



CONFERENCE REFLECTS ON 30 YEARS, EYES FUTURE WITH BOILERMAKER CODE

Speakers on Day 2 of the 2015 National Tripartite Alliance Conference took a look back at the genesis of the alliance, its achievements over 30 years, and the potential impact of the newest MOST program, the Boilermaker Code.

MOST Administrator **Roger Erickson** began by recalling conditions in 1985 when a decline in American industry stirred Boilermaker local lodge leaders, International Reps and other Boilermaker officials to seek out ways to secure more work. Those early efforts led to involving contractors and then owners, resulting in the creation of the tripartite alliance.

Erickson said the subsequent creation of MOST “not only revolutionized the Boilermaker craft but

has also become the benchmark in the construction industry for providing a safe and cost-effective workplace.”

International President **Newton B. Jones** noted how the tripartite alliance and MOST became the model upon which other trades and the Building and Construction Trades Department developed their own programs. He said the entire construction industry has benefited from the groundbreaking achievements spearheaded by the Boilermakers and their partner contractors and owners.

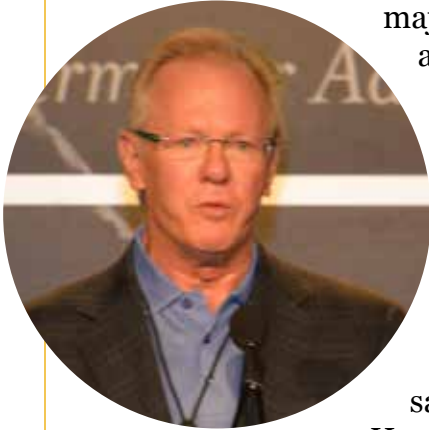
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PHOTO: Boilermaker Code trainers, front row (with D-CDS Skipper Branscum at center) stand with MOST trustees, back row, during Day 2 ceremonies.

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Jones walked through the major challenges facing the alliance over the past 30 years, describing how key programs like Common Arc, Substance Abuse Testing, OSHA 10, OSHA 30 and others have achieved incredible efficiencies and major safety improvements.

He said new programs also hold great promise for continuing advances, citing the MOST Boilermaker Delivery System and the Boilermaker Code.

Jones said there has been a paradigm shift away from the old adversarial relationships that got in the way of progress.

“We have built a legacy of how to do business the right way,” he said.

MOST Chairman and NACBE President **Greg Purdon** (CEO, Enerfab Power) expressed his enthusiasm and support for the Boilermaker Code Program. He acknowledged the long career of John Erickson and cited an observation by Erickson that captures the essence of the tripartite alliance achievements. The observation stated, in part, “The qualities that exist in MOST and the Boilermaker Code are not just qualities to work by – but to live by as well.”

Purdon also expressed his thanks to **Roger Erickson**, who will step down as MOST Administrator when he retires early next year. “I attribute a lot of my personal success to Roger, and for that I will forever

be grateful,” Purdon said.

Construction Division Services Director **Dale “Skipper” Branscum**

followed Purdon with a presentation on the Boilermaker Code. Branscum noted that the program, which has been in development for four years, is now being taught at local lodges, following an initial “train-the-trainer” program. He praised the dedication of some two dozen retired Boilermaker business managers who, along with MOST Representatives, will form a cadre of trainers to take the Boilermaker Code across the nation, instilling its lessons and inspiration in all construction Boilermakers.



Initial training at local lodges has actually already begun, Branscum said. He showed a video of some of the training, including testimonials from rank-and-file members who have completed the one-day session and expressed their support. He urged lodge leaders to contact

MOST and begin setting up training sessions at their own lodges.

Branscum also walked through a PowerPoint presentation that highlights the curriculum’s 10 training modules. Following the presentation, trainers were introduced. They received a standing ovation and later joined in a group photo with MOST trustees. ▲



NORDQUIST HIGHLIGHTS WOODBRIDGE PROJECT SUCCESSES

Tyler Nordquist, Kiewit Power Constructors Project Manager for the Woodbridge Energy Center in New Jersey, presented an overview of the new \$845 million, 725 MW combined cycle natural gas fired power plant Tuesday.

He emphasized that coordination and communication between Kiewit and the Boilermakers were essential for success, as the project had an extremely tight deadline of just 28 months.

Substantial upfront planning and kicking off construction on the right foot were critical in setting the tone for the project, he added.

“These jobs are large and they’re built on momentum and morale,” Nordquist said.” The Boilermakers and Jim (Local 28 BM-ST James Chew) and his team were absolutely just a big part of this. We knocked it out of the park.”



The project included setting 20 80-foot-tall modules in five days. At Kiewit’s request, Boilermakers received prequalification on RMD, a purge-less weld process that sped up the welding work.

“We received the best welding rates that we’ve had in 10 years,” he said. “We’re on schedule to finish a month early.”

Boilermakers also rose to the challenge when a subcontractor’s bid to construct the project’s stack came in higher than expected. Local 28 offered to handle the work and performed the construction on schedule, on budget and with zero injuries.

Commissioning is expected on January 31, 2016.





Local 29 (Boston) BM-ST Charles Hancock accepts the Charles W. Jones Award for excellence in safety. Left to right: IP Newton B. Jones, Hancock, MOST Admin. Roger Erickson and MOST Chairman Greg Purdon.

LOCAL 29 RECEIVES CHARLES W. JONES AWARD

Local 29 (Boston) became the fifth Boilermaker lodge to receive the Charles W. Jones Award, MOST's symbol of excellence in safety, during the Tuesday conference session. L-29 BM-ST Charles Hancock accepted the honor on behalf of the lodge.

The award acknowledges the local with the highest percentage of members trained using a selection of MOST programs: OSHA 10/30,

Steel Erection, Common Arc, Rigging, Substance Abuse, Leadership and Scaffolding.

Local 29 is the fifth lodge to receive the award since it's inaugural presentation to Local 154 (Pittsburgh) in 2011. Other recipients have included Local 85 (Toledo, Ohio), 2012; Local 433 (Tampa, Fla.), 2013; and Local 11 (Helena, Mont.), 2014. ▲

