The time to pass the baton has arrived and as in a race this must be done with exactness and confidence that the next leg of the race will be accomplished with equal or greater success than the leg of the race just completed. This past summer, I passed the CMAA NE Chapter baton to Michael Bertoulin, P.E., CCM, from Parson Brinkerhoff in full assurance that he will carry the chapter banner high and lead the chapter in expanding and growing on what has been achieved during the first 20 years of our chapter’s existence. Mike brings great professional savvy, tremendous industry experience, hands-on certification (CCM) experience and is held in high esteem by his peers and associates within the construction management industry. I know all will appreciate and enjoy Mike and his management style.

For me the past year has in fact seemed like a race and has gone by at seemingly warp speed, yet much has transpired for the NE Chapter and CMAA National. Our chapter has moved forward on many fronts thanks to a committed group of Officers, Board Members, Committee Members and many dedicated volunteers. I leave with many thanks to Paul Hemphill, former Past President, for his guidance, mentoring and continued participation at so many levels of the chapter.

Membership nationally has grown to nearly 7,400 and our chapter has swelled to 324 members, a growth of just under 50%. Much of this growth is due to the new Mega-Member category, as well as the addition both of many new Owner Members from federal and state agencies, and students joining CMAA and our chapter. The membership was able to attend another interesting series of breakfast programs as well as two joint meetings with sister organizations: one with the Boston Post Chapter of SAME, Society of American Military Engineers and the other with the Boston Chapter of NAWIC, National Association of Women in Construction.

Other year milestones included our very successful Annual Awards Program in April, which presented a record number of awards with many new construction management firms and new owners participating. Both attendance and sponsorship of this event was excellent. Our Scholarship Program awarded 13 scholarships in a total amount of $21K to outstanding and deserving students from four New England colleges; we tip the scale in scholarship dollars ($) awarded for a chapter of our size. And once again our Golf Outing, held at a new venue at the South Shore Country Club, was a great success and raised the majority of the funds for the scholarship program.

While the number of New England Chapter CCMs did not grow this past year, we had a very successful Standards of Practice Course in March with over 30 professionals attending, a majority from the MBTA, which is embracing the benefits of this training and the value of certification. We have seen increased participation in the Standards of Practice training from the City of Boston and the Boston Water and Sewer Commission and we will continue to encourage CM Certification with these and other public agencies.

Most significantly we successfully began our Rising CM Leaders Group of young construction professionals and the Chapter looks forward to a full agenda of events and activities in the year ahead. Interest among young CM professionals in certification is strong and one goal of this group is to provide these young professionals with assistance and mentoring to become a Construction Manager in Training (CMIT). The Chapter welcomes these young professionals, look forward to growth in membership of this group and will encourage their committee grown and leadership participation within the NE Chapter.

Serving as an Officer and President of the CMAA NE Chapter has been both challenging and enjoyable. It has afforded me the opportunity to meet many outstanding professionals at both the local and national levels. I took the opportunity to attend both the CMAA National Conference and the Owner’s Forum during the past year and learned much from both the formal sessions and from sharing experience and ideas with the other CMs around the country. Our association is healthy, growing and there is much opportunity to expand and to serve the many public and private owners who need and want their projects successfully completed on time, within budget, with high quality and safe execution from start to finish. The success of our association in the future will require the continued training of professionals in the Standards of Practice and the dissemination of the value of the Standards of Practice to Owners. With our new President, new Officers and Board of Directors, the NE Chapter is poised to move the chapter to forward, fulfilling the CMAA vision as the recognized authority in managing the development and construction of projects and programs.

