



Letter from the President

By Gretchen Coleman

Greetings! As you know, it is Election time, both for the National Association Board of Directors and the National Capital Chapter Board of Directors.

Both the Association Board and the NCC Board have 3 open seats. The NCC has convened a Nominating Committee consisting of board members Mike Bilecky, Gretchen Coleman, Ken Hahn, and Ray Smith. Please contact one of us for the documents necessary to run for a position or for more information on the duties of the Board. These documents will be (or have been) sent to you via email and are available on our website at http://www.bexa.org/national_capital/index.html.

The following is the timeline for the election process.

Timeline

October 16:	nominations due
October 16-23:	nominating committees meet and forward approved nominations to the Association Coordinator
October 26-27:	Association Coordinator will compile bios and headshots (if included) into a "special edition" Newsflash for each regional chapter. This information will also be added to the electronic voting system.
November 3:	Electronic ballots are sent to all members
November 13:	Elections close
November 17:	New Board members announced in a "special edition" Newsflash going to all members
Nov 17-Jan 3:	Existing boards meet and arrange training/orientation for their new Board members
Late January 2010:	National Board Members and Chapter Officers convene for the Leadership Retreat (Location TBD)

To run for an NCC board position you must be a BCA member in good standing, commit to monthly board meetings via conference call, commit to helping organize two out of four quarterly events, commit to attending the Leadership Retreat should you be elected as an officer, and commit to being enthusiastic about the organization!

We encourage you to run for a seat on one or the other boards; it is a privilege and an honor.

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Philadelphia - LEED Commissioning and Existing Building Commissioning

By Tony DiLeonardo (*Wick Fisher White* – Commissioning Agent)

On Thursday, July 30, 2009, the National Capital Chapter held its first Philadelphia event at the City's National Constitution Center. The program included presentations on the Commissioning Process, LEED Commissioning and Existing Building Commissioning. A Case Study using data loggers was presented that highlighted the end of the day. This event brought owners, commissioning providers and contractors in from as far as Virginia and New York. The immediate feedback from attendees was positive. Daniel Moring of IBC Engineering stated: "This was a great event to deepen my own understanding of the commissioning process and meet others involved in the industry locally. With so much interest in energy efficiency, it's great that the local chapter is dedicated to education and ensuring high quality standards. Not only is this helpful for my firm, it benefits the entire industry and adds credibility to all Building Commissioning Association (BCxA) members."

Gretchen Coleman, Kenny Hahn and Tony DiLeonardo from the National Capital Chapter gave informative presentations on LEED Commissioning, a Commissioning Case Study, and an overview of the commissioning process. Special thanks to Saverio Grasso, from the Northeast Chapter, who presented "Existing Building Commissioning" and reviewed the various associated types of energy savings. Troy Marzziotti of MAST Construction Services, Inc. noted: "The BCA event held in Philadelphia was extremely well organized and informative. The event touched on all aspects of commissioning – including that of a Construction Manager/Owner's Representative, in guiding them through the commissioning of their buildings."



Philadelphia's National Constitution Center

www.law.upenn.edu/academics/images/constituti

The event was held in the John C. Bogle Chairman's Board Room of the National Constitution Center, which overlooks historic Independence Mall. After the event, some attendees toured the Constitution Center's exhibits that were included as part of the registration fee. We hope to continue these types of events with the membership's support. Please contact the Board of Directors with any suggestions or proposed locations for the next event or to provide sponsorships for these educational programs.

Tour of USGBC Headquarters

by Wayne Williams – BRINJAC Commissioning Agent

The new USGBC Global Headquarters is located in our region and is a great example of a LEED Commercial Interiors project, having attained 94 points out of 110 maximum available. The two-story, 75,000-square-foot office space earned 94 of the 110 possible LEED points; that's 14 more than the 80 required for Platinum certification!

On Tuesday the 15th of September a tour of the facility took place. The facility doubles as a living lab; integrates a 2-story waterfall as part of their humidity control program; reduces water use by 40% and energy use by 50% over a typical office building; and, of course, incorporated systems commissioning. BCA arranged this special tour of the facility that was facilitated by Paul O'Brien, Design Principal in Charge at GHT, LTD.



