Greetings to all our members and associates,

Since our last newsletter, Ralph Jacobs, PE, CCM transferred to me the CMAA Presidential baton last summer, saying his farewells in the last edition of the newsletter in his outgoing President’s letter. Ralph steered our Chapter to another Chapter of the Year Award which was awarded at the 2011 National Convention in Washington DC in November. Ralph set and solidified our growth and movement forward into new areas and relationships, such as our alliances with the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) and the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). He has also been instrumental in fostering a stronger commitment to our future through the chapter mentoring program and by the creation of our new Rising CM committee as a means of outreach to the industry’s young professionals.

In this issue I’d like to share with you our successes to date and let you know that we anticipate a great finish for this year’s efforts. This fall we endeavored to further enhance our services to membership through relevant breakfast programs, which are ongoing, as well as scheduling an Owners’ Forum Luncheon; to be held Tuesday March 20, 10:30 to 2:00 pm at WIT; reserve your spot early because this looks like a sellout event.

We also committed to a continued support of our student scholarship program, as well as providing financial support to Wentworth Institute of Technology (WIT) through a stipend so that 76 juniors taking the WIT CMIT Course could take the CMAA CMIT Exam. The overall passing rate was 88%.

Further support was given to three WIT Construction Management students to help defray the costs to attend the Washington Rising CM Conference held in conjunction with CMAA’s National Conference in DC this past fall. These students, Andrea Baugh, Paul Franklin and Shawn Costanza, later attended our December Breakfast Program and shared their experience of the conference, as well as each presenting what was valuable for them in participating in the Rising CM Program. It was evident that the investment in these students was well placed as each engaged our audience in sharing their experiences. We look forward to repeating the success of this initiative in the future.

Other successes include the joint effort by the chapter’s Rising CM Committee together with the revived Technical Committee to create some small after hours’ events for our young professionals; the organizing of the upcoming ‘Scheduling Boot Camp’ session, scheduled for the evening of Thursday March 15, 5:30 to 8:30 pm, and for the first time the opportunity to gain CEU’s for various chapter presentations. We are continuing the efforts to offer PDH’s to satisfy the growing industry requirement for continuing education.

Right ahead of us is the Awards Program culmination. We’ve just received the industry submissions for a number of great projects to be evaluated by the Awards Committee for the 2012 Annual Awards Luncheon Program on April 12. This event has been a sell out the last three years and we are expecting a record crowd again. On its heels is the Annual Golf Outing, which benefits our scholarship program. The tournament will be held at Brookmeadow Country Club in Canton, MA on Wednesday May 16, and our first foursome from Robinson Cole LLP has already confirmed.

We’ve had a great year of events, successes and increase in membership, which has jumped to 352, but there is more to come. Over the next few months we plan on updating and reinvigorating our Newsletter with a new look and we’re working on ideas to update our CMAA-NE Chapter website to ensure we are providing the best services we can for our membership. Could facebook and twitter be that far away for us? Let us know what you think or even better yet contact an officer or board member to get involved with one of our chapters committees.

Thank you all for helping our chapter to be the award winning chapter that it is.

Mike Bertoulin, PE, CCM, President, CMAA – New England Chapter
Presidents Letter
Mike Bertoulin, PE, CCM

Committee News
Kay Barned-Smith, AIA, CCM

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We are seeking contributors for upcoming newsletters. Those contributions could include technical articles, descriptions of projects, or profiles of individual 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.
Certification Tip:
Did you know that you gain CMAA recertification points by being on a chapter committee? CMAA NE has a number of active committees that could use an infusion of new members.

Current committee chair information as follows:

