



### "I WILL HONOR CHRISTMAS IN MY HEART, AND TRY TO KEEP IT ALL THE YEAR." - CHARLES DICKENS

SITE members were in the giving spirit throughout 2022 at numerous SITE events, donating gift cards, cash, and checks to support a local foundation adopted by the SITE Board of Directors. Members came together to "Jingle & Mingle" at the annual Holiday Happy Hour held at Bogey Hills Country Club and presented a year's worth of collections - a check totaling \$11,157, to the Mighty Oakes Heart Foundation. The founder of Mighty Oakes Heart Foundation, Rebecca Ortyl, gave a heartfelt speech about the organization and was overwhelmed by the generous donation, expressing her gratitude. The happy hour was packed with over 150 attendees and spouses enjoying each other's company and spreading holiday cheer. The evening was capped off with great food, drinks, networking and pictures by the tree.

To see photos from the evening, turn to page 6 of this newsletter or visit www.flickr.com and search SITE Improvement Association.

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# **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

SITE Improvement Association's membership continues to grow as December marks the end of 2022. SITE is proud to announce that it is closing out the year with 129 Contractor Members and 104 Associate members for a total of 233. SITE's Board of Directors and Staff say's "*Thank You*" for your continued support!

The price for the 2023 membership dues increased to \$650.00 for contractor members and \$600.00 for associate members. The 2023 membership dues renewal invoices were mailed mid-December and payment would be appreciated by February 1. If you have any questions regarding your 2023 Membership Dues, please email Leah at leah@sitestl.org or Rhonda at rhonda@sitestl.org or call SITE's office at (314) 966-2950. Dues can be paid via credit card or check.

A strong membership means success for your Association. Thank you for your continued support.

# WELCOME TO SITE'S NEWEST MEMBERS



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# SITE-APWA JOINT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SITE Improvement Association is always excited to join forces with The American Public Works Association (APWA) Missouri Chapter - St. Louis Branch for our annual joint membership meeting. On October 26, both organizations welcomed over 150 members attending the joint function at Orlando's in Maryland Heights, Mo.

Both Associations were honored to have the keynote speaker, Jerry Beckmann, Deputy Director of Planning and Development at St. Louis Lambert International Airport, discuss the plans to revitalize the airport, including future construction projects and thoughts behind combining terminals one and two in the remodel.

After the formal presentation, hands were raised, and questions riddled the room as members from both associations were enamored with thoughts of advancing our city and innovating the St. Louis region.







# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN JEREMY BENNETT

Wow. What a year it has been for SITE's members. In my ten years at SITE, I have never seen the amount of work bid like we saw in 2022. Every conversation with a member starts off with "it's been busy!" 2022 has brought many challenges to our membership, including price escalations, workforce shortages, getting paid timely, and so on, but these challenges have made our members resilient and more knowledgeable, which will serve them well into the future. We are finally seeing man-hours approach levels that were recorded in the mid-2000s which helps recruiting efforts to backfill the older workforce. Our members have experienced many positives this year, and we hope that wave of work continues throughout 2023. The abundance of work also is bringing construction owners to the table to have serious conversations about making their work more attractive to bid, and SITE's contractor working groups are leading those conversations.

Thank you to SITE's Board President, Pat Moriarity. Pat has done a tremendous job leading the board and offering his guidance to staff. Pat was instrumental in the onboarding of Burnea Lester, SITE's newest team member, and encouraging the board to pursue workforce development initiatives and partnerships with various owners and trade associations. Those partnerships have promoted SITE and elevated its standing in the region. When you see Pat, thank him for his service.

A huge thank you goes to SITE's team members: Leah, Rhonda, Burnea, and Aaron. The amount of work they perform to organize meetings, events, email blasts, marketing material, and committee meetings goes unseen by many of the members, but I witness it every day and appreciate all their hard work, ideas and efforts to make this Association the very best for the members they serve. This year they ventured in unchartered waters to establish new programming and events never held before, and members really appreciated their thinking outside the box. I appreciate my team very much.

Congratulations to our new Board Members. Mike Shepard (Collins and Hermann, Inc) was elected to the open Specialty Division seat, and Adam Guthrie (Baxter Farms and Nurseries) was elected to the Landscaping Division seat. We thank Kevin Keenoy (G.S. Grinding Services, LLC) and Danielle Givens (Site System Landscaping) for their years of service on the Board.

At the last Board meeting, your new Executive Officers for 2023 were elected. They include:

President - Steve Roden (Roden's Landscaping).

Vice President – Kurt Unnerstall (K.J. Unnerstall Construction Company) and

Secretary/Treasurer – Kevin Klette (Byrne and Jones Construction)

Congratulations to all on your successful elections!

