



The 2015 MBMA Board of Directors (from left): Brad Robeson, Phil Raimondo, Scott Bowers, Tom Gilligan, Brad Curtis, Chuck Haslebacher and John Fantom. Not pictured: Ron Kuenkler and Jeff Carmean.

## Manufacturing group assembles leadership

**The Metal Building Manufacturers Association (MBMA) approved its 2015 board of directors at the annual meeting on Dec. 10 in Dallas.** The board members are:

Tom Gilligan, chairman, Butler Manufacturing, Brad Curtis, vice chairman, Tyler Building Systems LP; Brad Robeson, ex-officio, NCI Building Systems Inc.; Jeff Carmean, Nucor Building Systems; Chuck Haslebacher, Varco Pruden Buildings; Ron Kuenkler, American Buildings Co.; Phil Raimondo, Behlen Building Systems; Scott Bowers, associate member, Atlas Bolt and Screw Co.; and John Fantom, associate member, Dow Chemical.

Gilligan said it is an honor to work with industry leaders. "Metal building systems now make up over 50 percent of the low-rise, non-residential building construction market, thanks in large part to the MBMA and the leadership of these board members," he said. "I look forward to continuing our industry's growth and enhancing MBMA's reputation as the technical leader for metal building systems."

Additionally, MBMA announced Dale Nelson, of Roof Hugger Inc., as the winner of the 2014 Innovation Award.

His project submission is to undertake side-by-side performance testing using applicable code-referenced standards of metal roofing and thermoplastic polyolefin roofing to see which product stands up better. This project now moves on to MBMA's technical committee.



Dale Nelson (Right)

## Metal organization names new president

**The Copper Development Association (CDA) named Thomas S. Passek president of the organization.** Passek

was most recently the managing director of ASM International, and has nearly 30 years of metals industry and association management experience. He succeeds Andrew Kireta Sr., who retired in



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## Building organization announces board

**The Metal Construction Association (MCA) held annual elections for its officers and board of directors at the 2015 winter meeting in Indian Wells, Calif.** The 2015 officers and board of directors

include Karl Hielscher, chair, Metl-Span; Norbert Schneider, chair elect, Umicore Building Products Inc.; Ed Karper, secretary, Akzo Nobel; and Dale Nelson, treasurer, Roof Hugger Inc.

Directors include Jim Bush, ATAS International Inc.; Bill Croucher, Fabral Inc.; Bill Hartford, Valspar; Jerry Hatley Jr., International Metals Processing LLC; Ed Karper; John Paul Lawrence, Modern Trade Communications Inc.; Keith Lipps, S-51; Laurel McLallen, Flexospan; Dale Nelson; Brian Partyka, Drexel Metals Inc.; Norbert Schneider; Vlad Sobot, Sobotec Ltd.; David Stermer, Metal Sales Manufacturing; Jim Tuschall, Tuschall Engineering; Jeff Vellines, Precoat Metals; and Bob Zabcik, MBCI.

Hielscher said MCA is excited for insight and input from the new board members. "We look forward to the contributions from this talented group of metal

construction industry professionals," he said.

More than 125 members and guests attended the meeting, which focused on council and committee work, especially technical and market development activities. Minutes and presentations for the meeting will be posted in the members-only section of MCA's website.

Jeff Irwin, executive vice president and general manager of the Architectural Panel Division at Metl-Span, received the 2015 Patrick R. Bush Award, which recognizes a member who made significant volunteer contributions to the MCA. He currently serves as the chairman of the Insulated Metal Panel Council and has been involved in the MCA for two decades, serving on the board of directors and as president, vice president and secretary-treasurer.

Rob Haddock, adjunct faculty member at the University of Wisconsin's school of engineering, received the 2015 Larry A. Swaney Award, which is named for the MCA's first president, Larry Swaney, and recognizes success in metal construction.



Bill Croucher and Dick Bus present Rob Haddock with the 2015 Larry A. Swaney Award.



Jim Bush and Dale Nelson present Jeff Irwin with the 2015 Patrick R. Bush Service Award.

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January after 36 years with the organization.

Stephen Higgins, CDA chairman, said Passek's experience made him a strong choice. "I am confident that through his demonstrated ability to successfully lead a large professional association, Passek will continue to advance the strength and influence of CDA," he said.

Passek served as the executive director of The American Society for Nondestructive Testing, where he worked with standards-setting bodies. He is a member of the Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives and the American Society of Association Executives.

## Global representation surfaces at zinc manufacturer

**Raleigh, N.C.-based Umicore Building Products USA Inc. announced the company's Paris-based operational marketing manager, Laurent Heindryckx, will oversee new territories around the world including North America.**

Heindryckx's previous scope of work included the U.S., France, central Europe and Scandinavia.

He oversees North America, India and Asia-Pacific. Heindryckx has a degree in civil engineering from the University of Amiens in France. In 2000, he joined the Umicore Building Products USA headquarters in Raleigh as director of operations. In 2012, he moved to the company's global headquarters in France to first begin his service as operational marketing manager.

Daniel Nicely, managing director at VMZinc-US and Umicore Building Products USA, said Heindryckx's promotion is an important step for his company. "As former director of operations in our Raleigh office, I can say with complete confidence that Laurent will do an excellent job across each of the new locations he will serve," he said.

Heindryckx said he is looking forward to working with teams at locations around the world to promote zinc. "Since joining Umicore Building Products USA in 2000, I have developed a strong passion for the organization and its products, and I look forward to continuing to help build lasting relationships with architects and installers to assist them in delivering a top-of-the-line zinc building materials to their clients and customers," he said.