Ralph Jacobs, PE, President, CMAA – New England Chapter
Presidents Letter
Ralph Jacobs, PE

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We are seeking contributors for upcoming newsletters. Those contributions could include technical articles, descriptions of projects, or profiles of individuals or firm members. If you have information you would like to contribute, or if you have ideas about information or other types of material which you would like to see in the newsletter, please contact: Kay Barned-Smith: KBarned-Smith@massport.com

We look forward to your contributions.
On July 1, 2011, Massachusetts joined the growing ranks of jurisdictions that permit design professionals to file mechanic’s liens to secure payment for unpaid design-phase services. Previously, Massachusetts restricted a design professional’s ability to lien a project to unpaid construction administration services, provided that certain very specific conditions were met. The new amendment to the Massachusetts Mechanic’s Lien Law, MGL c254, broadly expands the types of services for which a design professional may now assert a lien to include “services that are customarily and legally performed by or under the supervision or responsible control of design professionals in the course of their professional practice.” The amendment also provides an illustrative list of the types of services that are lienable. They include, without limitation, “programming, planning, surveying, site investigation, analysis, assessment, design, preparation of drawings and specifications and construction administrative services.”

The amendment also defines the classes of professionals who qualify for lien rights as “an architect, landscape architect, professional engineer, licensed site professional or land surveyor who is licensed or registered in the Commonwealth [and includes] any legal entity that is authorized under the laws of the Commonwealth to practice any of the foregoing professions.” Construction managers are not specifically mentioned in the amendment by name—presumably because they have no specific independent legal status. Nevertheless, given the breadth of the services covered by the amendment, it would seem that design professionals who are likewise performing programming, planning, analysis, and assessment services as construction managers (whether as agents or as constructors performing preconstruction services) are able to take advantage of the lien law’s new reach.

It is important to emphasize that the new amendment, like the underlying lien law it amends, merely seeks to secure payment and does not provide design professionals with a new theory of recovery. Lienors often mistakenly believe that once they have successfully secured a lien on an owner’s interest in real property, they are automatically entitled to payment. Thus the amendment leaves unchanged the lienor’s obligation to prove her debt.

With respect to the amendment’s transition into Massachusetts jurisprudence, it seems to care little about when the design professional entered into a contract for professional services. The amendment applies to liens for professional services for which any person has filed or recorded a notice of contract on or after its July 1 effective date. Stay tuned for future notes on the specific steps that design professionals must take in order to secure their lien rights, what materials must be recorded and when.
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Background

The Massachusetts Port Authority, which manages Logan International Airport, determined in late December 2009 that the planned construction of several large airport projects would result in the elimination of a number of surface parking lots and cause a shortage of parking spots during peak parking demand periods. The shortage would be exacerbated by the increased parking demand due to the recent addition of several low cost carriers at the airport. To meet these pressing needs, Massport proposed to fast track the design and construction of a new 1,000 space parking structure in a one-level garage over a reconfigured existing Economy Parking Lot.

The challenge was to capture the Economy Parking Lot in the Spring, relocate an existing post office, and construct the new garage during the off-peak summer months in order to have the garage open for the Fall and Winter holiday peak parking demand seasons. To accomplish this goal, Massport turned to the team that successfully designed and constructed the award-winning Central Garage Expansion project, Parsons Brinckerhoff and Turner Construction Company.

Project Description and Challenges

The new Economy Parking Garage was initially intended to provide a single level structured parking deck above the existing Economy Parking Lot to provide 1,000 additional parking spaces for the airport. The design commenced in December 2009 for a precast concrete structure supported on rammed aggregate piers (Geopiers). The accelerated construction was sequenced such that major underground utility installations were completed in parallel with Geopier foundation construction and just ahead of the installation of the precast superstructure. Garage finishes and life safety systems proceeded immediately following erection of the precast. Sub-trade contractors were procured to support the construction schedule as the design developed. The CM-at-Risk project delivery method was selected for the project to support the fast-track schedule which at times felt more like “build-design” with design racing to keep up with construction. Daily team conference calls supplemented project meetings to expedite daily problem solving to ensure that issues were resolved quickly and without delay to construction.

