



President's June 2017 Newsletter

Dear CMAA Baltimore Chapter Members,

The Baltimore Chapter has been BUSY! The Owner's Forum Breakfast and the Women's Forum joint event with the National Capital Chapter both went very well and were well attended. We just wrapped up our 9th Golf Outing and Awards Banquet at Turf Valley and presented scholarships to two well deserving Morgan State University Construction Management students. June 27th, we had a General Meeting and session on new Construction Contract Management System software.

At the Awards Luncheon, our Chapter presented two Baltimore CMAA 2017 Project Achievement Awards.

- JMT's submission for the "Deck Rehabilitation & Joint Modification of Bridges on I-95 South of Fort McHenry Tunnel Project" won for *Project with Constructed Value Less than \$100 Million*
- Howard County Department of Public Works and KCI Technologies won for the "Ellicott City Flood Disaster Recovery Project" won for *Project with Constructed Value Less than \$30 Million*.

Congratulations to this year's winners and look for their award information up on our website soon.

We wanted to let everyone know about the next four local CMAA events. Please mark your calendars. You can register for all the following events via Event Brite.

- On July 6th, we will have a tour of the Ravens Under Armor Performance Center which is in the process of completing a 45\$ million expansion of the facility. Networking Lite Fare will be provided following the tour at the nearby Ownings Mill Green Turtle Restaurant.
- On July 25th, we will hold our 3rd Annual Speed Networking meeting at Michaels on York Road. We will provide a CEU presentation on Networking Etiquette. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided.
- The Chapter will hold our first mini-conference in September at the Engineers Club, which will be an opportunity for members to share information about their projects – we are a diverse group.
- And mark your calendars because the National CMAA Conference is October 8th to 10th in Washington DC. They expect more than 1,300 owners, CM's and other industry professionals expected. 13 PDH's are available. If you have not been to this conference this is a great time to go. It will help you discover and implement ideas that deliver results

and will prepare you and your organization for the road ahead. It is a great opportunity to find out what CM's are doing across the country.

So, come out to these events, this is your organization, and bring a friend.

Website Update

About our website – we decided to switch from a .org to a .com.

What happened was our Godaddy bill came due and the mailing address was far back in our command chain and somehow no one knew the bill was due. Our site was shut down and our domain name was up for grabs. An entrepreneur (Pirate) bought our domain name and offered to sell it back to us for the shakedown price of \$500. After a brief board discussion, we told him to take a hike and we paid a one-time fee to become <http://www.cmaabaltimore.com>. The downside to this switch is that our website content is still there but it will take a few months for us to move back up to the top of the search engines. Bummed this happened but it is the best course of action in the long haul. So please bear with us. All the information is there, just enter the address as we note in our emails.

Now that we are doing little better financially we can start moving on to other goals and we are actively seeking volunteers for any of the following committees. A board member will assist each committee. If you are interested send us an email.

- **CODE (Creating Opportunities for Diversity and Equality)**
- **GOLF**
- **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** Needs chairman and volunteers
- **NEWSLETTER** Bruce Gordon, Chairman
- **OWNERS COMMITTEE**
- **PROJECT AWARDS** Scott Wardle, Chairman
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVENTS** Needs chairman and volunteers
- **SCHOLARSHIP**
- **STUDENT CHAPTER ASSISTANCE** Needs chairman and volunteers
- **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS** Needs chairman and volunteers

Thank you for being a part of CMAA and hope to see you soon,

Claire Kwiatkowski, President, Baltimore Chapter

With Board Members:

- * Bob Farley - Vice President
- * Jamison Ernst - Treasurer
- * Al-Nisa Aduwu - Secretary
- * David Ferrara - At-Large Member