



Letter from the President

Dear Members,

It is time to begin planning the Northeast Chapter's schedule for 2011. The Executive Board recently attended the BCA Leadership Conference in Las Vegas. We discussed the goals of the BCA and how the Chapters can assist. Out of the gate, the International BCA (IBCA) kicked off a fund drive challenging the IBCA Board members to each raise \$10,000. The NE Chapter stepped up and challenged all the other Chapters by donating \$2500 to the IBCA helping Michael Chelednik (NE Chapter member and Secretary to the International BCA Board of Directors (IBOD)) chip away at his \$10,000 goal. The NE Chapter plans to further contribute to the BCA fundraiser later in the year.

Our main discussion at this conference was about BCA membership. Several items were discussed including member involvement, recruiting and retaining volunteers, fundraising, and building new leaders in the Chapter. Since the NE Chapter was chartered, we have steadily increased membership from 8 members in 2005 to 183 members in 2011. We should be able to double that number by 2012. If every member were to recruit at least one new member this year, we could improve the strength of our Chapter significantly. In the coming months, I will continue to challenge the members to recruit new members and to get involved. Our plans for this year include:

- Sponsorships and speaking engagements
 - BuildingsNY - March 30th and 31st
 - NE Buildings Facilities and Management show (NEBFM) - June 15th & 16th
 - NE Chapter's 6th Annual RCx Summit (time and place to be decided)
- Local Chapter meetings and technical sessions
 - Boston
 - New York City
 - Upstate New York
 - Annual Meeting - Springfield, MA

Each of these events requires assistance. In order to provide more service to our members and to make each event a success, we could use some volunteers. The Board is in the process of forming several committees to organize and facilitate the events listed above. In addition, we are also forming a committee to develop and administer an annual scholarship.

Two of the committees formed are the 2011 RCx Summit Committee chaired by Dave Vallerie and the Scholarship Committee chaired by Mike Eardley. Attached is an open letter to the members from Mike. Please email Mike (meardeley@cannondesign.com) or Dave (dvallerie@go-sbs.com) if you are interested in helping on either of these committees.

Communication with members needs to improve. We are working with the International BCA to develop a more interactive method of doing this. Presently, our NE Chapter website holds up-to-date information on events and other member information. We are in the process of developing a NE Chapter blog that would be administered through the IBCA web software. A committee will likely be formed as soon as we have the technical side worked out.

We always welcome comments and feedback. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

John F. Penney, PE, CBCP, CEM



To: Building Commissioning Association – Northeast Chapter Members
From: BCA Northeast Board of Directors
Re: Scholarship Committee

BCA Northeast Chapter Members,

The Chapter is forming a committee to oversee a scholarship that the Chapter will sponsor.

The intent of the scholarship is to:

- Promote the commissioning industry
- Recognize individuals who show promise in contributing to the industry, and
- Help those individuals continue their education in commissioning related areas

We invite you to take this opportunity to be active in your BCA Chapter by contributing to this effort and joining this committee.

The role of this committee will be to:

- 1) Further develop the intent of the scholarship (e.g., who to serve; college students? professionals?)
- 2) Research scholarships from similar professional organizations
- 3) Develop terms of the scholarship (amount, use of funds, application requirements)
- 4) Develop a written call for scholarship application
- 5) Research a list of distribution outlets for the call for applications
- 6) Review applications and recommend awards

Committee member requirements will likely include participation in regular conference calls (monthly or some other interval) and willingness to accept tasks as determined by the committee.

We are soliciting interested individuals who would like to participate in this committee to please respond to:

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