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Chairman's Letter

Dear Members and Colleagues:



I was honored to officially take office as the 77th WBC Chairman of the Board on October 1, 2014. We started the new membership year off strong with the magnificent Fall Kickoff and installation of officers which was enjoyed by over 300 members and guests at Columbia Country Club. Thank you to everyone who supported this important event and for your continued support of the Craftsman Hall of Fame. The Hammerheads Committee followed up in October with the popular Oktoberfest Networking event open to the full membership at the Biergarten Haus. We will once again finish off a very successful 2014 with the WBC Holiday Party at Congressional Country Club on December 9.

I would also like to express my congratulations and welcome to the new WBC Board of Directors who were installed at the Fall Kickoff. Joel Zingesser graciously passed the chairman's gavel to me during the event. As Immediate Past Chairman, Joel will also be serving as chairman of the WBC Foundation and overseeing the Hall of Fame initiatives. A very special thank you goes to Joel for his many years of leadership and service to the association. In addition, the following are the WBC officers and directors who joined me in serving our great organization on October 1:

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Planning for the 59th annual WBC Craftsmanship Awards program, "Celebrating Quality Craftsmanship," is officially underway. The deadline for submission of entries for the 2015 awards program was November 14. On January 13, 2015 teams of industry judges will evaluate the 285 entries based upon recognized standards associated with quality craftsmanship. The 2015 Craftsmanship Awards program will conclude on Friday, March 20, with the amazing awards banquet recognizing over 400 individual craftsmen and honoring the new Craftsman Hall of Fame inductees. If you would like serve as a judge, be a sponsor, or access further information regarding Craftsmanship Awards, please visit the WBC website at wbcnet.org.

As we kick off this new fiscal year, I would also like to take this opportunity to ask that you please renew your WBC membership if you have not already done so. We will need everyone's support as we continue to move forward as a strong, diverse organization. The membership year runs from October 1 to September 30, and annual renewal payments must be received no later than December 31 for members to be included in the 2015 WBC Industry Index membership directory. Additionally there are also many great advertising opportunities still available for the printed directory. If you have questions regarding membership renewal, sponsorship or advertising, please contact Rita Reis at (202) 293-5922.

Finally, the WBC Holiday Party is fast approaching! This spectacular industry event is once again being held at the always festive Congressional Country Club on Tuesday, December 9. Please plan on attending what is generally recognized as the premiere industry holiday event enjoyed by over 700 industry representatives.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming WBC program or event. Thank you for your support.

Best regards,

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Sigal Welcomes Samantha Powell as Business Development Manager

SIGAL Construction Corporation has hired **Samantha Powell** as its business development manager working in compliment with the Interiors division led by **Paul Vayo**. Powell has four years of experience in the commercial real estate industry. Prior to joining SIGAL, Powell was the director of marketing and business development at a full-service interior planning and commercial design firm. Her commitment to the CRE industry includes memberships and committee positions in industry associations. Powell remains active in NAIOP Northern Virginia, IFMA, DCBIA, CREW, and Bisnow among others.

AECOM's Tishman Construction Appoints Greg Gouldin as Vice President of Business Development

Tishman Construction, an **AECOM** company, announced today that **Greg Gouldin** has joined the firm as vice president of business development

for Tishman's Mid-Atlantic region. From new multifamily residential buildings to the redevelopment of existing properties, opportunities are on the rise across the Washington, DC, Metro area and the surrounding states. Gouldin will be responsible for further developing Tishman's business as a general contractor, leveraging the firm's construction expertise in growing markets.

Kelly and Sons Electrical Construction Announces Changes to their Medium/High Voltage Division



Bill Sarver

John E. Kelly and Sons Electrical Construction, is announcing the recent retirement of **Bill Sarver**, who had been with Kelly Electric for 32 years. Sarver started at Kelly

Electric as the High Voltage Project Manager in 1982 and was promoted to Vice President of High Voltage in 2000. Kelly Electric wishes him the very best for his retirement years and are very thankful for the many years of dedicated service he provided.

Terry Crouse will be taking over Sarver's duties in the Medium/High Voltage Division. Clint Perdue has recently become a project manager in Medium/High Voltage that is taking on much of the estimating/bidding in this department.