I wish all SITE members and their families peace and joy throughout this holiday season and a Happy/Healthy/Prosperous New Year!



# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### **BY AARON GRIESHEIMER**

Before the November general election, the narrative for Democrats was dire – big losses were predicted in the midterms and Republicans were poised for a historic red wave. Even in the midst of rising inflation and concerns over the economy, the wave was minuscule.

On capitol hill, Republicans were able to take control of the House but the Senate is a different story. It appears to be a 50/50 split, which could potentially lead to bipartisanship and compromise. However, as divided as things appear, it could also lead to gridlock and filibusters.

### FEDERAL LEVEL

Eric Schmitt won his race handily with 55.4% of the votes. This was expected as Trudy Busch Valentine trailed her opponent in every poll. With the win, this left a vacancy in the Attorney General's Office. Right before the Thanksgiving holiday, Governor Mike Parson announced Andrew Bailey, general counsel for the governor's office, as his replacement. Bailey will serve out the remaining two years of the term of Attorney General Eric Schmitt, and he plans to run for a full, four-year term in 2024.

On the congressional side, things were quiet in Missouri. Republicans held onto their six seats with very little serious competition. However, the congressional district lines were purposely redrawn for this reason. For example, Congresswoman Ann Wagner was in a very competitive district that included St. Charles and St. Louis counties. Now, the district includes St. Charles, Warren, and Franklin counties, which are more conservative areas.

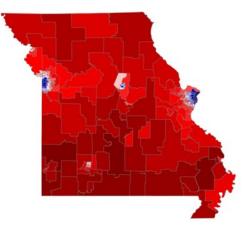




A map of all eight congressional districts. Red indicates a Republican district and blue represents a Democratic district.

### STATE LEVEL

Overall, Nov. 8 was a rough night for Missouri Democrats, but it wasn't completely without success. If you remember, district lines were redrawn to reflect population shifts from the 2020 census data. With the new maps in the Missouri House, Democrats were able to shave three seats off the Republicans' super majority. Plus, Democrats kept it close in other House seats. However, the Republicans still hold a super majority with 111 seats.



A map of all 163 House districts. Red indicates a Republican district and blue represents a Democratic district. In the Missouri Senate, the only contested race was in St. Louis County. Democrat Tracy McCreery was able to fend off a well-funded GOP challenger, George Hruza. Even with this win, Republicans hold a 24-seat majority. It's clear Missouri is still a deep-red state.

### **AMENDMENT 3**

Missourians voted to legalize recreational marijuana, adopting Amendment 3, a proposal to amend the state Constitution. The measure earned over 53% of the votes. This should have come as no surprise because four years ago, Missouri voted to legalize the use of medical marijuana with 65% of the vote.

It's important to remember as we reported in the September-October newsletter, an employer is still allowed to act against an employee whose lawful use of marijuana off the employer's premises and during nonworking hours hinders their ability to perform jobs and responsibilities safely.



# 2022 CONSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION

# **COURSE SCHEDULE**

Foundations for Effective Leadership January 25, 2022 @ Washington University

**Government Affairs** February 1, 2022 @ SITE Improvement Association

**Communication: Connect through Conversations** February 15, 2022 @ Washington University

Labor Relations & Legal March 1, 2022 @ SITE Improvement Association

Strategies for Influencing Others March 15, 2022 @ Washington University

Safety/ Insurance Update March 29, 2022 @ SITE Improvement Association

**Resolving Workplace Conflict** April 12, 2022 @ Washington University

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# HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR PHOTOS

It's the most wonderful party of the year!



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## **CALLING ALL CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS**



Save the date for SITE's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Investment in Infrastructure Expo! Over \$2 billion in construction projects will be showcased by Project Presenters. Who is a Project Presenter? A Project Presenter is a consumer of construction, both public and private owners, who solicit bids from contractors, suppliers, engineers, and other industry professionals. Project Presenters will each have their own booths and will be speaking directly to attendees about their upcoming capital improvement projects.

The Expo will have a new format for 2023, with Project Presenter booths scattered around the trade show floor with no formal breakout sessions. This change from previous years will encourage more meaningful conversations (over five hours) with project presenters, who also plan to bring more of their construction procurement staff. Equipment exhibitors and supplier booths will also be showcasing machinery and unique construction equipment.

With nearly 20 Project Presenters already confirmed and more being added, this event is great for the construction industry to come together under one roof to build relationships and learn more about upcoming capital improvement projects in the St. Louis region. SITE is strongly encouraging all members to attend this event.

