



November Update

Dear CMAA Baltimore Chapter Members,

Recently the Chapter conducted an online survey based on some discussions at a National level and discussions with other Chapter Leaders. The survey asked you, the members, if you would support extending the elected term of the existing Board of Directors for an additional year. Our Secretary, Larry Hughes, conducted the polling and tabulated the results. The voting response indicated that 90% of the membership was in favor of the extension.

Regrettably, we just learned, we will lose the service of Terri Wolfe. She has accepted a new career opportunity and will be moving to Florida. The Chapter will plan to advance Larry Hughes into the Treasurer position and hold an election for the soon vacant Secretary position. Look for announcements about the election very soon. We wish Terri the best and thank her for her years of dedicated service to our Chapter.

Recently I was privileged to have additional conversations with other chapters and leaders from National while virtually attending CMAA2020. While doing such it became apparent that the Board is considerably smaller than chapters like Baltimore in size. I have subsequently reached out to National who provided the information below on that topic.

Chapter Name	Board Members 2020	Board Members 2019	Membership Count 2020	Membership Count 2019
Baltimore	6	6	421	388
Chicago	18	16	430	366
Florida	11	9	520	476
Mid Atlantic	12	12	586	661
New England	20	20	585	548
North Texas	10	10	433	368
San Diego	27	27	584	573

It appears we have not expanded the Board since the inception of our Chapter. The workload for the Board has certainly grown and it is out of necessity and strong growth that board positions should also be expanded. We are currently discussing the best path for expansion and expect that soon we will be announcing the positions and job duties for each. It is exciting and encouraging for this to be unfolding and allow the Chapter leaders to be better able to serve this community.

In other news we continued the revamping of our awards process. The award package will now include a trophy style award for the nominated professional/firm as well as a plaque to be presented to the owner. If you missed out submitting for 2020 be looking for another



opportunity in the first quarter of 2021 as we move to get the process back on track. We hope you will join us on December 10th at 12:00pm for the virtual tour of the Amazon Processing Facility along with that announcement of this year's achievement award winners.

We recently worked along with Morgan State and participated in a Virtual Career Fair. The turnout was modest from our member firms, but the pilot program was efficiently run by the student base and overall was deemed a large success. We are now beginning to explore paths for professionals to share their knowledge and real-world experience with students in the virtual classroom. A trial was held on November 10th where one of our members presented the use and capabilities of Procore software. We welcome other industry professionals to come forward and participate in this enhanced learning experience for students. Share your expertise or wealth of knowledge in a topic with the future of our industry. If you are interested in learning more, please feel to contact me or any other board member. My email address is listed below. Morgan State is also planning on holding their annual Spring Career Fair on Thursday February 18. Please plan to attend, assumed virtually, and have an opportunity to meet the future stars of our industry.

We are also now planning for events in 2021. We expect the return of the golf outing although there remains uncertainty as to whether the banquet will be held. We are hopeful that we may be able to host tours and other events in the future sometime later in the year. We are exploring potential learning sessions, owner's forums, women's event, as well as opportunities for young members and student mentoring. If you have thought or would like to offer an idea for a session, please reach out to us. We would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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