Frost Miller Group Welcomes Heather Meyer and Paul Wilcox to Team



Heather Meyer

Frost Miller Group (FMG) recently added **Heather Meyer** to its integrated marketing communication team as account strategist. As an account strategist,

Meyer will implement clients' strategies, educate them on the latest marketing trends FMG is utilizing and help create new strategies. Meyer has both agency and in-house marketing experience. During her time as a marketing associate at First Potomac Realty Trust, Meyer created and maintained the corporate marketing budget and successfully spearheaded the firm's brand update. Meyer began her career at Hisoka Public Relations moving later to Legal & General America where she ran large scale incentive travel programs and created branded collateral materials.



Paul Wilcox

FMG also recently added **Paul Wilcox** to its team as web designer. As a web designer, Wilcox will help FMG clients reach their digital goals and branch out into new areas online by designing and developing websites, HTML email campaigns, digital ads, PowerPoint and tablet presentations. Wilcox brings experience in creating exceptional user experiences through responsive layouts, CSS 3, HTML 5, JavaScript and PHP. With over ten years of UI/UX design and development experience, Wilcox is a welcome addition to the web services department.

Barbara G. Werther named Fellow of The American College of Construction Lawyers



Barbara Werther

Baltimore MD, October 21, 2014— The law firm of Ober|Kaler is pleased to announce that **Barbara G. Werther**, a principal in the firm's Construction Group, has been named a Fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers. She is one of only ten lawyers from Washington, D.C. to receive this honor.

Fellowship is extended by invitation to those who are found to have mastered the practice or the teaching of construction law and dispute resolution in the complex technical and legal fields pertaining to the built environment, whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, scholarship, professionalism and collegiality, and who have demonstrated a commitment to “give back” to the construction industry. The College has a limited membership of fewer than 200 lawyers from the United States, Canada, Britain, Australia, and France.

16th Annual Rommel Companies Golf Fore Kids Raises \$38,000

The Rommel Companies (which includes Rommel Engineering and Construction, Rommel Cranston Construction, and Rommel Cranston Service) hosted the 16th Annual Golf Fore Kids on August 15, 2014. The Golf Fore Kids Committee proudly announces that the event raised \$38,000 to support Maryland Organizations that support and enrich the wellbeing of children. Now in its 16th year, the tournament attracted 140 players. To date Golf Fore Kids has raised more than \$410,000 to benefit our local charities and non-profit organizations. This year donations are being made to: Maryland School for the Blind, University of Maryland Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center, House of Ruth, ACE Mentoring Program, and Ruth’s Harvest.

Dixon Hughes Goodman Names Michael D. Skretta Partner



Michael Skretta

Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP has named **Michael D. Skretta, CPA**, as a Partner for the firm’s Tysons, VA office. Having spent 13 years providing tax services to

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clients in multiple industries and thriving at Dixon Hughes Goodman, Skretta is well-deserving of this new title. A graduate of Oakland University with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Skretta specializes in government contracting, real estate and professional services. He has experience working within these industries with consolidated corporations, closely held S corporations, multi-state taxation, and high net worth individuals.

DAVIS Raises \$56K for Make-A-Wish® Foundation

James G. Davis Construction (DAVIS), a leading general contractor in the Washington, D.C. area, scores a hole in one for Make-A-Wish® MidAtlantic. In September, DAVIS held its first annual charity golf tournament at Cattail Creek Country Club in Glenwood, Maryland (photos attached). More than 130 DAVIS employees and subcontractors participated in the tournament. The event raised over \$56,000 to benefit Make-A-Wish MidAtlantic, which helps grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Matt Weirich, Vice-President of DAVIS' education market sector, came up with the idea to hold the tournament. An avid golfer and advocate for giving back to the community, Weirich credited DAVIS' subcontractors for making the event a success.

H&A Welcomes New Energy and Sustainability Services director, Rob McAtee, P.E., LEED AP BD+C, CEM, CxA.