The event will be held on Tuesday, February 28, on the lower level of the St. Charles Convention Center, located at 1 Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, MO, 63303, from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

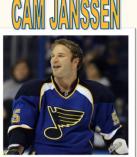
A limited number of event sponsor opportunities and exhibitor booths are available. To find out how to sponsor or secure a booth, visit <u>www.sitestl.org</u> or contact SITE's office at (314) 966-2950.



### JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

If you like the St. Louis Blues, you won't want to miss SITE's General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at Syberg's-Dorsett from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person.





You will be entertained by Joey Vitale, former player turned broadcaster, and Cam Janssen, former Blues player, as they highlight the St. Louis Blues 2022-2023 season. Also at this meeting, the new Executive officers and the Board of Directors will be introduced. **LET'S GO BLUES!!** 

# COULD YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER BENEFIT FROM A \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP?

### Accepting applications now through March 24, 2023!

Scholarship applications for high school seniors and/or college students are now available. Applicants must be the child or step-child of a full-time employee or officer of a SITE contractor or associate member in good standing. Such employee or officer shall be employed at the employer's

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facility located within the St. Louis metropolitan area. Applications for scholarships and the 2022 Eligibility Rules & Application Process have been mailed and emailed to all member companies and are available at www.sitestl.org on the front page listed under 2022 Scholarship Information. Contact Leah at (314) 966-2950 should you have any questions.

# SITE APPRECIATES THE SUPPORT OF THESE COMPANIES



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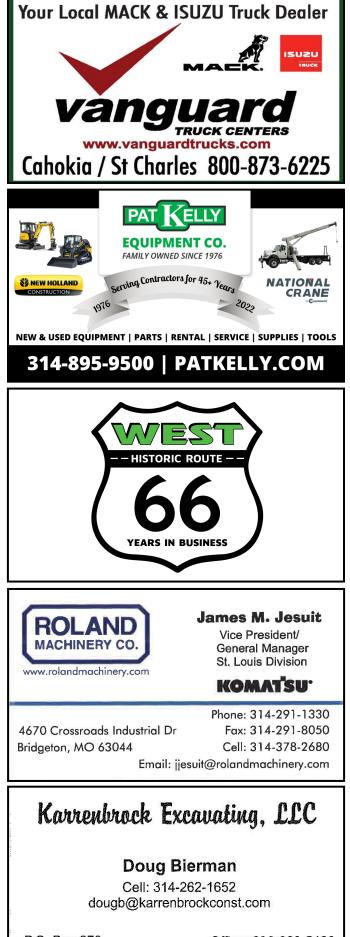


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# NEW NORMAL NETWORKING EVENT

SITE hosted an industry-wide Networking Meet and Greet for M/WBE and non-M/ WBE contractors, led by SITE's Diversity Task Force, on November 2 at Schlafly's Tap Room in downtown St. Louis, overlooking the new soccer stadium.



SITE's Diversity Task Force acted as "Network Ambassadors," welcoming over 120 guests at the door, and escorting them to individuals and companies they wanted to meet, creating a "New Normal" networking experience. Every table had question prompts to cultivate conversations and alleviate networking awkwardness. SITE provided attendees with a directory of all those present at the event to encourage future relationship-building. A post-event survey was also conducted in which participants responded favorably to the structure and strategic approach to cultivating relationships. SITE's "New Normal" networking approach was an absolute success!



# COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND PANEL DISCUSSION

On December 7, at the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus, SITE exemplified the motto "Serving Industry Through Excellence" and our commitment to the construction industry and community



by partnering with the office of Missouri State Senator Brian Williams, the University of Missouri-Saint Louis, The St. Louis Anchorage Action Network, and the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. by hosting a Community Information and Panel Discussion for New and Emerging Contractors.



Senator Brian Williams kicked off the conversation and then turned it over to our panelists, Joe Amour (1st Advantage Bank), John Lack (Acuity Insurance), Carl Giv-

ens (Givens Contracting), Nate Adams (St. Louis County), Jeremy Bennett, Joseph Devereux III (Sandberg Phoenix and von Gontard), Stefani Weeden-Smith (St. Louis Anchor Action Network), and April Hendricks-Brown (Missouri Department of Transportation).

The discussion centered around how our regional small and M/WBE construction firms could build greater operational and relational capacity as they prepare their companies for growth; our panelist of experts gave great advice and provided participants with a "Contractor's Little Book of Best Practices, Tips, and Resources" as a takeaway.

At the end of the panel discussion, the session opened for participants to network and gather personal information from the panelists and industry partners, such as MSD, St. Louis County, St. Louis Development Corp, St. Louis Lambert International Airport, and MoDOT.

The information and panel discussion was influential in the information disseminated, and there are talks of another community information and panel discussion in the spring.



