As we enter the middle of the second quarter of 2015 it is nice to see improvements all around us. First and probably most important is the general overall improvement of the United States economy. Yes, things like the lower oil prices or the strengthening of the U.S. dollar hurt some and help others, but for the most part I have seen more companies investing in new equipment and manpower. This is a positive sign that businesses are more confident in the economy and they want to make investments for the future. We all just hope that something “dumb” does not happen in the world that can cause a bad ripple effect.

I also see improvements happening within CCAI. Our organization has added seven more corporate members and numerous individual members. Along with the new members, CCAI is establishing new chapters in Utah and several other regions, which is always exciting news. This growth can be attributed to the improving economy, but I believe it is due more to what CCAI is offering its membership in education, knowledge and networking. I also think that this growth is due in part to the decision by CCAI and our management company GMI to increase our staff by hiring individuals such as Mark Gentry to reach out to the industry and show them what CCAI has to offer. I want to give my personal shout out to Mark for the great job he is doing. If anyone is thinking of becoming a member, please contact Mark (mark@goyermgt.com) and he will be happy to discuss all the benefits.

CCAI has been working on another enhancement, updating of the Systems Design Manual. There have been many individuals working behind the scenes and devoting their time and effort to complete this project and if I do say so myself, it looks great. I want to thank all those who have spent the time working on this, especially our Past President, Sam Woehler, for his guidance in making sure all of the information was completed and pulled together. The manual will be available for purchase very soon!

And last, I know Anne Goyer and her staff have been busy improving the annual meeting scheduled for June 24 – 26, in Delray Beach, FL. If you have never attended the annual meeting, I think it would be well worth your time to listen to the speakers, help work on your association and network with many other individuals in the finishing industry. Please take a look at the information on the meeting inside the newsletter or go to the CCAI website for all the details, www.ccaiweb.com.

I am confident that CCAI will continue to improve and offer the finishing industry even more in the future.

Kevin Coursin,
CCAI National President
CCAI Annual Meeting

Must Attend Event of the Year – CCAI’s 2015 Annual Meeting

In true CCAI fashion, CCAI’s 2015 Annual Meeting promises to deliver top-notch programming mixed with terrific networking opportunities to provide the perfect blend of business and pleasure. Don’t miss the outstanding presentations in this year’s lineup, all geared to address the needs of CCAI members and present answers to questions asked by so many finishing industry professionals.

In addition to the timely presentations, attendees and their guests have the opportunity to enjoy CCAI’s social events. Connecting with new peers in the industry at the Welcome Reception sponsored by Products Finishing magazine and catching up with longtime friends at the popular Beach Olympics and BBQ sponsored by Kolene, is what truly makes the annual meeting such a great gathering. CCAI’s Annual Meeting also features the Annual Golf Tournament and the Annual Awards Luncheon which honors CCAI members for their dedication and commitment to the industry. There are so many reasons to attend CCAI’s 2015 Annual Meeting!

CCAI’s 2015 Annual Meeting will take place from Wednesday, June 24th through Friday, June 26th at the Seagate Hotel & Spa in the quaint seaside community of Delray Beach, FL. Combine a fabulous location with an equally outstanding meeting program and CCAI’s 2015 Annual Meeting is sure to be one of our best ever! See the Schedule of Events on the next page and REGISTER NOW! Go to CCAI’s website, www.ccaiweb.com and click on the Annual Meeting icon on the homepage.

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4:00 – 5:30 PM    Committee Meetings
6:00 – 7:00 PM    Welcome Reception

Thursday, June 25th
7:30 AM       Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 11:00 AM
GENERAL SESSION
CCAI Today
Anne Goyer, CCAI Executive Director
The Gift of GAB – Goals, Attitude & Behavior to Drive Success
Conor Cunneen, Irishman Speaks
Top Shops Benchmarking Survey
Todd Luciano, Products Finishing
What Keeps You Up at Night?
Anne Goyer, Facilitator
11:15 AM      CCAI Annual Golf Tournament
6:30 PM      Beach Olympics & BBQ at the Beach Club