The project site consisted of the former Robie Industrial Site and this presented a number of challenges, including undocumented old building foundations, uncharted utilities, underground fuel tanks, rubble fill, as well as an Activity Use Limitation (AUL). In addition, the project site was tightly constrained with no lay-down or construction staging areas available to the contractor. Roadway lane captures adjacent to the site were necessary for staging daily precast deliveries. In June 2010, midway through design and following the start of construction the Authority received environmental permitting approval to add an additional 1000 parking spaces on a third level. Foundations were underway, and fortu-
nately designed to support an additional level. Thirty nine of the columns had already been cast when the approval was received. In order to save time at the jobsite, these columns were brought back into the Blakeslee factory and ‘extended’ to the full, two levels, height required for the addition. Elevators were also added to the scope at this time.

In July, Massport approved the installation of a 75 kW solar power installation to provide 12% of the garage energy usage.

Despite these challenges the team was able to meet the Authority’s parking needs and schedule milestones by achieving partial occupancy of 1000 spaces November 1, an additional 1000 spaces December 1, and the balance by February 1, 2011.

The new Economy Parking Garage ended as a three level precast concrete garage, with a 335’x 873’ footprint, and a total area of 860,000 SF. 2,843 parking spaces are provided. The facility includes a new bus platform and pay-on-foot station. Patrons circulate to the bus platform via a covered pedestrian ramp system, or by using one of the two elevators. Free shuttle service to and from all terminals is provided by Massport.

A Project Approach Tailored for Success

Some of the accelerated design and construction techniques employed on this project included:

1. Advanced Geotechnical and Foundation Program – An early design task order was initiated to establish geotechnical properties and to identify optimum foundation types. Aggregate stone piers were selected with
lengths with testing for confirmation only. Without this early program, the typical foundation at Logan consisting of deep pile foundations would have been used instead.

2. Complete Preliminary Site Work in Advance – Underground utility work was performed in advance of the main construction phase to avoid potential delays and prevent conflicts due to overlap in work areas and construction sequencing.

3. Efficient Structural System to Minimize On-Site Labor - Long spans in both directions (59 feet by 48 feet) to reduce number of columns and foundations. Full height precast concrete columns acting as cantilevers. Precast concrete floor beams (double tees), interior girders (inverted tee-beams), exterior spandrels, stairs, ramps and elevator shafts.

4. Use of an All-Precast Concrete System – High-strength precast concrete components can be produced quickly, with a high quality finish. The precast concrete system allowed the off-site manufacture and on-site assembly of the project components. Components were erected as they were delivered, eliminating the need for a large staging area.

5. Repetition of Details – the use of standardized structural and architectural components were key design criteria that promoted the efficient reuse of formwork, and allowed consistent and repetitive fabrication and field installation that reduced construction time and cost.

Project Schedule & Milestones

- Design contract award: January 19, 2010
- Construction contract award: March 31, 2010
- Construction Start: May 3, 2010
- Start precast erection: July 26, 2010
- Final precast erection (1,423 pieces): October 25, 2010
- Partial occupancy 1000 spaces: November 1, 2010
- Additional 1000 spaces: December 1, 2011
- Substantial Completion: February 1, 2011

Project Success
The Economy Garage Project demonstrates that a public agency can complete major capital projects quickly and efficiently, while complying with public bid laws, environmental regulations and permit requirements. The successful completion of this project proved that when professionals come together with a common goal and a unified sense of “making it happen” no matter what the obstacles and challenges are, that it is possible to redefine what is achievable.
On April 20, 2011, the New England Chapter of the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) held the 17th Annual Project Achievement Awards Program at the Radisson Hotel in Boston, Ma before a group of over 200 industry professionals including Owners, Architects, Engineers and Construction Managers.

The Program featured Frank DePaola PE as the keynote speaker. Mr. DePaola is the Acting Highway Administrator for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). Mr. DePaola spoke of the use of construction management standards of practice endorsed by CMAA and being utilized on projects by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).

