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Chairman's Letter

Dear Members and Colleagues:



I am honored to present this special edition of the WBC *Bulletin* featuring the 58th annual Craftsmanship Awards program, "*Celebrating Quality Craftsmanship*." This year 1,200 people gathered to celebrate the work of over 400 dedicated craftsmen, each of whom was individually recognized for their outstanding skills! A total of 82 terrific winning entries were selected out of 286 total nominations and from this group, three exceptional Star Award winners rose to the top. We also inducted another remarkable class of craftsmen into the prestigious Craftsman Hall of Fame. Over 10,000 men and women have won Craftsmanship Awards over the last 58 years. On behalf of the WBC and the craftsmen who are key to the success of our industry, I want to thank all of you

who attended and supported this important industry event, especially our numerous sponsors and advertisers that made the event such a great success. The complete list of current and past winners is available on the WBC website, www.wbcnet.org.

I would like to personally recognize the 2014 Craftsmanship Awards Committee, Chair Elizabeth Tuico (VJ Associates of Washington, DC), Vice-Chair Sarah Mucci (Mark G. Anderson Consultants), and Board Liaison Lynne Coville (Boston Properties). Thank you also to all of the outstanding volunteers who helped make this important WBC event a success. The Craftsmanship Awards program continues to grow each year and the 2014 banquet was another great tribute to our industry.

Regarding other important WBC activities, the Community Services Committee held the 8th annual WBC Rebuilding Together Workday in Northern Virginia on April 26. Thank you to the 60 volunteers who joined us for this special day of giving back to those less fortunate in our community. The June/July *Bulletin* will highlight all of the individuals and companies involved with the project and feature some great photos from the workday. Special thanks go to the Community Services Committee, Chair Jane Cherney (McCoy Associates), Vice-Chair and House Captain Kent Fee (Lehman Smith McLeish), and Co-Captain Ken Ellis (Langan Engineering & Environmental Services).

The Membership Services Committee held the successful 9th annual St. Patrick's membership recruitment networking event on March 13 at McGinty's Public House. A record 40 non-member guests attended to learn more about the WBC and meet many of the 140 industry professionals in attendance. The committee also held a very successful March new member orientation breakfast hosted by Holland & Knight. Thank you to the Membership Services Committee, Chair Earl Biglow (DAVIS Construction), Vice-Chair Greg Koger (Holland & Knight), and Board Liaison Emerson Teer (Clark Construction Group).

Please mark your calendars now for the 77th annual WBC Golf Outing on Monday, June 9 at Lansdowne and Belmont golf clubs. Also take a moment to consider the great sponsorship opportunities available for this premiere industry event, always the best golf tournament of the year. Thank you to 2014 Tournament Sponsor Siemens Industry for their ongoing support of this big event! This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your business, entertain clients, and reward key employees. If you are not a player, please join us for the awards reception following the tournament at The Golf Club at Lansdowne.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming WBC program or event. Thank you for your active participation and ongoing support of our great association!

Best regards,

Joel Zingesser

WBC Chairman of the Board

*On the cover: Craftsmanship Award Winner for Curtain Walls: 1400 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. The winning team included **Claude Brooks, James Butler, Doimedes Carceres, Scott Curtain, Michael Pray, Tim Johnson** of Pioneer Cladding & Glazing, LLC.*

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PSI Welcomes Beckett

PSI welcomes **Christopher Beckett**, PhD, to their Herndon operations office as a project engineer. Beckett is a graduate of West Virginia University-Morgantown with a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and Doctorate in Civil Engineering.

Generac Announces Baldor Acquisition

Kelly Generator & Equipment, Inc. is excited to announce that Generac has closed the purchase agreement with **Baldor Electric Company**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ABB Group, to acquire substantially all of the assets of Baldor's generator products division.

This purchase greatly expands the capability of Generac and Kelly Generator & Equipment, Inc. First from the simplest perspective, it now expands Generac's product offering drastically; 1.) It increases the diesel powered single engine capabilities from 600 kW to 2 MW and 2.) It expands the industrial towable product offering through 500 KVA. For the first time it provides a prime power offering in both diesel through 350 kW and natural gas through 323 kW. This provides, Kelly Generator & Equipment with the products and services that the Marcellus Shale and Utica Shale markets require throughout PA and WV. Secondly, the Baldor units can be used with traditional paralleling switchgear systems. Numerous vendors supply products to KG&E, Inc. that manufacture traditional paralleling switchgear systems like ASCO, GE-Zenith and Russ Electric, just to name 3 of the bigger players.

Immediately moving forward KG&E, Inc. will be able to use the Baldor products to tie into existing paralleling switchgear systems at hospitals, data centers and other large power users that have been manufactured by any of the traditional paralleling switchgear manufacturers including many of the smaller paralleling switchgear manufacturers. It will enable KG&E, Inc. to build larger Paralleled Generator

Systems with less individual generators; however, there are advantages and disadvantages to each system design.