Friday, June 26th
8:00 AM      Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 11:15 AM
GENERAL SESSION
Trade Show Facts & Fiction
Anne & Andy Goyer, CCAI Staff
John Catalano, FABTECH Staff
Dale Leithleiter, Freeman
Keep Your Business and Yourself Safe Online
James Moore, Webtivity Marketing & Design
Chapter Best Practices
A Roundtable Discussion
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM   2015 Annual Awards Luncheon
1:00 – 2:30 PM
GENERAL SESSION
Economic Update
Chris Kuehl, Armada Intelligence
2:30 PM        CCAI Board Meeting
4:00 PM        Annual Meeting Concludes

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Registration for the exhibiton is now open at www.factechexpo.com. Conference registration will open in mid-summer. Hotel reservations can be secured during the registration process or you can visit www.factechexpo.com, and click HOTEL & TRAVEL. CCAI has reserved two room blocks for CCAI FINISHING Pavilion exhibitors at FABTECH 2015. We have reserved room blocks at the Hyatt Regency Chicago and the brand new Loews Chicago.

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In February, CCAI partnered with the IRED Division of the Industrial Heating Equipment Association at Georgia Power’s Customer Resource Center for another SOLD OUT seminar. The day and a half event featured classroom instruction from experts in the industry on powder coating and curing processes, along with hands-on lab demonstrations. In addition, attendees had the opportunity to take part in laboratory demonstrations on testing methods, powder application and curing thanks to our speakers and sponsors!

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We will be holding another Powder Coating & Curing Processes Seminar October 6 & 7, 2015. This one will take place at Alabama Power TAC in Calera, AL. Registration information will be available soon on www.ccaiweb.com

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There is a flourish of activity throughout our chapters and word is spreading about all the great programs, training, plant tours, seminars and of course, FABTECH! Mark Gentry, VP of Membership, is visiting with interested members and working to develop chapters in areas that have potential to offer the benefits of CCAI programming, education, networking and expertise in the industry. These same people are also willing to spend time and work hard to pull together a board and to help with planning of meetings. Mark recently stated, “As I am responsible for CCAI membership services, I call on companies to help them better understand why becoming a member of CCAI is a good business decision. During a majority of these calls I am asked questions about the chapters and how can they get involved. For national companies, they are eager to get their people involved if they are located where we currently have a chapter. Our chapters are one of the greatest benefits of being a CCAI member. Having more regional chapters allows more opportunity for membership growth and enhancing current members’ benefits.”

Here are just a few of the newest areas where there will be future CCAI activity:

Salt Lake City – KICK OFF MEETING – April 23rd
On a beautiful spring day in Utah, the newly formed Salt Lake City Chapter held their first organizational meeting. Fifteen people from the industry gathered to learn more about CCAI and upcoming chapter events. The new chapter board members include: President, Joe Jeppson with Coral Chemical Co.; Vice-President, Ken Nein with IFS Coatings Inc.; Secretary, Ginny Phommavongsay with Martin Door Mfg. and Treasurer, Jared Ainsworth with Ainsworth Coatings Inc.

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Longtime CCAI Member Bob New Passes Away

It is with great sadness that CCAI announces the passing of long time CCAI member, Bob New. Bob worked for Broan Manufacturing where he was heavily involved with their electrocoating operations for many years.

Bob served on the CCAI National Board of Directors from 1988 until 1994. He played an active role in what was happening with CCAI and often spoke at CCAI’s conference and trade show back then called SURFACE COATING. Bob was also extremely active in his chapter — Wisconsin — and served as chairman of the Wisconsin Golf Outing for years, helping it to grow to be one of the largest chapter events.

“I knew Bob for well over 30 years,” notes CCAI Executive Director, Anne Goyer. “We served on the National Board together before I became Executive Director. Bob was the epitome of what CCAI is all about. He worked hard to learn about new technologies and implement them in his company’s finishing operations and then he turned around and worked to educate the rest of the industry by sharing the things he learned over the years.” Bob was indeed a special person and a dear friend of CCAI. He will be missed.

