



Membership

Chicagoland is the Nation’s Paint & Coatings Manufacturing Center

Since the mid-19th century, Chicagoland has set the standards for the paint and coatings industry and the CPCA has been in the forefront of industry leadership since 1887.

CPCA embodies this drive for excellence through a membership of nearly one hundred companies and innovative industry leaders that are committed to promoting and preserving the ideals to which the association has been dedicated for over 135 years. We invite you to be part of our industry’s future.

Membership in our ogranization creates key resources to benefit those who make and sell paint.

Information:

- President’s Industry Update Letter
- Directory & Buyers’ Guide
- New Regulations
- Web Site

Education:

- Legislative & Regulatory
- Industry Updates
- Workshops and Seminars
- Windy City Coatings Course
- College Scholarships

Community Involvement:

- “Paint a Brighter Chicago” Community service program
- “Chicago’s Finest Painted Ladies & Her Court” Competition
- “Feed My Starving Children”

Company Exposure and Promotion:

- Detailed member company listing in the Annual Directory
- Custom E-Marketing Campaigns
- Maximizing company exposure by placing an advertisement in the Directory & Buyers’ Guide

Professional Networking:

- Enhance business and build relationships through Meetings and Events
- Committee Involvement is a great way to serve your industry and develop relationships

Chicago Paint & Coatings Association - Application for Membership

We, the undersigned, apply for admission as a Class* _____ member of the CPCA. If accepted we agree to be governed by the by-laws of the association. Annual dues are \$495 per company. Payment can be made by credit card at www.chicagopaint.org.

Company Name: _____

Representaive Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City, State and Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Cell #: _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

*Note: The following categories define the type of membership each company represents: **(M)** Manufacturer of paint, varnish and lacquer or allied products; **(S)** Manufacturer of the materials used in connection with the manufacture of such products. **(C)** Service organizationship



Meetings & Events



An industry that grew up with Chicago

Following the Chicago fire in 1871, that decimated the city, the city’s rebuilding required contributions by local building leaders, including the paint and coatings industry. A handful of paint manufacturers and dealers, recognizing the need, organized the Chicago Paint, Oil and Varnish Club, today known as the Chicago Paint & Coatings Association.

In 1949, a joint committee of the Chicago Society for Paint Technology and the Chicago Paint and Coatings Association created a special fellowship program to promote paint technology education.

The labeling guidelines proposed by the industry in the 1950’s was subsequently adopted “practically verbatim” by the Federal Consumer Product Safety Commission.

As early as 1963, the industry was conducting serious research into the safe handling of potentially hazardous chemicals. This is one of the reasons today’s paint plants are among the most environmentally safe production facilities of any kind in America.

The Paint & Coatings Industry’s contributions are often overlooked. From Thomas Child, who built the first paint mill in Boston in 1700, to manufacturers in operation throughout the country, the Paint & Coatings Industry continues to contribute to the nation’s aesthetics and technology supporting the industry and our members.

An organization setting industry standards

CPCA members are leaders within the coatings industry. In fact, Chicago has become a national center for coatings innovation and distribution. For more than 135 years, the industry has grown and prospered, overcoming market challenges including the covid-10 pandemic, which disrupted national and international supply chains. Yet, CPCA adapts, and even thrives in today’s domestic and international chemical market, exemplifying CPCA’s continued commitment to the industry.

Today, after 135 years, the CPCA remains a vital resource to the Paint & Coatings industry, promoting and preserving the ideals on which our association was founded. At the heart of CPCA is industry education, including partnering with the CSCT on continuing education, to empower our members through our 2-day coatings course, Windy City. We also sponsor a variety of speakers and topics from Business and Economics to Industry News & Trends.

The CPCA is also committed to serving the local community with events such as “Paint a Brighter Chicago” and “Chicago’s Finest Painted Ladies and Her Court, both programs reinforce our commitment to the industry and demonstrates that paint benefits society and those who make and sell it contribute to the quality of life.

This effort is supported by our variety of programs and events, that create an opportunity to network and socially engage with industry peers.

Directory & Buyer’s Guide



The Chicago Paint & Coatings Association’s *Directory and Buyers’ Guide* has been proven to be one of the best reference sources in our industry. Your advertisement not only promotes your company, but also demonstrates your support of the association. Plan now to be part of the next edition! Our Directory and Buyers’ Guide features the following tab index pages:

- Association Information
- Officers, Directors & Committees
- Membership Roster
- Web Sites
- Purchasing Agents, Technical Directors, Plant Managers and Legislative & Regulatory Contacts
- Tests & Measures
- Supplier Classifications.
- Manufacturers’ Agent/Distributor
- Representatives
- Advertisers
- Year In Review

E-Marketing Campaings and Directory ads are available to Promote your Company.
E-Mail director@chicagopaint.org for more information.

Mission Statement

Legislative & Regulatory

Our primary role is to serve as ally and advocate for the coatings industry on legislative, regulatory and judicial issues at the Federal, State and local levels.

Image Enhancement

Our purpose is to educate legislators, regulators, media, environmentalists and the public in an effort to foster the notion that paint benefits society and that those who make and sell it contribute to the quality of life.

Membership

It is our goal to attract and retain members in the Association by providing education, networking and services that allow our members to obtain a competitive edge.

Association Goal

To truly represent the industry in the Chicagoland area and to do those things that are for the good of the industry and of the public, for here and throughout the nation.