



## Letter from the President

By Gretchen Coleman (Gretchen Coleman Commissioning Group, LLC)

Hi NCC Chapter members! Is it really June already? That is just crazy. I hope the new decade has been treating you well so far.

On Wednesday February 24, 2010 the chapter kicked off the decade with an event at the Capitol City Brewing Company in DC. We enjoyed good food and local brews while hearing a short presentation on the State of the BCA, the Association's Strategic Initiatives for 2010 and how our chapter will support those initiatives. The focus of the Association this year is Best Practices, Education, Promotion and Certification.

In support of these initiatives, there are several volunteer opportunities. The Best Practices Committee is working on a New Construction Commissioning Best Practices Document. They need help completing this document. Please contact Bruce Pitts at [bpitts@woodharbinger.com](mailto:bpitts@woodharbinger.com) if you can help with that document.

Our chapter committees still need volunteers. Contact Tracey Nawrocki at [tnawrocki@cornerstoneltd.net](mailto:tnawrocki@cornerstoneltd.net) for the Membership Committee and Mike Bilecky at [mbilecky@brinjac.com](mailto:mbilecky@brinjac.com) for the Communications Committee.

Our chapter is committed to helping the Association achieve the 2010 goals:

- ✓ Thru our Educational Programs
  - Tidewater area Joint program with USGBC/ASHRAE
  - The *Value of Commissioning* presentation was given by Tracey Nawrocki on April 20<sup>th</sup>, in Wilkes-Barre, PA. See article in this newsletter.
  - *Existing Building Commissioning Forum* at the Trane Company in King of Prussia, PA
- ✓ Thru Networking
  - NCC kickoff meeting held Feb 14 in DC
  - NCC "Take Me out to the Ballgame" – Washington Nationals this year – Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 against the Phillies (perhaps some wagers are in order!)
  - NCC Christmas Party for elections and planning for 2011
- ✓ Chapter Contest
  - Who can get the most CCPs

Participate in your organization, it is what you make of it!

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*Tony DiLeonardo and Mike Johnston toast the NCC*



*Ray Smith networking with fellow NCC members and industry professionals*



*Jeff Dukes, 2010 Board Member, catches up with Tom McCune, retired NCC Board Member*

### **Annual Washington DC - BCA Meet and Greet**

Report and Photos by Wayne Williams (AOC)

This annual event was well attended and included an informative presentation on commissioning by Gretchen Coleman. Per the BCA website, “The Building Commissioning Association (BCA) is an international non-profit organization that serves as the recognized authority and resource on commissioning. Our membership is made up of professionals from all across the commercial buildings industry who maintain the highest standards and practices for the commissioning process. Our organization is education-driven. We develop technical resources, form collaborative relationships with related organizations within the building community, hold an annual conference on the latest innovations in the industry, and manage a certification program that sets the highest industry standards for credentialed commissioning professionals.”



*Gretchen Coleman greeting members*



*Socializing with BCA Members*



*Event attendees learn about the NCC 2010*

To Learn More – visit <http://www.bcxa.org/about/index.htm>

**Thanks to All for making this a successful BCA event!**

**News, 2/11/2010 | Embassy of Finland, Washington  
Embassy of Finland, the first LEED certified  
embassy in the U.S.**

The Finnish Embassy in Washington DC has been awarded the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for existing buildings, marking the first time a diplomatic mission in the U.S. has received this recognition.

The results have certainly been worth the efforts. A comparison of the annual average energy spending between 2002 and 2004 shows an extraordinary decrease of \$150,000. The building's electricity use decreased by 50 percent and gas by 65 percent. Annually, the embassy now prevents greenhouse gas emissions equal to the electricity use of 90 American households.

“We are extremely proud to be the first embassy in the U.S. to achieve this recognition”, says Finnish Ambassador Pekka Lintu. “Retrofitting our embassy building demonstrates that we Finns strive to be active but energy-efficient members of our neighborhood and the greater D.C. community. It is also worth noting that by maintaining this demanding status, the Embassy of Finland is supporting a range of important initiatives by local US companies that offer green jobs for the growing green workforce. We hope that our adaptation of green principles and our commitment to the well-being of people and the environment will inspire other foreign missions to view their opportunities in this field.”



The embassy was designed by Finnish architects Mikko Heikkinen and Markku Komonen.

For complete story – click the link below

<http://www.finland.org/Public/default.aspx?contentid=184571&nodeid=35833&culture=en-US>



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- Publication of short and medium length articles in regional and national publications
- Support logistics and marketing for regional events
- Participate in National trade conference booth on behalf of the BCA
- Business development and fundraising opportunities

Contact a Board Member for further information!

## GSA Workshop for Commissioning New and Existing Buildings in the Federal Sector

By Emmillee Hogan (Liberty Engineering, LLP)

Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> a workshop was conducted which included staff at many levels of government agencies who work in the area of building construction and renovation. Through industry expertise and peers from the private sector, the workshop facilitated information to implement successful and standardized processes for commissioning new and existing buildings. Facilitators included private construction and building management representatives who provided perspectives from private Owners and Operators; case studies from educational, research and providers; and public sector directors who identified existing barriers facing the public sector. The afternoon was guided by Phil Welker, Executive Director of PECEI, and was dedicated to developing solutions, strategies and action planning to prioritize resources that will most support successful building commissioning in the private sector.

### **BCA - Commissioning Certification**

The CCP (Certified Commissioning Professional) is one of the most respected personal certificates in the commissioning industry, as the Building Commissioning Association (BCA) anticipated when they designed the CCP designation to raise the professional standards for building commissioning professionals in 2003.

Per the link below, “The CCP™ designation was created to raise professional standards and provide a vehicle for certification in the building commissioning industry.” To find out more click the link below.

<http://www.bcx.org/certification/index.htm>

### **Spring Inter-Organizational Value of “Cx” Dinner Held.**

By Tracey Nawrocki, (Cornerstone Group )

On April 20th NCCBCA board member Tracey Nawrocki led a Commissioning-themed dinner meeting for the Anthracite ASHRAE chapter held at the Woodlands Resort in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The event was open to all industry professionals in the region. ASHRAE and BCA members were in attendance, including a mix of local engineers, owners, vendors, architects, and building technology students.

The presentation was entitled the Value of “Cx”. Tracey spoke about how building commissioning has become more and more valuable as a formalized building process, driven by a direct link to energy savings, sustainability, and maintenance and operation improvements. The presentation focused on the current value of building commissioning, at the industry level and especially for the local market, including ways to maximize the benefits of employing a formal commissioning process on jobs.

The presentation also included information based on the latest information from the Department of Energy and the major commissioning associations, including recent updates on ASHRAE’s commissioning guidelines and certification program.



Woodlands Resort in Wilkes-Barre, PA  
<http://www.thewoodlandsresort.com/restaurants/>

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