Plan now to attend the Premier Event for Electrocoaters - ECOAT16 will be held February 15-17, 2016 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida.

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DeVilbiss Introduces CLEAN™ Product Line to Industrial Users

Finishing Brands, a manufacturer of DeVilbiss industrial finishing equipment, announced the availability of the DeVilbiss CLEAN™ product line to industrial customers. DeVilbiss CLEAN is a total solution system for contaminant-free finishing that has traditionally been available only to Automotive Refinish customers. DeVilbiss CLEAN™ has been developed to reduce cycle times and increase productivity by helping customers reduce and eliminate the additional cost of contamination, caused by rework time and additional material usage. Read the complete news release on CCAI’s website, www.ccaiweb.com under the NEWS tab.

Sherwin-Williams® Announces 2014 ProVisions™ Vendor Award Winners

In March, Sherwin-Williams®, through its Product Finishes Division, announced the winners of its sixth annual ProVisions™ Vendor Awards during an appreciation program at the Cleveland Convention Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Through the ProVisions program, OEMs and job shops have access to more than 10,000 of the suppliers and equipment they use most, including test and safety equipment, abrasives and spray equipment. This complete product finishing solution saves customers time and transaction costs by offering all of their coatings and finishing supplies on a single invoice.

Sherwin-Williams 2014 ProVisions Vendor Awards include: Vendor of the Year Award, Global Finishing Solutions and Touch-Up Solutions; Marketing Excellence Award, Chemco Manufacturing; Facility Support Award, Fawcett Company and Field Sales Support Award, Hi-Lite Solutions and Mirka Abrasives. Read the complete news release under the NEWS tab at www.ccaiweb.com.
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Michael Kleiber, VP of Business Development comments, “Our purpose for joining CCAI is to be connected with the latest chemical coating technologies and those involved in the industry. The networking opportunities alone are well worth the membership.”

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Jason Heidbreder remarks on why LPF joined CCAI; “Frankly, I had seen emails and heard about some of the events/meetings the local chapter has put on and wanted to attend. In addition to the subject matter of the meetings, the opportunity to share war stories, challenges, etc. with peers is invaluable. Also, once I spent some time on the website and discovered the knowledge base of training materials and resources I really wanted our company to be able to take advantage of it.”
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**Atlantic Coast**

The Atlantic Coast Chapter held a plant tour at Doosan Infracore Portable Power located in Statesville, NC in March. There were 23 attendees present for the tour. The group toured Doosan’s production line and their new powder coating system. After touring the plant, the attendees were served lunch during a question and answer session.

**Central States**

In April the Central States Chapter of CCAI took a step away from finishing to explore the ever evolving world of 3D printing. Greg Austermann, the Regional Sale Manager for CATI, a company that specializes in 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing, enlightened the chapter with a history of 3D printing and presented many samples of the amazing technology. An actual working printer was running during the presentation printing the base and top of a salt shaker. It was a great meeting for the chapter that brought in many new faces.
**Chapter Happenings**

**Las Vegas**
The Las Vegas chapter hosted a lunch and plant tour of VSR Industries in Henderson, NV in April. The main products produced at the facility are casino slot machine bases and lock sets. Attendees were treated to a great tour of the production and manufacturing processes including turning, milling, screw machines, laser cutting, turret punching, forming, welding, robotics and an overhead conveyor powder coating line with an automated Nordson booth and 3 stage spray wash system.

**Southern California**
On Saturday, April 11th the Southern California chapter held an Advanced Powder Coating Seminar that was conducted 100% in Spanish. The all-day event was attended by 30 people representing 12 different companies. The attendees came from as far north as Sacramento and as far south as Tijuana, some travelling over 400 miles. The seminar covered materials, pretreatment, systems, application and testing with a focus on new technologies, troubleshooting, cost reduction and efficiency improvement. The chapter would like to thank AkzoNobel, Axalta, Coral Chemical, George Koch Sons and PPG for their support and participation.