The highlight of the Program is the Project Achievement Awards. This year a total of 13 projects were selected by the New England Chapter’s Awards Committee. These projects received awards in the areas of Infrastructure, Building Construction and Program Management. Projects from both the public and private sectors received awards. A summary of all the award winners is shown below:

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Each year the Awards Program recognizes outstanding Construction Management students with a scholarship, with money raised through efforts of the New England Chapter. This year 13 students from four area colleges were awarded scholarships. Schools represented with by this year’s scholarship recipients included Northeastern University, University of Southern Maine, Wentworth Institute of Technology and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. A total of nearly $23,000 was awarded in scholarships to these students.

In addition to selecting the Projects for the Achievement Awards, the New England Chapter Awards Committee also selects individuals who have demonstrated excellence in the field of Construction Management. The Committee selects an individual as the Person of the Year and selects individuals for Distinguished Service Awards.

The 2011 Person of the Year award was presented to Mr. Edmond Hunter. Mr. Hunter is the Acting Director of Design and Construction at the MBTA and was recognized for his accomplishments as a dedicated public servant, a highly effective manager and an outstanding leader in the construction profession.

Finally, Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Nicholas Macy CCM and Christine Keville of Keville Enterprises. Mr. Macy was recognized for his recently completed 6 years of service on the New England Chapter’s Board of Directors. Ms. Keville was recognized for her 20 years of service at both the Chapter and National Levels of CMAA.
Committee Update

Once again, committee chairs have changed and remained the same. Change them some more by offering your time to volunteer for one of the many committees and earn credits toward your recertification. Current committee chair information as follows:

- Programs - Steve Marshall; email: smarshall@massport.com
- Membership - Ken Johnson; email: ken_johnson@harvard.edu
- Awards - David Doane; email: ddoane@massport.com
- Golf Committee - John Phillips; email: jphillips@provwater.com
- Scholarships - Bob Poitrast; email: poitrast@tishman.com
- Newsletter - Kay Barned-Smith; email: kbarned-smith@massport.com
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- Technical Committee - Steve Farrell; email: sfarrell@farrellconsultinggroup.com

Technical Committee Announcement

CMAA New England has reinstated the Technical Committee. The purpose of the committee is to provide for the exchange of ideas and professional experience for the purpose of CM professional growth and a discussion forum for construction technology and construction management best practices.

Committee Chair is Steve Farrell of Farrell Consulting Group, Inc. and Co-Chair is Jim Driscoll of Gilbane Building Company.

The Committee is seeking additional members and will be scheduling its first Roundtable Discussion in the fall. Requested Topic is: CM Best Practices: Project Cost Control Series: “The Purpose and Development of the Project Schedule of Values – the Owner, CM and Subcontractor Perspective”

Volunteers for the CM and Subcontractor Perspectives are needed. Please respond to Steve Farrell. Your technical presentation ideas, roundtable discussion topics, technical training suggestions, should be forwarded to the Chair and Co-Chair. sfarrell@farrellconsultinggroup.com; or JDriscoll@GilbaneCo.com.

Programs Committee

Steve Marshall heads up the Programs Committee and started this year’s program with Christine Mizioch’s presentation in September on the I93 Rapid Bridge Replacement Project “93Fast14”. Other programs will include presentations on the Quincy Center Development (October), MIT Development Program (November), a DCAM presentation in December. Presentations in 2012 include a workshop on certification and a Design/Build Joint Program with DBIA. Breakfast meetings will be held in Watson Auditorium, at Wentworth, while Beatty Hall undergoes renovation. Morning meetings are typically the third Tuesday of the month. New this session are some evening meetings which are still in planning for spring 2012.
Committee News

Kay Barned-Smith, AIA, CCM

Certification Committee
Think about CMAA Certified Construction Manager Designation (CCM)
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• Are you missing a few of the experience criteria?
• Do you have the experience but need help in matching it up with experience headings on the application form?
• Are you an employer interested in establishing a professional growth career track which will meet CMAA certified construction manager experience requirements?

Help to get you started and / or finished is available. E-mail Peter Collins at pcollins@heery.com.

