

# SMACNA NEWS of NOTE:

## MANUAL UPDATE:

Eli Howard, SMACNA Group Director of Technical Resources, provided an update on SMACNA technical activities at the recent SMACNA Council of Chapter Representatives meeting held in Vancouver, British Columbia, June, 2005. One important project Howard reported on is the "HVAC Duct Construction Standard Manual-Metal & Flexible" third-edition should be available for the 60 day review on the SMACNA website, [www.smacna.org](http://www.smacna.org), by August 15, 2005. Written comments on the manual are welcome and should be mailed or faxed (314-427-8330) to the SMACNA-St. Louis Chapter office (10405 Liberty, St. Louis, MO 63132) attention Technical Committee.

Other manuals that are being updated include the HVAC Systems Duct Design Manual, fourth edition, and the HVAC Duct Leakage Test Standard, second edition.

## SMACNA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS MOVE:

The St. Louis Junior League has closed its doors, so SMACNA will hold its membership meetings at Spazio Westport from now until further notice. Spazio Westport is located at 12031 Lackland Road behind the Comfort Inn. The next membership meeting will be held on September 13.

## ARCHITECTURAL SEMINAR:

Brian Finnegan (Centria)

presented "The Studies for Advanced Thermal Moisture Control for Exterior Walls Seminar" on July 21 at the SMWIA Local #36 Union Hall. Attendees, pictured below with Finnegan, earned AIA/CES learning credits from their participation. Highlights of the seminar included:

- proper design of metal wall panels, insulation and vapor barriers;
- vapor barriers to prevent condensation in stud cavity;
- performance comparison of various exterior metal cladding systems;
- the new energy code discussion and how insulated metal panels can help satisfy the new code requirements.

## WHITE HOUSE APPROVES NEW FAX LAW:

On July 9th, President Bush signed into law legislation easing restrictions on unsolicited, or "junk," faxes after some businesses and associations complained that the new rules were too extensive to follow. Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI), a supporter of the bill, argued that the new rules would impose an "enormous" financial and manpower burden on small businesses, citing one cost estimate of at least \$5,000 in the first year.

The Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2005 reinstates the Federal Communications Commission's previous rules that permitted businesses and associations to send faxes to those with whom they had an "established business relationship" -- without first having to get written "permission slips" from them. However, the legislation prohibits sending unsolicited faxes to anyone who has requested that they not be sent.

