Meeting Details

Date:      Tuesday, October 16

Agenda:
11:30 - 12:00  Registration
12:00 - 12:30  Lunch
12:30 - 1:00    Meeting

Where:
Chesapeake Conference Center
700 Conference Center Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

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Directions:
Interstate 64 to the Greenbrier section of Chesapeake. Exit 289A north, first right onto Woodlake Drive, then make a right at the light onto convention road.

Have you ever walked down the street, looked up, and wondered if that window washer was crazy?

If conducted securely and within OSHA guidelines, suspended work can actually be a relatively safe practice. There are a variety of rules governing the safe access of a building façade for window washing or other maintenance work which fall broadly under OSHA jurisdiction.

In November of 2016, OSHA adopted their Final Rule for Walking-Working Surface and Personal Protective Equipment Fall Protection Systems, effective January 2017. This Final Rule was long anticipated and has been the subject of great debate ever since the initial memorandum was issued in 1991. Enforcement began in November of 2017.

The OSHA Final Rule puts the burden for providing a safe working environment for people accessing the façade of a building directly on the shoulders of the OWNER OF THE BUILDING. The Final Rule requires that owners provide written certification that there is a permanent, tested, certified and maintained system for accessing a building façade. This system shall be certified by a licensed Professional Engineer and capable of supporting a minimum 5,000 lb.-rated load. If you are working on the façade of the building, come find out what you should have in hand before beginning work. If you are the owner of a building, come find out what it is your responsibility to provide to your contractors.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 16 for IFMAHR’s chapter meeting featuring Michael J. Sladki, P.E.
Principal Engineer, ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC

Mr. Sladki serves as the Assistant Branch Manager and Principal Engineer for Specialty Testing and Structural Engineering Services with ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC. Mr. Sladki is a registered Professional Engineer and has more than 18 years of experience in the field of structural engineering. He serves as a technical resource for structural design, structural deficiencies and forensic engineering for ECS. Mr. Sladki has supervised or performed several hundred roof anchor observations, roof anchor tests and roof anchor designs for compliance with the OSHA Final Rule for Walking and Working Surfaces. His article on OSHA Final Rule Compliance was published in 2017 by the American Council of Engineering Companies.

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