Awards Committee
Planning is already underway for the 18th Annual Awards; start looking at your roster of projects now for potential submissions. Submission material will be available in December with submissions due in early March 2012. The awards will be made at the Awards Luncheon in April 2012. Contact David Doane for any questions or concerns @ ddoane@massport.com.

Membership
Investigate joining CMAA NE and enjoy a great group of people and programs. Contact Ken Johnson for information and questions @ ken_johnson@harvard.edu.

Young Leaders
Lyndsay Seiferth is looking for you, see information below concerning the new Emerging Leaders Group:

The New England Chapter of the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) has currently organized an Emerging CM Leaders Group of young construction managers, engineers, architects and others engaged in the CM profession for the purpose of offering technical, educational, networking and social opportunities and activities for young professionals within the construction management industry. Membership in CMAA is not required to participate within this group.

The group’s first social networking event was held with the Society of American Military Engineers Young Member Committee at the Sam Adams Brewery in Boston, MA on August 16th, 2011. Attendees enjoyed great networking opportunities as well as a tour and tasting at the brewery. A list of future events, including CMAA monthly breakfasts, technical training seminars, and industry based outings will be emailed to those intered.

If you would like more information on our Emerging CM Leaders Group please contact Chairman Lyndsay Seiferth at lseiferth@gilbaneco.com.

Membership
We want to hear from you! - What are the interesting projects and changes in your professional life - here are just a few of the happenings in the life of the membership:

• Ralph Jacobs, current past president, retired from Massport in January 2011 after 23 years in various capacities.
• Paul Hemphill, long time active member and former CMAA New England Chapter President and current Board member was recently appointed to the five-member CMAA Regional Chapters Committee.
• David Doane PE, CCM, and a member of the CMAA New England Chapter Board of Directors, recently made a career change to take up a position as a Project Manager, horizontal construction, at Massport.

Kay Barned-Smith, AIA, CCM

Previously spent 23 years with Fay Spofford & Thorndike and was employed as a senior principal engineer. Dave and his wife Catherine live in Quincy and enjoy summering in Falmouth. Dave is also an adjunct professor in the Construction Management program at Wentworth Institute of Technology

• Mike Bertoulin, of PB, has assumed the presidency of CMAA NE.
• Carl Sciple, formerly of Massport and Keville Enterprises, has moved to Wentworth to work as the Director of the MSCM Program, Wentworth's new Master of Science Construction Management program.
• New members in 2011 to CMAA NE include:
  • Student members: William Agadzi of Brandeis, WPI’s Michael R. Christiansen; Wentworth’s David F. Robb
  • Heery International: Marwan Abi Elias, Samuel Beard, Zachary K.M. Schmalz, John Volkert;
  • AECOM: Alleyn Alie, Ryan J Bourque, Frederick Curtin, Jeff Eamer, William Jerome, James Kubat, Martin O’Neill, Kevin Reppucci;
  • Massport: Chris Ambrose, Peter Austin, George Christopherson (now retired), Brian Dinneen, Joseph Ferruzzi, Joseph Gaidis, Frederick Gavriel, Christopher Hanlon, Nhuy Hoang, Rohn MacNulty, Helen Mao, Kevin McWeeney, Jennifer Revill, Wendy Riggs-Smith; William Rogg, Anthony Saunders, Catherine Wetherell;
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  • Parsons Brinkerhoff: Victoria Cuello, R. Kent Lamere;
  • BWSC: Ernst Etheart, Irene McSweeney, John P. Sullivan;
  • MOCA Systems: Brent C.D. Fleming, Steven Judd;
  • Suffolk Construction: Jeff Gouveia;
  • Bond Brothers, Inc.: Frances X. Hayes;
  • Boston Public Works Department: Para M. Jayasinghe;
  • HNTB Corp: Jeff Kellner, Charles Myers;
  • STV: Cheryl O’Sullivan;
  • Joslin, Lesser+Associates: Sara R. Reisman;
  • Jacobs Engineering: Marc Riedeau;
  • Pricewaterhouse: Ralph Roam;
  • CDM: Nancy Wheatley
• Recently certified CCM’s in the area include:
  • Rohn McNulty, Massport Project Manager for two years and previously a project manager with Graham/Meus Architects. Rohn, his wife Sharon and their 3-year old daughter Alden live in East Boston.
Calling All Mentors