Uffelman Named President of Foulger-Pratt Contracting



David Uffelman

Foulger-Pratt

announced the promotion of **David Uffelman** to President of Foulger-Pratt Contracting.

Uffelman will oversee all aspects of the Rockville, MD-based contracting operation, which specializes in mixed-use, multifamily residential, office, retail, healthcare, and interiors construction.

"Over the past 7 years I have had the pleasure of working with David; he has been an instrumental and important part of our firm. His experience, professionalism, demeanor, and leadership style exuding our core values make him a natural choice to take over this position." said Bryant Foulger, Managing Principal of Foulger-Pratt Companies.

Uffelman most recently served as Vice President of Operations for Foulger-Pratt Contracting since joining the company in November of 2007, and has over 26 years of experience in the construction industry.

Welcome Additions at WCS Construction, LLC

WCS Construction, LLC is pleased to announce the recent additions of **Scott Vossler** and **Nicholas Holland**.



Scott Vossler

Vossler joins WCS as a vice president with over 27 years of experience in the construction industry. Scott has proven his leadership by serving prominent roles in business associations, guest speaking at universities, and leadership develop-

ment groups as well as volunteering in charitable outreach activities.

Prior to his leadership role at WCS Construction, Vossler was an operations director at Foulger-Pratt Contracting where he was responsible for the overall success and profitability of its construction projects. Since 2008, Vossler has served on the Associated Builders and Contractors National Budget & Finance Committee and served as Chairman of the Board for the Associated Builders and Contractors Metro Washington Chapter in 2009. He is a graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in Building Construction.



Nick Holland

Nick Holland has joined the firm as a senior project manager. With over 30 years of professional experience in construction, engineering, science, and leadership, his responsibilities as senior project manager will include overall management of the project operations.

Holland has a Master of Science/Defense Construction Engineering (Electrical & Mechanical) from the Royal School of Military Engineering – Chatham, England, and a Master of Arts/Engineering Science and a Bachelor of Arts/Engineering Science from Oriol College – Oxford University. He has been affiliated with professional organizations such as: Washington Building Congress, Associated Builders and Contractors of Metro Washington, Associated General Contractors of DC, District of Columbia Building Industry Association, and SAME DC Port and the SAME Baltimore Port.

RM Thornton, Inc Appoints New Vice President

RM Thornton Mechanical, a division of national mechanical subcontractor Harris Companies, today announced the appointment of **Jim Cantrill** to Vice President.

"Jim brings years of relevant industry experience to this new role. He will

work closely with the existing team to participate in the growth we are currently experiencing,” said Dan Aghdam, President of RM Thornton. “His extensive background and knowledge of our industry will help RM Thornton Mechanical to become a stronger partner to our General Contractor clients.

Prior to joining RM Thornton, Cantrill worked in leadership roles that included President, Senior Vice President, and Vice President Project Management for a Maryland-based construction company where he was instrumental in the management and growth of the business.

Kane Joins PSI

Derek Kane, EIT has been accepted in **Professional Service Industries, Inc.’s** Manager-In-Training (MIT) program.

Kane is a graduate of Merrimack College with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He will take his training in PSI’s Fairfax operations office under the mentorship of District Manager Naseer Nayeem, and will serve a dual role as a Staff Engineer during his training.

Grunley Construction Announces Promotions and New Hire

Grunley Construction Company, Inc. recently announced the following three promotions and one new hire.



George Rusk

George R. Rusk

has been promoted to Vice President of Purchasing. Rusk joined Grunley nearly 11 years ago as a Purchasing Agent, and has 25 years of construction experience, and

specializes in contract management, estimating and bid preparation, and self-performed work. In this new role, he will continue to work closely with the local subcontractor and supplier communities and will lead the firm’s Purchasing Department with responsi-



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Sonya Brown

Sonya Y. Brown has been promoted to Vice President of Marketing and Business Development. She joined the firm in December 2011 as the Director of Marketing and Business Development

with 23 years of professional services marketing and business development experience in the engineering and construction industry. Brown will be responsible for the overall management and direction of the company's marketing function including the entire range of marketing planning, proposal development, branding and communication strategies for Grunley's business segments. Additionally, she will lead Grunley's business development efforts in the private market.



Kenneth Terry

Kenneth J. Terry, LEED® AP has been promoted to Deputy Operations Manager. Terry joined Grunley three years ago as a Project Executive, bringing his 20 years of experience in a wide

range of commercial, residential and government construction projects to the firm. In this new role, Ken will assist Chip Scott, Senior Vice President and Operations Manager, in planning, developing, coordinating, implementing and administering the firm's projects and programs in operations.



Andree Yaap

Andree L. Yaap has joined the firm as Interiors Executive. In this role, Yapp will lead Grunley's new service offering of smaller projects for both public owners and private developers and owners in Washington, DC. She brings 19 years of construction experi-

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ence to Grunley, and has served as a Procurement Manager for educational, medical, transportation and municipal projects and led tenant improvement and base building projects on the operations side. Her knowledge of local subcontracting combined with purchasing demands and operations procedures will bode well as she works to expand the firm's portfolio in key smaller projects for private and public owners.

