General RMHA Membership Meetings ***by Charles McGarvey***
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At times, the Roofing Metal Heating Associates (RMHA) general membership meetings may not be well attended. Family commitments are the most common and completely understandable reason for the lack of attendance.

However, I have heard or can imagine other reasons, which, in my opinion, are missing the most essential point of attending a meeting.

1) I really don't learn anything, so why should I attend?

2) After several meetings, I still don't know anyone.

3) Nobody is listening to what I am saying.

4) I don't like one or several other roofing contractors who attend.

5) As a small roofing contractor, I have nothing in common with larger roofing contractors, or I am a large roofing contractor and have nothing in common with smaller roofing contractors.

6) I am not a roofing contractor but an associate member who doesn't relate to the topics discussed at the general membership meeting with roofing contractors.

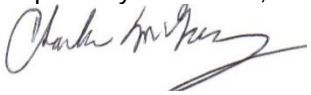
7) Should I meet with other roofing contractors or associates who are my competitors?

8) Why should I join other roofing contractors for anything? "I own a roofing company, have numerous employees, and am financially successful. Nobody tells me anything; I tell them."

Have you heard any of these comments and agreed with them or thought about them? In that case, you may not understand my motivation and why, as a past member, I never missed attending a general membership meeting. The single most important reason for my attendance was and is to look around the room and appreciate that out of the hundreds, if not thousands, of area roofing contractors and roofing industry associates, these people have taken time out of their busy schedules to say, by their attendance, "I am incredibly proud to be part of the roofing industry and would like to be with others who feel the same way I do."

So, when a member, associate, or guest commonly attends a general membership meeting, I know they are not bringing their strong business personality or individual leadership, but are asking what they can contribute to the local roofing industry or learn from others by just showing up.

Respectfully Submitted,



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