Rob began his career at H&A in 2003 and has more than 20 years of experience in the design, analysis, and enhancement of building energy systems. He launched H&A's Building Sciences Studio in 2010 to develop effective design through innovative research, advanced analysis, and design collaboration. Today, H&A's Energy & Sustain-

ability Services team draws upon the skills and experience of H&A's entire organization to provide integrated solu-

tions for enhancing energy and water efficiency, and promoting sustainability in new and existing facilities. **B**



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Tamara McNulty to Bring New Look to Washington Building Congress

77th Chairman Will Lead WBC in Brand Refresh

Tamara McNulty's introduction to the construction industry came far before she joined the Washington Building Congress (WBC) in 1998. Hailing from a construction family, McNulty attended University of Wisconsin and entered into an architecture program and though she later changed to law, graduating with her J.D. from University of Wisconsin Law School, she wouldn't stray far from her roots. As 2014-2015 Chairman, she plans on using her extensive background to not only move the WBC to a new location, but lead it through the process of refreshing its brand.

As 77th Chairman, McNulty will be focusing on two major goals for the WBC. She will lead the WBC's move to a new location in March. With the help of member volunteers she will work on a new design of both the association and new office space to welcome the WBC to its new location.

With a new space also comes a new design for the overall brand of the WBC. McNulty will oversee the process by working with different committees and members. The brand refresh will be a combination of the new location and marketing materials. She hopes to bring the WBC's message and communication efforts to a wider audience.

With years of construction industry experience, McNulty is currently division senior counsel, Special Projects with Black & Veatch, an employee-owned, global leader in building critical human infrastructure in energy, water, telecommunications and government services. Prior to joining Black & Veatch, McNulty served as Partner at Duane Morris LLP for almost three years and Venable LLP for almost six years where she focused on commercial litigation with an emphasis on government contracts, construction, and surety law.

A seasoned litigator, McNulty has extensive experience in government contract and procurement-related matters, frequently advising clients during the consulting, designing and construction phases of projects varying from civil works to environmental programs. In addition to her industry experience, she has a deep knowledge of green building practices and is a LEED Accredited Professional. She is accustomed to working with her clients from the onset of both large and small scale projects in order to avoid potential claims and disputes down the line, not to mention she regularly assists clients in drafting and negotiating complex contracts, making



her the perfect person to take on the new goals of the WBC in the coming year.

McNulty joined the WBC in 1998, and promptly joined the membership committee. She said, "I liked its inclusive nature, everyone who touches the construction industry is welcome." And McNulty continued to see that through during her time on the committee, including the implementation of the Hammerheads Group. The group was a "sort of off-shoot of the membership committee" catering to the under-40 members. Their goal was get the younger generation of the construction industry involved at an early stage. Over the past 16 years McNulty has become an integral part of the WBC and served on the board of directors.

McNulty lives in Arlington, VA with her husband and two dogs. In her spare time she enjoys travelling and spending time with her dogs and while she doesn't like to consider herself a "foodie" she loves trying new foods and restaurants. **B**

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Member Projects

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has completed the 21,000 square-foot renovation and addition at **920 Rhode Island Avenue, NE**. The project, owned by Douglas Development and designed by GTM Architects, is located across the street from the Rhode Island Avenue metro station in the developing Brentwood neighborhood of Washington, DC.

SIGAL Construction Corporation has completed the following interior projects in August: a renovation of the **Liberty Place lobby at 325 7th Street NW** and an interior build-out of the **National Disability Rights Network at 900 2nd Street NE**. The 3,000 square-foot Liberty Place repositioning project included both the lobby and canopy at 325 7th Street NW. The complete tenant build-out of the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) included demolition, new partitions, ceilings, carpets, millwork, glass detailing, electrical, plumbing, sprinkler and HVAC systems.

SIGAL Construction Corporation celebrated the Dedication and Ribbon Cutting of **Edward M. Felegy Elementary School** located in Hyattsville, Md. The new 92,000 square-foot elementary school teaches Pre-K through fifth grade and is adjacent to an existing middle school which remained occupied during construction. Edward M. Felegy Elementary is Prince George's County's first neighborhood arts integration school where students are given the opportunity to explore a variety of arts programs taught by specialist teachers in addition to traditional academic subjects.