### SITE MEMBER TOUR OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 513



SITE members were invited to tour the Joint Contractors and Operating Engineers Local 513 Training program in October. The facility is located in Silex, Mo., which lies about an hour north of St. Louis. The program costs very little for apprentices and is paid for by Contractors who hire local 513 members. The school boasts a huge indoor digging building, large mechanic shop, over 200 acres of ground for scrapers, dozers, cranes, and large vehicles. The facility has living quarters for apprentices, classrooms, and a full-service kitchen cooking up

great meals. Over 25 members attended the tour. We thank the training school for being great hosts and look forward to the next tour.



### OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 513 CONTRACT EXPIRATION

Contractors signatory to the SITE – Local 513 Agreement should be aware that the Collective



Bargaining Agreement is set to expire on May 1, 2023. SITE bargains the contract on behalf of our members and invites the signatory contractors to a meeting to discuss the upcoming expiration. The meeting date will be sent out to members toward the end of December.

### **CONTRACTOR WAGE SURVEYS**

SITE continues to urge contractors to submit their work hours to the Department of Labor Contractor Wage Survey. In 2021, contractors did a nice job submitting hours, and because of their efforts, contract total package rates were very close to the prevailing wage rates posted in the five surrounding counties. If contractors can continue to submit hours, the contract total package rate will continue to be competitive in the area. As a reminder, all hours for 2022 must be submitted by the end of January.

### HOLIDAY PAY

For contractors who are signatory to SITE's agreements, SITE wanted to make you aware that there are two contractual holidays (Christmas Day and New Year's Day) approaching quickly. Per SITE's collective bargaining agreements, any work performed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, is to be paid double the hourly rate. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Bennett at SITE's office.

# FROM THE SAFETY SIDE

The 2022 Damage Prevention and Excavation Safety Summit was recently held on December 7 and 8 in Springfield, Mo. This annual event attracts over 1,000 stakeholders including contractors, utility personnel, municipal utilities, risk management professionals, and suppliers. To help set the overall tone for the event, it opened with a keynote speaker. This year's keynote speaker was Shawn Spiwak, who is rare survivor of a contact burn.



In 2008, while responding to a power outage, Spiwak climbed a utility pole and was pulling the power line up with a rope. Unaware the line was active, it made contact with his elbow and 7,200 volts of electricity travelled through him and out his knee, which was in contact with the pole's ground wire.

He suffered fifth-degree burns, meaning his bones were irreparably damaged, and to put a stop to the internal burning, he had to have his right arm removed at the shoulder and his right leg at the hip. Plus, since he was wearing his wedding band, he also had to have his left ring finger removed.

When any accident occurs, especially with injuries, the first question many owners, foremen, and project managers ask is: *how did this happen*? For Spiwak's accident, a lack of communication almost cost him his life. Neither crew tested the line to see if it was still energized, and no one relayed the message.

On any jobsite, communication is vital. Good communication can improve teamwork and lead to better project collaboration. Poor communication can result in misunderstandings, delays, and accidents. Here are a few great tips to help improve communication in your company.

#### Establish the Proper Chain of Command

Drawing the proper chain of command is very important. It ensures messages are relayed to the correct key contact person. This will help clear the line of communication and ensure information is getting to the right people in a timely manner.

#### Be a Good Listener

When receiving info, don't just listen - absorb the information as well. This means carefully listening, repeating back the information, and offering any additional suggestions. Also, don't interrupt the speaker or try to talk over them. Concentrate on what the speaker is saying and avoid forming a response in your mind until they are through.

#### **Avoid Confusion**

If your company is working on multiple projects, be sure to focus on only one project or topic at a time to avoid confusion. Proofread all written messages before sending them to see if you can edit them down without altering the meaning or leaving out any critical information. Also, break large chunks of data up into smaller paragraphs. People tend to scan instead of reading entire emails, so breaking the information up into smaller chunks makes it easier to process.

The line of communication affects the flow and safety of any construction project. Problems, delays, and accidents occur when people stop communicating or assume. When everyone is collaborating and communicating effectively and efficiently, projects tend to run more smoothly and tasks are completed in a timely manner.



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SITE's office will be closed Friday and Monday, Dec. 23 and 26, in observance of Christmas and again on Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of New Year's Day.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wed., Jan. 11	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Lunch)
	Syberg's on Dorsett
Jan. 27 - Feb. 3	MANAGEMENT SEMINARS
	Secrets Riviera Cancun Resort & Spa
Tue., Feb. 28	INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE EXPO
	St. Charles Convention Center
Wed., Mar. 8	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Lunch)
	Syberg's on Dorsett

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