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# President's Message



Ken Ellert

Our March meeting was held at the LaGuardia Marriott on "Sound and Noise". I was very excited to see such a large turnout. Al Fierstein of Acoustilog gave a very informative demonstration of what different levels of sound and noise are and how they impact the environment. He also discussed how these noise levels are mea-

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sured and what effect current and future NYC laws will have on how we install our equipment. I am sure that for most of us that work in NYC this problem has surfaced on many occasions. We all need to be aware of potential problems with noise before installing a system to avoid future complaints and bad relations down the road.

A quick update on health plans - The ACCA Political Action Committee along with a coalition of partner organiza-



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tions were able to get association health plan legislation on the floor of the Senate. Association health plans would allow small businesses to band together across state lines to negotiate lower insurance rates, in the same way that Fortune 500 companies and unions do now. Unfortunately, this legislature has been stopped. ACCA will continue to work with the new congressional majorities to push reforms that will lower the high insurance premiums our members are being asked to shoulder. Just by being an ACCA member helps in this fight - there is power in numbers. You are also encouraged to contribute to the ACCA Political Action Committee (PAC) which is in Washington fighting for our members.

Don't forget to mark down Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in your calendar. This is our annual Casino Night and it promises to be bigger and better than before. This is a fun filled evening with some great prizes to be given away. We have already received a great response. Send in your reservations to take part in this great event.

Spring is just around the corner and we are gearing up for another summer. I hope that this will be a good and profitable season for all of us and ACCA is there to help. -Ken Ellert

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