Chair and Construction Manager, HNTB, shared his thoughts on the coming year. "2011 has brought a number of new faces and new events. Our membership has grown to over 150 members and the new Sporting KC stadium was a great new venue for our group. Our trip to Joplin was an excellent example of how our group is willing to reach out to those in need. I hope you all look forward to staying with us in 2012 as much as I do."

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### Kansas City CLC 2012-Are You In?

Already a CLC member? Submit a Steering Committee application to get involved on a subcommittee. You'll have a chance to help keep members engaged and coming around for more! SC applications are due November 11, 2011.

Want to be a CLC member in 2012? Whether you are renewing or joining for the first time, membership applications for 2012 are available now and due in January. Send an email to [clckinfo@gmail.com](mailto:clckinfo@gmail.com) if you have questions.

## Member Profile

### **Michael McKeen, CLC Steering Committee**

**Hometown** – Stow, Ohio

**Years in the Business** - 9

**Best Part of Job** – Getting to know community members who are a daily part of each project and the sense of accomplishment that comes with being a part of something that will be around for years to come.

**First Job** – Miramar Water Treatment Plant, a \$201 million project in San Diego, CA.

**Hobbies** – Spending time with family and friends, exercising, and fishing.

**Makes You Happy** – Being in good company and knowing how fortunate I am for the great opportunities that have been offered to me.

**Currently Reading** – Keeping up on the newspaper and a few magazines right now.

**Where would you be if not in KC?** – Mike has lived in 7 cities in 9 years! He enjoyed each city and would be happy to live in any one of them again.

**Interesting note** – Mike has helped build 3 professional soccer stadiums for the Colorado Rapids, ReAL Salt Lake, and Sporting KC organizations. He has a few “war stories” including building on 180° F sand and eating chicken cherry soup (beaks and all) on a trip to China verifying materials production schedules. *(Well, did it taste like chicken?)*

Mike isn't returning to the Steering Committee in 2012 and we'll miss him. He was instrumental in getting jobsite tours of both LiveSTRONG Park and the KU Medical Office Building as well as setting up the first (annual?) Sporting KC game and tailgate event.

**Thanks Mike!**



## CLC Members Play Games at iBuild

CLC members Katie Kies, 2011 Vice Chair, Centric Projects, and Ryan Crist, 2011 Steering Committee member, PCI, were on hand for the 2011 iBuild conference at Bartle Hall. A chance to play a game that illustrates the concepts of project management and the opportunity to get a water-based tattoo in the shape of equipment and hardhats kept the kids coming around the booth. The annual event educates middle and high school students in Kansas City about career opportunities in the construction industry. The CLC booth provides a peek into the project manager's role in the building industry.



## Modern Builder Ad(ded) to the CLC Outreach Effort

CLC members often hear, “Who is the CLC?” and “What do they do?” As part of a concerted effort to increase visibility of the CLC Chapter, the March-April 2011 issue of Modern Builder included a new CLC advertisement.

Mike Swift commented, “Advertising and getting our face out will help promote and educate people about the CLC. The CLC is a catalyst to propel mid-level professionals in the construction industry to get involved with both the national and local AGC chapters, while learning about the benefits and purpose of the AGC and preparing for service as future leaders.”

The ad design lists the names and companies represented on the Steering Committee. Watch for the full-color version in the upcoming January-March edition of Modern Builder and see who will “represent” in 2012.

CLC members, including Steering Committee members, also attended several events hosted by the Kansas City AGC Chapter and The Builders' Association in 2011 and donated highly-coveted CLC logo wear as prizes for the golf tournament.

If you're still asking “Who is the CLC?” take a quick look at the “Who's Who” page. It's 160 great professionals from 68 great companies.

Are you one of them?



## What's next you say? Check out these great events!

### 2011 Events

- November 30** Crown Center Jobsite Tour & Happy Hour  
**December 3** Soup Kitchen Volunteer Day  
**December 9** Holiday Happy Hour, Paul & Jack's

### 2012 Events

- January 12** Power Play! Membership Drive

## CLC Members Travel to Help Joplin Storm Victims

August 5<sup>th</sup> was the date selected by CLC members, their co-workers, families, and friends to take community service on the road and help with clean-up in Joplin. Nearly 20 people made the trip and helped in several areas, including debris removal and sorting donations. Everyone who made the trip came away with the same sense of awe of nature's power after seeing the devastation first-hand and a feeling of satisfaction for having been able to help in even a small way.