Four Promoted at JBG

The JBG Companies announced the following individuals have been promoted to Vice President, Construction: **James Reed, Neil Belcher, Ed Mullaney** and **Mike Becker**.

H&A Promotes Jamison



Jared Jamison has been promoted to director of operations at **H&A Architects & Engineers**.

Jamison was named a senior associate in 2011 and then became

a vice president in 2013, while serving as H&A's operations manager. He earned a bachelors and masters in civil engineering with an emphasis in structural engineering from Virginia Tech, and an MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is an adjunct instructor for VCU's Executive MBA program, a PSMJ contributing writer, and active in the American Council of Engineering Companies.

Peckar & Abramson, P.C. Welcomes Seeger, P.C. Legal Team

Peckar & Abramson, P.C. (P&A) is pleased to announce the expansion of its Washington, DC office with the addition of seven attorneys from Seeger, P.C. The Seeger team, consisting of some of the D.C. area's leading con-

struction litigators, will enhance P&A's construction, commercial and surety law practice in the DC area, and its national government contracts practice.

"P&A's addition of the Seeger attorneys reinforces our position as the premier construction law firm," said Steven M. Charney, Chairman of P&A. "P&A is committed to providing unparalleled legal services to the construction community. Delivering results for our clients, through excellence, foresight, leadership and innova-

tion, is at the center of our culture at P&A. Stephen M. Seeger and Michael C. Zisa, and the talented associates they bring with them, are a perfect fit, will strengthen our team, and provide expanded resources to our clients."

Stephen M. Seeger, founding partner of Seeger, P.C., added, "It just made sense. P&A shares our results oriented approach. Joining P&A allows us to expand our practice while continuing to provide personal service and attention to our clients. We look forward to



Peckar & Abramson Welcomes Seven New Attorneys

Washington, D.C. Practice Expands with Members of Seeger, P.C. Legal Team

Peckar & Abramson, P.C. is pleased to announce that seven attorneys formerly of **Seeger, P.C.** have joined the firm as part of the expansion of its Washington, D.C. practice. The Seeger, P.C. team, led by partners **Stephen M. Seeger** and **Michael C. Zisa** along with the five talented associates **Jesse S. Keene, Christopher Sweeney, Eric D. Marlowe, Hillary J. Boroian** and **Anthony J. LaPlaca**, bring extensive expertise to Peckar & Abramson's practice of construction law.



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Leading Construction Lawyers Launch New Firm



Paul Varela

The founding attorneys of **Varela, Lee, Metz & Guarino, LLP** (VLMG) are proud to announce the opening of a new law firm focused on serving the specialized needs of clients

in the construction and engineering industry. The new construction law firm features offices in Tysons Corner and San Francisco and opens with 17 attorneys, each of whom have deep experience serving clients in this unique legal field.

VLMG's lawyers have represented clients on an impressive array of civil, industrial, commercial, and government projects across the United States and around the world. The firm's attorneys offer a particularly in-depth understanding of heavy civil and infrastructure projects (including highways and bridges, tunnels, mass transit systems, water/wastewater, airports, ports, and professional sports stadiums) and the power sector (including fossil-fuel, hydroelectric, solar, and nuclear plants). Handling matters across this spectrum of project types has enabled the attorneys at VLMG to develop substantial expertise regarding federal, state, and local government contracts and procurement. The firm also maintains a significant and expanding international practice, with experience handling matters across the Asia-Pacific region, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. VLMG's clients represent a diverse cross-section of the major players in the construction industry, and include contractors, subcontractors, owners, developers, sureties, design professionals, and public agencies.

The majority of the firm's practice will focus on litigation and dispute

resolution before federal and state courts and boards of contract appeals, as well as in domestic and international arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution proceedings. The firm's attorneys also regularly provide pre-construction advice through the drafting and review of contract documents, as well as provide counsel to clients during ongoing projects.

The four name partners in VLMG—Paul Varela, Bennett Lee, Todd Metz, and Joseph Guarino—boast a total of more than 80 years in practice devoted entirely to the construction and engineering industry.

Foulger-Pratt, Finalist for “Best Places to Work”

Foulger-Pratt Companies is pleased to announce that it has been selected

as a finalist in this year's Greater Washington's “Best Places to Work” by the *Washington Business Journal* in the large business category. The list serves to recognize “the excellent spirit and diverse characteristics of the many top companies across our region” and honors firms that go beyond the norm to create an enjoyable and meaningful work environment for their employees.

“The Foulger-Pratt Companies prides itself on having and retaining the best people. Being a preferred place to work is one of our core missions, so it is extremely important to us and something we work very hard to be.” remarked Managing Principal, Bryant Foulger. “Therefore, we are particularly thrilled to hear that we have been honored as one of the Greater Washington's ‘Best Places to Work,’ as this signifies that we are accomplishing that important goal.” **B**



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