• Programs - Steve Marshall; email: smarshall@massport.com Help Steve put together next year’s breakfast programs and earn not only recertification points but gain a great networking opportunity.
• Membership -Ken Johnson; email: ken.johnson@harvard.edu Ken’s group is great to work with and puts you in touch with new and continuing members.
• Awards -David Doane; email: ddoane@massport.com This is a fun effort looking at and choosing who gets an annual award.
• Golf Committee-John Phillips; email: jphillips@provwater.com Join this committee and meet other golf aficionados; extend your professional contacts at the same time.
• Scholarships -Bob Poitrast; email: poitrast@tishman.com. For those of you interested in education and further ing the quality of the industry, join this committee and help encourage the young future members of the industry.
• Newsletter -Kay Barned-Smith; email: kbarned-smith@massport.com We need to make our newsletter more and more a resource for the membership. If you like to write, edit, produce, contact Kay for work.
• Social Committee-Joe Allegro; email: Joe.Allegro@state.ma.us In these continuing challenging times, let’s celebrate. May not make the economy better, but we can still have fun. Contact Joe and help organize some fun events.
• Young Persons Committee-Joe Allegro; email: Joe.Allegro@state.ma.us Remember starting out? Contact Joe and see how you can help encourage and advise the young people in the industry.
• Government Affairs-Jonathon Hausner; email: jonathan.hausner@gmail.com Interested in what happens in government that affects the industry. Contact Jonathan for how you can help keep us abreast of what we may not know.
• Certification-Peter Collins; email: pcollins@heery.com Help Peter help the members understanding and finding opportunities to get certified and recertified.
• Communications-Jonathon Hausner; email: jonathan.hausner@gmail.com This is a critical committee to keep each one of us up to date on all aspects of CMAA and the construction industry. Jonathan is busy chairing two committees so contact him to help.
• Finance-Missy Reed; email: monita.reed@fticonsulting.com
• Governance-Ralph Jacobs, email: ralphjacobs001@comcast.net
• Advisory-Paul Hemphill, email: Paul.Hemphill@stvinc.com
• Technical Committee-Steve Farrell; email: sfarrell@farrellconsultinggroup.com Contact Steve to see how you can help develop further technical opportunities for the membership.

Technical Committee Announcement
The Technical Committee is seeking additional members and has scheduled its first Roundtable Discussion in March; see the announcement in this newsletter.
To participate in the committee’s activities and planning contact
Chair and Co-Chair. sfarrell@farrellconsultinggroup.com; or JDriscoll@GilbaneCo.com
Programs Committee

The Programs Committee continues its presentations in 2012; in January the committee partnered with the Design-Build Institute of America to discuss design build projects, Clarke University Residence Hall Renovations and the Fort Belvoir, VA Base Realignment and Closure Projects, both award winning projects. In February, the committee offered a breakfast presentation dealing with the opportunities and process for becoming a Certified Construction Manager, with presentations by new and long time certified members.

Join the committee for its March workshop, at the Radisson Hotel in Boston, for an Owners’ Forum. Speakers will include Frank DePaolo of MassDOT Capital Programs, Katherine Craven of the UMass Capital Program and Sam Sleiman of the Massport Capital Program. An added bonus is a brief presentation by CMAA national president Bruce D’Agostino. The event is scheduled from 10:30 to 2pm and includes lunch. A flyer has been sent out with registration and cost information to CMAA members and associates. The final breakfast is scheduled for May 8 with a discussion on Lean Construction, look for the flyer later this spring.

Certification Committee

If the recent presentation piqued your interest in becoming a CMAA Certified Construction Manager (CCM); contact Peter Collins at pcollins@heery.com

Awards Committee

It’s almost here! Submission material is available for your award winning project and a recent mailing was sent to all members. Submissions are due on March 2, 2012. The awards will be made at the Awards Luncheon on April 12, 2012 again at the Radisson Hotel in Boston.

To sponsor the event or place an advertisement in the program, contact Dave Doane as noted below. All ads and sponsorships must be ordered by end of day April 2 so they can be included in the program planning and printing. Don’t lose out on this promotional opportunity by waiting too late to submit!

See http://www.cmaa-ne.org/pdf/2012-awards-sponsorships-flyer.pdf to sign up for your sponsorship. Contact David Doane for any questions on the submission requirements or any other questions at: ddoane@massport.com

Anne Gorzcyka, Ed Hunter and his wife, Frank DePaolo, Ralph Jacobs, Bob Poitrast, and John Philips at last year’s award banquet.
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
Lyndsy Seiferth is looking for you. If you would like more information on CMAA’s Emerging CM Leaders Group please contact Chairman Lyndsy Seiferth at lseiferth@gilbaneco.com

Member News
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:

Let’s first welcome some recent new members to CMAA NE include:
• Student member Sean Keay of the University of Southern Maine joined us recently.
• Allied Cook Construction Corporation signed up David H. Cook, Daniel S. Cook, Matthew D. Cook and J.P Schwartz.
• Mega Owner US Department of Veterans Affairs has added Robert Oelsner and Michael E LeBeau, PE, SE to our roster; and
• Peter Duryea of APSI Construction Management is new to our group.

Welcome to you all.