## Let's All Help!

The CLC Community Service Committee, chaired by Ryan Crist, scheduled two opportunities to volunteer this fall. If you didn't catch the work day at The Good Shepherd facility, there is still one more chance. On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the CLC will help prepare food at a local soup kitchen. If you'd like to be a part of these volunteer efforts, please let us know.

[Click here to get involved.](#)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Happy Hour!

The CLC Holiday Happy Hour will again follow The Builders' Association Holiday Party. Travel just a few blocks and help wrap up the year with fellow CLC members at this popular event. Last year, nearly 60 people enjoyed one last networking event and helped celebrate the accomplishments of 2010. With another great year on the books for the Kansas City Chapter, there is plenty to cheer this year, too.

**Date:** December 9, 2011

**Location:** Paul & Jack's Tavern, 1808 Clay Street, N. Kansas City, MO 64116

**Time:** 6:00 – 9:00 PM

## Facebook us!

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## Special Job Site Tour Announcement!

CLC members will have the opportunity to tour the Crown Center jobsites of SEA LIFE and the LEGOLAND Discovery Center in late November. A recent addition to the calendar, this tour is courtesy of A.L. Huber, Inc.

Space is limited, so be sure to register early. A happy hour will be hosted at Milano immediately following the tour.

**Date:** November 30, 2011

**Location:** Crown Center

**Time:** 4:00 – 7:00 PM

**RSVP:** November 25, 2011

## Steering Committee Attends National CLC Working Weekend in Oklahoma City

Nine members of the Kansas City Chapter Steering Committee joined National Chair Andy Huber, A.L. Huber, Inc., in Oklahoma City for the 2011 National CLC Working Weekend. The day-and-a-half event kicked off on Thursday evening with a reception at Nonna's Restaurant & Bar and hosted over 100 attendees from across the country.

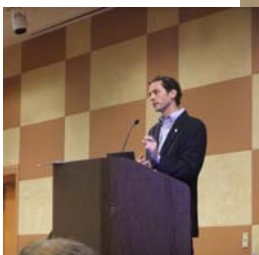
Friday was a full day of presentations on topics including effective communication, financial well-being, and a fascinating overview of green energy trends from which everyone will long remember "Save Our Strippers!" (stripper oil wells, that is). Neal McCaleb, a member of the Chickasaw nation and former head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, shared an anecdotal history of his professional life and leadership roles in numerous agencies.

The keynote speaker and absolute highlight of the event was Oklahoma State Senator Steve Russell, Army Lt. Colonel, retired. His presentation on leadership and his application of leadership principles and problem-resolution techniques to aid in the capture of Saddam Hussein was truly engaging.

Friday's program wrapped up with a round-table on chapter best practices and a reception at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, another feature of the Bricktown Entertainment District.

Holder-Flintco, A Joint Venture, hosted a jobsite tour of the Devon Energy Headquarters on Saturday morning. After an overview of the project and its part in revitalizing downtown Oklahoma City, the tour group donned safety gear and headed up to the 47<sup>th</sup> floor of the office tower. With high-rise tours less common than those of other construction types, it was a great chance to see and learn how unique challenges of that building type are addressed in the field.

*Yes, it's windy up there.*



## Member Profile

**Eric Lancey**

**CLC Steering Member**

**Hometown** – Kansas City, Missouri (Waldo)

**Education** – Construction Management, University of Central Missouri

**Years in the Business** - Four

**Best Part of Job** – Getting to know people who are enthusiastic about their profession-construction or not. Plus being able to join the CLC!

**First Job** – Fairway city pool concession stand at age 14

**Hobbies** – Hunting, fishing, and working on things in the garage

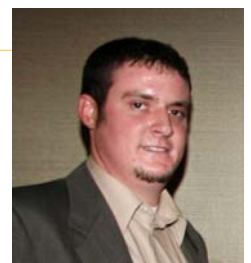
**Makes You Happy** – Seeing other people happy, unless they are happy for the wrong reasons. [Hmm....care to elaborate, Eric?]

**Currently Reading** – Newspaper

**Where would you be if not in KC?** – San Diego?

**Interesting note** – Eric made it through college in four years. That *is* quite unusual these days, however, it's also worth mentioning that Eric will soon marry his fiancée, Cindy.

**Congratulations, Eric!**



## Who's Who in the CLC

The Kansas City CLC Chapter has 160 members from a total of 68 companies. These companies support the CLC in a variety of ways, perhaps most importantly by encouraging their staff to get involved. Their support is invaluable. If your company would like to be a part of the CLC, please contact a Steering Committee member or email your interest to [clckinfo@gmail.com](mailto:clckinfo@gmail.com). As they say, "All the cool kids are doing it!"



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