To date, the CMAA NE Chapter members have supported the mentoring of Wentworth Construction Management students for the past eight years. The mentoring program for 2012 will begin in early January and we are reaching out to our membership this fall for volunteers once again. We anticipate the need for 40 mentors, who are willing to share their industry knowledge and experience with an up and coming Construction Management student. If you have participated before, you know how rewarding the mentoring relationship and experience can be. If you haven’t taken the opportunity in the past, jump on board this year and learn a bit about what the CM student expectations are and be a guiding light for 5 months to one of the industry’s future professionals. You have the reward to have a very positive impact in an effort requiring only ten hours of your time. Please contact Professor Scott Sumner, sumner@wit.edu, or Ralph Jacob, ralphjacs001@comcast.net, for a copy of the Mentoring Wentworth CM Students document, which describes the mentor’s responsibilities, if you would like to join the mentoring team.

Thanks very much for your consideration of this request.

*Ralph L. Jacobs, P.E.*
*N.E. Chapter Past President*
After serving in the Capital Programs Department of the Massachusetts Port Authority 23 years in various positions, most recently the Technical Services Manager, Ralph retired on January 1, 2011. In part Ralph took his queue to retire from Nancy, his wife of 31 years, who retired in 2008 after teaching school for 35 years. He and Nancy enjoy their 3 grandsons, ages 7, 4 and 18 months.

Retirement for Ralph certainly affords a schedule of activities without as many deadlines, and activities more to his choosing, even if the work hours have not been reduced.

Ralph spends a great deal of time serving in his church as the Chair of the Diaconate, Chair of the Board of Trustees and on various other Committees. As a member of the Board of Trustees he and the Board develop and implement a Capital Program each year. Some of the work is bid out to contractors, but much of the work is performed by board members as a means of stretching the available funds. He has learned additional “tricks of the trades” through these efforts. Also he continues to serve the local Scouting program in his community, serving as the Cubmaster of Pack 6.

Living on Quincy Bay with a small boat affords him the opportunity to do some swimming, boating, a little lobstering and even some camping on the harbor islands with his grandsons. Construction Management and CMAA are still in his blood as he continues to serve as the Past President and on many committees for the New England Chapter. He and Nancy took the opportunity to attend the CMAA National Owners Forum in San Antonio in May. Additionally, he serves on the Industry Advisory Committee for the Wentworth Institute College of Construction Management. Since his son Chris is a construction manager, he is able to discuss often current issues in the ever evolving CM industry. Ralph may be retired, but not far from the construction management arena.
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GIG IT
Search Engine Optimization, Web Site Design & Internet Applications

With the economy being what it is more and more companies need to invest in their online presence. Your web site in most cases is your online image and the first thing people check to see the validity of your company. In addition having a great site means more than just the look and feel, it means having the site optimized so that prospects and clients can find you before they find your competition.

"Gig IT Consulting was not only instrumental in the design and development of our new website. They maintain our contact database, integration with PayPal and distribute online announcements. Gig IT has been instrumental in the way we now do business and has become our IT Solution for all of our internet and communication needs."

Paul Hemphill, CCM
President, CMAA New England Chapter

"Gig IT Consulting is currently redesigning our website and prior to that resolved some outstanding domain and application issues. They came highly recommended by another vendor and I can see why, as they have impressed my staff and I with their knowledge and experience, as well as their comment to my company."

Charlotte R. Stevens
Marketing Manager, Sturtewerd Inc.
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Today a web site is not always enough, Gig IT has been part of a series of workshops and seminars on Social Media (Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn) and how to effectively use them to increase you online presents and marketing.

To learn more about how we can help you and your business. Contact us at info@gigitco.com or call 617.639.5524