Recently Certified CCM’s
Bob Leger, PE, and now CCM, is a project manager at the Massachusetts Port Authority in its Capital Programs Department, where he has been employed for 4 years is our newest CCM. Prior to joining Massport, Bob was the chief engineer at the Louis Berger Group. Bob has been married to his wife Margaret, a medical technologist at Mass General, for 30 years. Together they have three children, Conrad, 29, a civil engineer; Nicholas, 26, an auditor; and daughter Laura, who is a senior at the University of Southern Maine. Bob, who resides in Quincy MA, is the assistant treasurer for the BSCE and a recreational golfer. He was among the presenters at the February breakfast meeting which focused on the steps to becoming a CCM.

Bob Leger, PE, CCM
Golf
Daylight savings time starts on March 11 this year and spring is not far behind. Which means the CMAA Golf Tournament is in the planning. This year, the event will be held on May 16 at Brookmeadow Golf Course in Canton, MA. Once again there are volunteer and sponsorship opportunities available. Mark your calendars and look for the announcement shortly.

John Philips is heading up this effort; email him at jphillips@provwater.com for questions or to volunteer to help with the event.

Kudos are Due
Interesting news from our loyal supporter the Wentworth Institute of Technology. Mark Hasso, Ph.D, PE in the Construction Management Department recently noted that participation in the CMAA sponsored Wentworth CMIT Test pilot program has been a phenomenal success for the students in their junior year who took the CMIT test. 67 out of the 76 students who tested passed the exam. CMAA has financially supported this program and are delighted with the results. Mark hopes the seniors who will take the test this summer will be equally successful.
While we are at it, kudos are also due to Wentworth on the luster Mark has recently brought to the department upon receiving the Educator of the Year Award at the CMAA National Conference in November in Washington, DC. This is the first time the Association has given such an award and for those of you who know Mark know of his unflagging support and encouragement to the students in construction management studies and to CMAA. Congratulations indeed!
Fame
CMAA New England, CMAA member ARCADIS and the City of Springfield recently endorsed an award that was given to Nick Riley of N. Riley Construction, the contractor for Springfield’s Extreme Home Makeover project. The award was presented to Nick at the HBA Community Service Celebration event and Sirdeaner Walker, whose home was the focus of the project, was on hand to give her thanks for the efforts that improved her living quarters. Nicholas Macy of ARCADIS who volunteered to assist the project was on hand to help present the award to Nick Riley.

Way to Go
Another news flash from the national conference in November. CMAA national recognized CMAA NE as the CMAA Chapter of the Year. Current president Mike Bertoulin notes “I’m proud to pass on to the Officers and Board that while under the leadership of Ralph Jacobs we have been recognized…as a CMAA Chapter of the Year. This is truly a prestigious award and it is a credit to our combined dedication to our chapter, profession and continued outreach to our future; in terms or our scholarship and mentoring efforts.”

Ralph Jacobs, current Board member and past President recently retired from Massport after 23 years of service, giving him even more time, we hope, to continue his efforts for the industry. Congratulations to Ralph on this achievement during his presidency of the Chapter.

Ralph with Christine Keville at the April 2011 Awards Banquet

Member Spotlight
Meet one of our new CMAA members, Tatiana Mendoza of The Rise Group, where she is a project manager. In that role Tatiana participates in all aspects of project management including: coordination of the design, procurement and construction, leading a multi-disciplinary team of consultants, and developing cost control, schedule control, and quality control measures. Currently, she is on the owner’s representative project management team for the Harvard Art Museum project designed by world renowned architect Renzo Piano. The project consists of 100,000 square feet of new construction and 104,000 square feet of renovation.

Tatiana holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She is a registered Professional Engineer, a LEED AP, a member of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and a member of the Urban Land Institute, where she serves on the Programs Committee of the Boston District Council’s Young Leaders Group.
Member Update
Carl Sciple, long time Chapter promoter and Board member informed us that he recently ended his employment with the Wentworth Institute of Technology Department of Construction Management due to an internal reorganization of the program. Carl’s position will now move to the college of Professional and Continuing Education, and will focus on online instruction and marketing. Says Carl “I have thoroughly appreciated my fifteen month experience at Wentworth, working with students, faculty, staff and industry professionals. I have worked conscientiously to make appropriate refinements to the MSCM program such that it will be broadly recognized as another fine example of Wentworth producing excellent professionals ready to hit the ground running and adding significant value to construction-related firms.”