GCS-SIGAL, LLC has been awarded the new construction of **North Capitol Commons** in the NoMa neighborhood of DC. This 87,000 square-foot mixed-use residential community is located on one of the main roads leading to the United States Capitol, offering residents monumental views of the north and south of North Capitol Street. The building will provide affordable housing units including housing for veterans. The 14-story building will consist of 12 floors of micro studio apartments (124



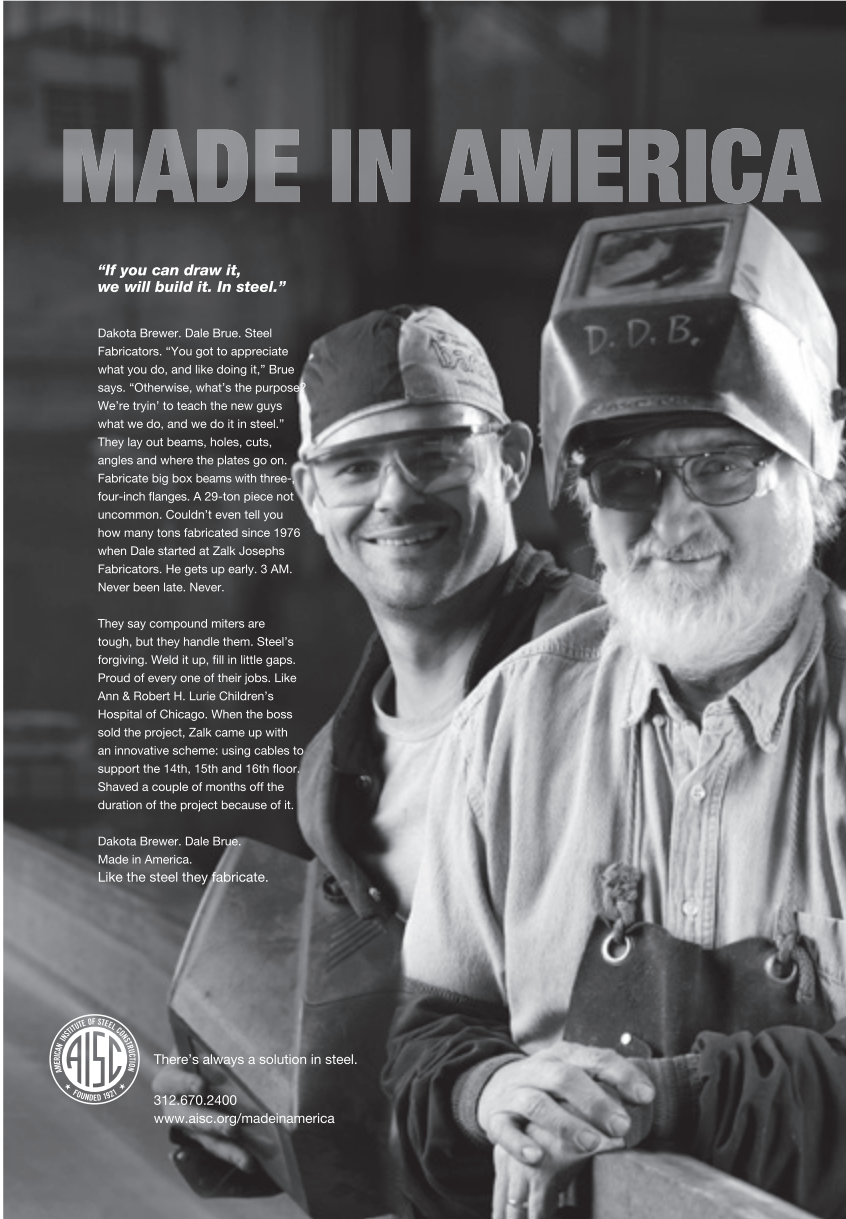
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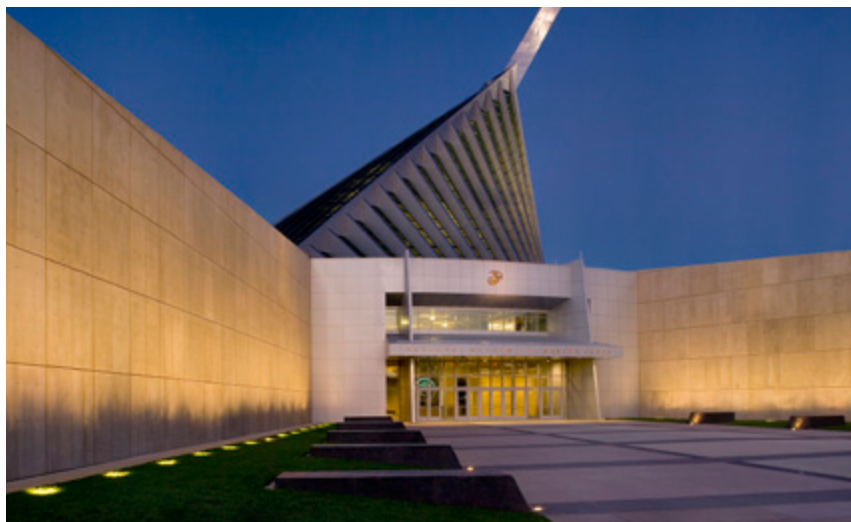
units) over office and retail spaces on the ground level and community/office spaces on the second floor.

