

## IMI Las Vegas E-News

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### Tile Code Victories

IMI spends considerable effort tracking codes and standards, to get contractors as much guidance and opportunity as possible. This year brought notable accomplishments, including:

- Getting **exterior porcelain tile** added to the International Building Code (removing all ambiguity about tile's proper place as an exterior finish).
- Adding language matching **minimum grout joint size to tile size** in ANSI specs.
- Making **membrane manufacturers** responsible when re-locating movement joints.
- New **sloped floor lippage** standards.
- Blocking an attempt to get wallboard back in the IBC as a wet area substrate.

The advocacy continues, with IMI language on floor flatness, large tile running bonds and other changes now on the ballot. [Click here to view the Code Standards and Updates Tech Brief](#)

### Masonry for the Building Envelope

Nevada designers got a custom tutorial on sustainable solutions and high performing building envelopes this May, at the **IMI Western States Masonry Expo**. Designers left with a better understanding of how masonry materials can help them achieve sustainable design and high performing walls. "It was a lot of stuff I can use," said an appreciative architect.

### Terrazzo Training

Las Vegas is re-discovering terrazzo, including the 800,000-s.f. airport expansion, and IMI is helping BAC contractors get the call. This summer, IMI offered BAC Local 13 NV members 8 weeks of training to help contractors expand their portfolios and keep members working. Contractors can also take advantage of ongoing cross-craft and upgrade training opportunities at The Flynn Center, like the custom class for Superior Tile & Marble earlier this year.



### September Blitz

This September, IMI's ongoing outreach to Las Vegas designers and owners gets turbocharged. Team IMI will present a special offering of educational seminars that lets designers choose hot topics such as Sustainable Solutions, High Performing Building Envelopes, updated specs, new products and more.

### Terrazzo Case Study

Check out the new IMI Case Study on Rapid Curing Terrazzo (RCT), which shows how IMI training and new products research helped a BAC contractor save the day. [Click here to view Case Study](#)