Committee Update
Jonathan Hauser will take over as Chair of Communication Committee. His email is jonathan.hausner@gmail.com. Jonathan also chairs the Governance Committee for the Board and any volunteers to participate on either committee are solicited.

In the heavenly realms
Our chapter has added a new feature to our meetings and events—a chaplain! Meet Courtney O. Lackard, PSP, CCE, CS, recently of MOCA as Senior Scheduling Manager and now on the job market. His construction professional degrees include a BS in mechanical engineering from the Polytechnic Institute of New York University, and certifications as a Planning and Scheduling Professional, Cost Control Engineer, and Construction Supervisor. Courtney is also an ordained minister with the interdenominational Greater Framingham Community Church, where he is a minister of youth. Courtney has an MA in urban ministries from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Massachusetts. He is married to Marguerite and has two children: 21 year old Ashley who is working for her associate degree at Mass Bay College, and David, 14, an 8th grader in Framingham. Contact Courtney @ clackard@yahoo.com

Get help filling out that CCM application
At the recent panel discussion on CCM certification, Pete Collins, CMAA-NE Board member, noted that there are numerous already-certified CCMs in the chapter that are willing to help you with the process and to answer questions. Email him at pcollins@heery.com To quote Rick Rye, CCM, Project Director, Fluor Corporation from his article, Common Mistakes on CCM Applications, one of the workshop’s handouts: “Most mistakes (on the application) are made because applicants don’t follow or don’t understand the application instructions. Unfortunately, these common errors may cause the application to be rejected or will significantly delay the processing of the application or receiving recommendation from the Board of Governors to be advanced to candidacy, or both.” Rick goes on to note that some of the common errors are: “Applicants are not clear about the qualifying roles and responsibilities; have not clearly demonstrated responsible-in-charge that is required to qualify for candidacy, and do not clearly document the qualifying time in general design and construction or responsible-in-charge experience.” If you did not attend the seminar, contact Pete for a copy of the power point presentation and a copy of Rick’s article as well as get connected to a mentor that can help with the application process.
Look for our New Format
In the near future our newsletter will be in a new, improved format and distribution. The CMAA NE Board recently approved the cost to upgrade our website and our communications by signing up with StarChapter, a web service which makes it easy to manage organizational tasks more efficiently and quickly. Using StarChapter, the newsletter, announcements, program events and all other chapter initiatives will be easily accessible on the website, which has needed a method to keep it current for some time. Look for the information in the next several months, as we work to upload and organize information in a way that will make it easy for you to keep up with what is going on.

CMAA NE Technical Committee Offers Professional Development Opportunities
The technical committee is developing a professional development seminar/training program and is seeking your help in identifying CM/construction technology topics of interest to industry companies and/or individuals. The first of these seminars is on offer on March 15, 2012 and is the first of a series of presentations on project planning and schedule control. The seminar, entitled ‘Scheduling Boot Camp’ will be a panel discussion on understanding both fundamental and advanced construction planning and scheduling best practices. The event takes place at the Beatty Hall at Wentworth Institute of Technology from 5:30 to 8:30. A flyer to all members was recently sent out and registration is to Steve Farrell, email sfarrell@farrellconsultinggroup.com. Contact him with your thoughts, questions, ideas and help.

The Technical Committee extends an invitation to all member companies/individual members to propose future presentations on a technical subject in construction technology or management at one of our monthly Construction Roundtables.

Membership input is also being solicited for topics for a “Call for Papers”. Check out the upcoming seminar and consider joining the committee to help organize future presentations of interest to industry members.

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CMAA Corporate Scholarships

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The New England Chapter of CMAA has a long history of awarding scholarships to students enrolled in both graduate and undergraduate construction management or related degree programs. The success of this effort is due primarily to all of you who attend the monthly breakfast programs, awards luncheon, golf outing and other events throughout the year. The majority of the funds raised by these events go directly to support annual scholarships. As an organization we take great pride in supporting the students who will someday be the future leaders of the firms that our membership represents. As you can imagine there is a great need for financial assistance given rising tuition rates, and there are typically more applications than available scholarships. This year we are reaching out to the leaders of corporations who will ultimately hire many of these students and ask that you consider being a corporate sponsor for a CMAA scholarship. All sponsors will be recognized for their generosity at the annual awards luncheon in April. If you would like more information please contact a member of the Scholarship Committee or email me directly at Poitrast@Tishman.com
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