



Letter from the President

By Gretchen Coleman

Happy New Year! May 2009 bring you and your company much success! I'd like to start the year with a recap of the events of 2008. As you may remember, the Board's commitment to the chapter resulted in the resurrection of the National Capital Chapter. I am happy to report that the National Capital Chapter is alive and well.

In 2008 our Chapter held three well attended Meet and Greet Events in Washington DC, Harrisburg Pennsylvania, and in Roanoke Virginia. A very popular seminar was also conducted at George Mason University.

Our chapter had members attend the National Conference on Building Commissioning and also the BCA Expo. Members also manned a Building Commissioning Association Exhibit Booth at the National ASHE (American Society of Healthcare Engineering) conference held in Maryland in July. Additionally we put out two newsletters and have engaged a website developer to design our chapter website. **"Farewell!"** to a successful 2008, and **"Hello!"** to an even better 2009...

What goals does the BCA National Capital Chapter have for 2009? We will launch the website. We will be holding Meet and Greets again this year. Please see the calendar of events elsewhere in this newsletter. We will continue to be developing committees. Derek De Jesus will be chairing the Communication Committee which will be in charge of the newsletter and website. We will launch our Sponsorship program. Stay tuned for more details on that.

"We need your help", to make the BCA National Capital Chapter a purposeful organization. If you have a specialty, cool project, or interesting lessons learned that you would like to share, please write an article and send it to Derek, or organize a meeting in your area. One or more board members will attend any meeting you organize and will help you in orchestrating the event. We'd like to see the 2009 Meet and Greets in West Virginia, the Tidewater area of Virginia, Delaware and Maryland. This year the BCA Expo will be held in the Central Chapter area. We would like to be available to help them put that together. Bottom line, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. And its fun!

Lets make 2009 our best year yet!

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BCA President Ed Faircloth presents the 2008 President's Award to the National Capital Chapter's Emmillee Hogan of Liberty Engineering

Emmillee Hogan Receives 2008 President's Award

The National Capital Chapter's own Emmillee Hogan of Liberty Engineering was the recipient of the 2008 President's Award. Emmillee received her award at the 2008 BCA Expo held in Hauppauge, NY October 6th and 7th. The President's Award was created four years ago to recognize individuals in our Association who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to further the Association and the commissioning industry.

Emmillee was instrumental in starting the National Capital Chapter and has served on our Board since we received chapter status. Since the inception of the Chapter Liaison to the National Board, Emmillee has served double duty by filling that role as well as being a chapter board member. Emmillee is currently Chairperson of the National Member Services Committee. In that role, Emmillee is helping develop a student chapter program and was instrumental in development of the commissioning process templates that are available on the BCA website.

Congratulations Emmillee for your tireless work for the BCA!

BCA – 2009 National Retreat

The National Capital Chapter Board of Director officers attended the 2009 National Retreat for the BCA held in New Orleans on February 5th and 6th. The retreat was held for the leadership of the Building Commissioning Association from all Regions including a new chapter in Canada. The retreat included the National Board of Directors, a National Committee Representative from each committee and each Region's Board of Director officers. The retreat was held to discuss the BCA's current focus and to verify the direction in which we, as an organization, want to pursue.

After deliberation, it was agreed that the BCA should concentrate on four objectives:

- Increased owner participation in the BCA
- Education of the commissioning industry with respect to BCA Best Practices
- Increasing membership
- Obtaining sponsorship

Once the objectives were agreed upon, each National committee member met to devise a plan to meet these goals while the Regions met to produce their own plan.

The National Capital Chapter of the Mid Atlantic Region has chosen to focus on Existing Building Commissioning and increasing Owner involvement. With the current economy and mandates to reduce energy footprints, we feel the owners will be very interested in how the commissioning industry can help them achieve their energy reduction goals. Once more owner representation is obtained, we feel that the goals of increasing the membership base, the promotion of a balanced view of commissioning in the construction industry and obtaining sponsorship will be more easily reached.



Mark Your Calendar!



National Capitol Chapter Board

- Gretchen Coleman
- Tony DiLeonardo
- Ken Hahn
- Robin Gardner
- Derek De Jesus
- Mike Bilecky
- Ray Smith

Mid-Atlantic Region Representative

Emmilee Hogan

Connecting Commissioning Team Members

Thursday, March 26, 2009

6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Capitol City Brewing Company

1100 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 2005

Presented By:

**National Capitol Chapter
Building Commissioning Association**

with Sponsorship by:



Who is the **BCA**?

The *Building Commissioning Association (BCA)* promotes building commissioning practices that maintain high professional standards, and fulfill building owners' expectations.

The BCA is dedicated to improving and furthering the practice of building commissioning and enhancing market opportunities and business conditions across the industry through its professional development programs, marketing efforts, policies and activities.

Come out and meet the National Capitol Chapter Board and the Mid-Atlantic Region Representative. Hear about this year's schedule of events while meeting your co-workers in the building commissioning industry.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

REGISTER NOW!

RSVP to Robin Gardner, NCC Secretary, via email at bca.ncc@gmail.com



From METRO CENTER METRO STATION
Exit station thru 12th & G St Entrance
Walk 2 blocks North on 12th
Turn right on New York Ave

2009 SPRING SEMINAR

Mid-Atlantic Region Meet & Greet

Congratulations and Thanks to The New BCA National Capital 2009 Chapter Board Members

The BCA National Capital Chapter held board member elections at the December Board Meeting and tallied votes for three positions. Congratulations to

Ray Smith, GHT Limited
BCA NCC Board Member

<http://www.ghltd.com/>

Tony DiLeonardo, WFW Engineering.
BCA NCC Vice-President
And Membership Committee

<http://www.wfweng.com/>

Robin Gardner, Alliance Engineering, Inc.
BCA-NCC Secretary

<http://www.allianceengineering.com/>

These individuals remained on the Board

Gretchen Coleman
BCA NCC President
Gretchen Coleman Commissioning
Group, LLC

Mike Bilecky of Brinjac
BCA NCC Board Member

<http://www.brinjac.com/>

Derek De Jesus of Chinook Systems
BCA NCA Communications Chair

<http://www.chinooksystems.com/>

Ken Hahn of RMF Engineering
BCA NCC Treasurer

<http://www.rmfm.com/>



Attendees at the 2009 BCA National Retreat

RMF ENGINEERING, INC.



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Mike Bilecky
BCA NCC Board



2009 BCA National Retreat



Tony DiLeonardo
BCA NCC Vice President



Gretchen Coleman
BCA NCC President