Rendering: Vornado Realty Trust

USGBC Global Headquarters

<http://www.usgbc.org/>

Latest Issue of *The Checklist*

For your reading enjoyment, the Third Quarter issue of [The Checklist](#) is now available on the Building Commissioning Association website. This education-themed issue features numerous ways to boost commissioning expertise in addition to recommendations for moving the whole industry forward. Check it out!

Run for Office

Are you a natural leader? Ready to expand your horizons with the BCA? Run for office! [Nominations](#) are due October 16. Find details in *The Checklist*.



Paul O'Brien (GHT) – Engineer of Record who presented information on the design and led a tour of the facility.



Paul Tseng (CxA for this facility), with USGBC's Ana Ka'ahanui, tour guide extraordinaire.

Start planning your attendance at the

BCA Expo October 18-19, 2009.

The event will be held in Columbus, OH.

Expo Early Bird Registration

Register by Friday, Oct. 2 and take advantage of discounted rates for the [2009 BCA Convention & Expo](#). Members and non-members alike can save by registering early. Don't miss out on this year's engaging discussions, presentations and tours!

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Mark Your Calendar!

**Commissioning Seminar
& Owners Forum**

**Friday, Nov. 6, 2009
9:00 – 3:00 P.M.**

**George Mason University
Fairfax Campus
Johnson Center, Meeting Room G**

**Presented By:
National Capital Chapter
Building Commissioning Association**

This day long seminar is geared toward owners' representatives, commissioning providers, and others in the building construction and facilities management fields with presentations on commissioning basics, commissioning for LEED, and commissioning for existing buildings. The final session is a round table with panels representing Owners' viewpoints and experiences with the commissioning process, intending to educate, see how others do it, and advance the value of the commissioning process. Panels come from local government, public school systems, universities, commercial development.

This seminar is free, costs underwritten by BCA-NCC and their sponsors; but seating is limited and by reservation only. \$0:

REGISTER NOW!

Call: **Cristin Colonizio, 202.319.7372**
or Email: **CColonizio@Liberty-Eng.com**

Provide Attendee(s) name, company, phone, email address

Confirmations and parking instructions will be emailed no later than 23 Oct 09

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Gretchen Coleman
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Ray Smith

Mid-Atlantic Region Representative
Emilie Hogan

8 AM
Registration

9:30 AM
Introduction

9:30 AM
Commissioning 101

Break

10:30 AM
Commissioning for LEED

11:30
Lunch

12:30
Existing Building Commissioning

Break

1:30
Owners Round Table

3:00 - End

**Mid-Atlantic Region
2009 FALL SEMINAR**

This event will be at the **George Mason University** <http://www.gmu.edu/>

The **program will cover the building commissioning process** for new and existing buildings. It will include the documents and details of a commissioning plan, the benefits of commissioning, preparing a request for proposal and scope clarification. This will be an educational event geared **ESPECIALLY** for owners, developers, operations personnel and providers. It will address LEED commissioning services, the prerequisite and credit and how commissioning **CAN** reduce energy USAGE in buildings.

So join us for an **Educational Program from the Building Commissioning Association!**

Your BCA National Capital 2009 Chapter Board Members

The following individuals consider it a pleasure to serve you as board members. Feel free to contact any one of them for information on committee work, events or what it means to be a board member.

Gretchen Coleman
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Gretchen Coleman Commissioning
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Ken Hahn
BCA NCC Treasurer
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Association Board Liaison
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Our chapter has several sponsors! Brinjac Engineering and Wick Fisher White are Corporate Sponsors as well as event sponsors. Butler Balancing Company and Tristate helped sponsor the recent Philadelphia Event that was held July 30th. Our chapter can use your sponsorship. Send off a check to our treasurer, Ken Hahn, to become a Corporate Sponsor.

Please send your checks made out to the National Capital Chapter of the BCA to:

Ken Hahn, NCC Treasurer
RMF Engineering Inc.
5520 Research Park Drive
Baltimore, Maryland 21228

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the NCC BCA Board and
Have your Logo Placed Here!**



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