Success and Responsibility ***by Charles McGarvey***
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You may be a roofing contractor or an industry associate who supplies materials or various services to roofing contractors, but are you a *success*?

To some, *success* can simply be defined as being proud of one's career, but to others, it is based on yearly earnings. Regardless of which definition is chosen, and whichever part of the roofing industry you belong to, there is nothing wrong with either definition.

However, *success* is another word that is often forgotten. What is the word that many successful people may have never associated with *success*? The single word is *responsibility.* How many successful roofing contractors or industry associates don't realize or have forgotten that with the word *success* comes *responsibility*?

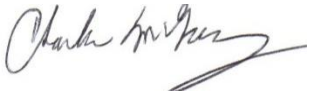
Like the word *"success," the word "responsibility"* can be defined in many different ways. We are all familiar with family responsibilities, but what about industry responsibilities? The Roofing Metal Heating Associates (RMHA) has been in existence for 123 years. Why? Because of countless and nameless successful people who, over the last 123 years, came together - consciously or unconsciously - knowing they had a responsibility to give something back to the industry that made them successful.

What did they give back? No, it wasn't money, but in today's fast-paced world, it might be the most expensive thing of all: their *"time".* Their *time* to meet a few times a year to share the challenges, problems, and successes of being part of the local roofing industry with others facing the same challenges, problems, and successes.

If you can find the time to attend association meetings, you may sometimes feel you learn nothing new, but only if you aren't paying attention. Since attending my first meeting in 1980, I have never left a meeting without learning something new. It could have been a new word, information about a new product, or meeting another member of the roofing industry I hadn't known before, but whatever it was, I left with more than when I walked in.

All members of the roofing industry who are not currently members of Roofing Metal Heating Associates are invited to attend a meeting. By joining, you would fulfill your responsibility to give back to the industry that has made you successful.

Respectfully submitted,



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