Grunley Masaro Construction, LLC, was selected by Montgomery College to renovate the **Science West Building** on its Rockville campus. The building, constructed in 1971, requires additional space to accommodate the demand of students seeking high-quality programs in science, engineering, and mathematics. The work will entail renovation to the existing 69,000 square-foot, two-story building which will house new classrooms, laboratories, a math emporium, open study areas, a lecture hall and an administrative suite.

Donohoe Construction Company has officially commenced construction on the site at **1111 New Jersey Avenue, SE**, atop the Navy Yard-Ballpark Metro station. Delivery is scheduled for summer 2016. Known as **Gallery Capitol Riverfront**, the 13-story tower will contain 324 luxury apartment units above three levels of below grade parking. The building will have approximately 11,000 square feet of ground floor retail space, most of which will be located at the corner of M Street and New Jersey Avenue.

Balfour Beatty Construction has been selected by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation (MCHF) to provide preconstruction and construction services for the final phase of the **National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC)**. This project is the second Balfour Beatty Construction engagement with the NMMC. The company completed the first phase of the NMMC in 2006. The nearly 125,000 square-foot expansion of the exhibit galleries will document the Marine Corps' history from the end of the war in Vietnam to present time and will include a large screen theater, student education center, an expansion of existing second-level administration space, Tun Tavern and kitchen. **B**

Top: Liberty Place lobby, Washington, DC.
Middle: Capital Gallery Riverfront, Washington, DC. **Bottom:** National Museum of the Marine Corps, Triangle, VA.





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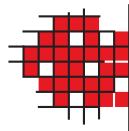
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- **December 9**, 6–8:30 p.m.
WBC Holiday Party,
Congressional Country Club, Potomac, Md.
- **December 20**, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
WBC Community Service,
Food & Friends, Washington, D.C.

- **January 13**, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Craftsmanship Awards Judging Day
Maggiano’s Little Italy Restaurant
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- **January 13**, 4:30–7:30 p.m.
Winter Networking
Maggiano’s Little Italy Restaurant
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- **February 6**, COB
Craftsmanship Awards Sponsorship Deadline

- **March 6**, COB
Craftsmanship Awards Banquet
Early Bird Deadline
- **March 13**, COB
Craftsmanship Awards Banquet Deadline
- **March 20**, 5:15–9:30 p.m.
Craftsmanship Awards Banquet
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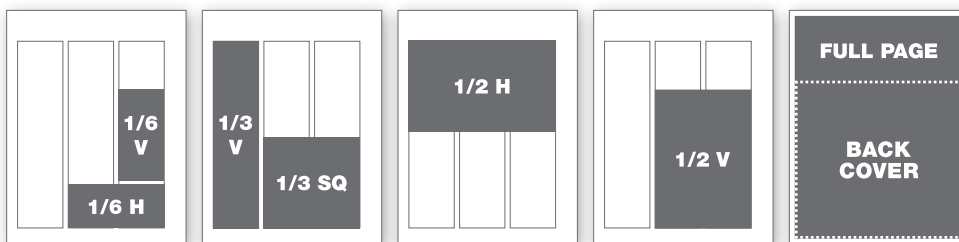
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