**Northern Illinois**
The Northern Illinois Chapter held a System Design symposium in April at the NIU Conference Center in Naperville, IL. The symposium provided attendees the critical information needed for making the best decision for either installing a new finishing system or upgrading an existing system. They had 42 attendees from 27 different companies for this chapter event. Speakers included: John Sudges (Midwest Finishing Company), Bruce Bryan (Mighty Hook), Joe Laubenthal (Therma-Tron-X), Mark Wittig (Calvary Industries), Kevin Baker (Chemetall), Chase Lightner (TCI Powder Coatings), Chris Sonntag (Sherwin-Williams), Brian Rozdilsky (KMI Systems), John Cole (Parker Ionics) and Jeff Cummins (Wagner Systems). Contact Kelly LeCount at kelly@goyermgt.com if your chapter is interested in offering this great seminar.
Twin Cities

TC Expo Recap
Article and photos by Pat Cullen

On March 18 & 19, the Twin Cities Chapter in conjunction with MnTAP (Minnesota Technical Assistance Program) once again sponsored the two day MN Paint & Powder Coating EXPO event. The Expo was held at Century College in White Bear, MN.

The first day consisted of a symposium on employee performance and teamwork as well as two sessions of industrial painter training. Day two was packed with presentations throughout the day and a busy exhibition floor. A total of 55 industry companies staffed with 155 personnel displayed their company equipment and services. Among the exhibitors were distributors of and manufacturers of paint booths and powder booths, liquid & powder coatings, chemicals, finishing systems, manual & automatic washers, state industrial agencies and other industry related products. Many attendees and exhibitors offered positive comments regarding their experience and participation in the 2015 Minnesota Paint & Powder Coating EXPO. Thanks to everyone who participated in this unique industry event. For more details and photos visit, www.ccatc.com.

West Michigan

In April, more than 20 members of the West Michigan Chapter enjoyed a tour of Stryker Corporation’s bed manufacturing facility. Stryker is the leading manufacturer of patient beds and gurneys. Equipment ranges from ambulance gurneys, through emergency room beds to in-room patient care beds. Attendees witnessed fabrication including robotic welding and automatic tube bending, state of the art powder coating and assembly of a vast array of products.

Wisconsin

The February Wisconsin Chapter meeting featured a presentation by Dave Chalk of DuBois. As always, Dave gave a very interesting talk on his latest development in pretreatment chemistry – a strong acid solution with organic material added with the results approach zinc phosphate. It was very well attended with great feedback from everyone.

In March, the Wisconsin chapter brought in speaker Matt Kirchner from American Finishing Resources. Thirty attendees listened to his provocative talk, “I Can Hardly Find People and the Ones I Can Find Totally Suck!” Matt presented many thoughtful ways to go about beating the title both with regards to attracting and then keeping good people.
2015 Chapter Events

For more details and registration information visit ccaiweb.com and click the “Calendar of Events” tab.

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Contact Karla Duncan, 704-495-3140 or kduncan@pnee-mech.com

September 17  Chapter Meeting
October 8  Annual Golf Outing

CENTRAL STATES
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June 9  Annual Golf Outing

NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Contact John Sudges, 630-240-8486 or jsudges@midwestfinishing.com or Mark Wittig, 312-882-7681 or mwittig@calvaryindustries.com

June 4  Annual Golf Outing

LAS VEGAS
Contact Tony Sclafani, 702-565-7161 or tonys@arironllc.com

May 29 & 30  Advanced Powder Coating Hands-On Seminar

SALT LAKE CITY
Contact Ginny Phommavongsay, 801-973-9310 ext. 102 or ginnyphommavongsay@martindoor.com

May 21  Martin Door Mfg. Plant Tour

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Contact Ron Lum, 751-775-8785 or rlum@coral.com

December 7  Annual Toys For Tots Golf Outing

TWIN CITIES
Contact Phil Ruggiero, 320-230-6281 or ccatc@charter.net or get details on web site www.ccatc.com

June 18  Annual Golf Classic

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May 13  Powder Coating Start to Finish Seminar

WISCONSIN
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May 19  Big Systems LLC Plant Tour
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