

**Building
Contractors
Association
of New Jersey**

MONTHLY UPDATE

March 2012

New Members

In March, BCANJ welcomed the following companies as new members:

Central Jersey Wrecking & Recycling Inc.
North Brunswick, NJ

The Hyde Agency
New York, NY

Avow Communications
Berkeley Heights, NJ

2012 Membership Meeting

On March 27, 2012, BCANJ hosted a Membership Meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in Tinton Falls/Eatontown. The approximately 70 members and guests in attendance heard Michael Chrobak, Chief Economic Development Director of ChooseNJ, discuss the goals and recent successes of the privately funded, not-for-profit organization. Established to properly transmit the message that New Jersey has the kind of climate in which businesses can grow and prosper, ChooseNJ is governed by 16 business and civic leaders focused on lowering business taxes, reducing red tape, controlling healthcare costs and promoting the strengths of the state to a global business market. Chrobak pointed to ChooseNJ's success in 2011 of attracting or retaining 82 businesses, and acknowledged the state's strongest competition comes from neighboring states.

Coffee Talk with NJ Turnpike Authority

On March 28, 2012, BCANJ hosted a Coffee Talk with Richard Raczynski, Chief Engineer of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, along with Rob Fischer and John Keller of his staff. The

Robert Polisano
President

James Prisco Jr.
Vice President

Eric Jensen
Secretary

Robert Gamba
Treasurer

Jack Kocsis Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

Darlene Regina
Executive Director

team outlined the Authority's plan to spend \$350 million over the next five years in capital improvements involving vertical buildings, including 55 rehabilitation and 30 new projects. First up are four new state trooper barracks, estimated at \$10 million each, expected to be bid sometime this year. In the meantime, the Turnpike Authority is seeking a Project Management firm to oversee several, if not all, of the projects.

Laborers Merger

In Bulletin 26-12, we gave you information about the merger of the New Jersey Building and General Construction Laborer Local Unions. Effective March 12, 2012, the Local Unions consolidated to form two Building Laborer Local Unions in the state. Each Local has a business manager, several business agents and a dispatcher. Access the bulletin on the "Members Only" section of the BCANJ website for contact information and territorial jurisdiction.

AGC of NJ Agreement with Heavy/Highway Laborers

On March 2, AGC of New Jersey reached a three-year agreement with the Construction & General Laborers Local Nos. 172 & 472. If you would like more information about the new agreement, please contact BCANJ.

NJ Special School Election Results

As we announced in Bulletin #29-12, voters approved only one of five proposed construction projects in the schools referendum on March 13, 2012. Of the \$24.5 million requested, just \$1 million was approved (4%) for a project in Little Silver, Monmouth County. None of the proposed

projects were to receive state aid. The next date on which a school board may schedule a bond referendum question is Tuesday, April 17, 2012.

BCANJ Presidents' Scholarship Program

In Bulletin #23-12, we sent members information about the 2012 Presidents' Scholarship Program. Deadline for completed applications is May 1, 2012. The bulletin, with applications and supporting documentation, is accessible to Active Members at www.bcanj.com on the "Members Only" page, or by contacting BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

Assisting Student Chapters at NJIT and FDU

In Bulletin #24-12, we sent out a request for members to help our Student Chapters at NJIT and Fairleigh Dickinson University by volunteering as guest speakers and arranging jobsite and facility tours. We greatly appreciate any participation you can offer. You can access the bulletin on the BCANJ website.

BCANJ Members Rank In Top NJ Accounting Firms

Six BCANJ members ranked in the NJ BIZ 2012 List of Top 50 Accounting Firms, based on the number of New Jersey CPAs:

J.H. Cohn LLP (#5)
WithumSmith+Brown PC (#7)
Wiss & Co. LLP (#10)
Smolin, Lupin & Co. P.A. (#13)
WeiserMazars LLP (#17)
Citrin Cooperman & Co. (#35)

BIM 101 Class

In Bulletin 28-12, we told you of a BIM 101 class being offered this month by AGC of New York State. We will continue to bring you news of other Building Information Modeling classes in the area.

Members Appointed to AGC/A Positions

At the March 2012 AGC of America Convention, James F. Parry of John D. Lawrence, Inc., of Westville, and Mark Hall of Hall Construction Co., Inc., of Howell, were elected Directors of AGC of America, representing New Jersey. They were also appointed to the Contract Union Contractors Committee for 2012; Mr. Hall was appointed to the Legislative Action Committee as well. The following BCANJ members were also appointed to serve on AGC/A committees:

Richard Branca
Bergen Engineering Company,
East Rutherford
Union Contractors

Robert Epifano
Epic Management, Inc., Piscataway
Basic Trades

Robert Polisano
Network Construction Co., Inc.,
Pleasantville
Union Contractors

Kevin Turner
Hunt Construction Group, Jamesburg
Safety and Health

49th Annual NJ Concrete Awards Dinner

The New Jersey Concrete and Aggregate Association invites you to the 49th Annual

NJ Concrete Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 10, 2012, at The Heldrich, 10 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner at 7 and Viennese Hour at 8:30 pm. For more information, contact the NJ Chapter ACI via phone, 732.940.1803, or e-mail, [djnjaci@aol.com](mailto:djnjac@aol.com).

Government Affairs Report...

FY2013 State Budget Debate Begins

The New Jersey Legislature began debating Gov. Christie's proposed budget in late March. Throughout the next several weeks, BCANJ will monitor budget-related department hearings of interest to our industry, and advocate for business and job-creating initiatives.

215th Legislative Directory

BCANJ now has a quantity of pocket-size legislative directories for New Jersey's 215th Legislature. Members can use the directory to become familiar with and contact individual legislators if needed. If you would like a copy, please contact the Association office.

Safety News...

OSHA Revises Hazard Communication Standard

On March 20, 2012, OSHA announced it had revised its Hazard Communication Standard to align it with the United Nations' global chemical labeling system. The goal is to reduce confusion about chemical hazards in the workplace, save lives and streamline the labeling protocol for businesses. For complete details, visit www.osha.gov.

Workers Memorial Day

Workers Memorial Day is observed on April 28, 2012, to honor and remember those workers who lost their lives or were injured on the job. In 2010, the latest year for which the Bureau of Labor Statistics has confirmed data, 4,547 workers were killed and nearly 3.1 million workers were injured.

BCANJ Hosts May OSHA 30-Hour Class

Mark your calendar for the next OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Course, scheduled for May 21-24, 2012, at the Association office in Edison. Details will be distributed via bulletin in the near future.

Labor News...

For information on key national labor issues, please refer to the enclosed report.

BCA of SJ Seminar

BCA of South Jersey will host a seminar on Friday, April 27, 2012, at Caesars Atlantic City, from 8 to 11:45 a.m., offering two sessions, "Getting Paid and Protecting Your Legal Rights in Today's Economy," presented by Jacoby Donner PC, and "Orchestrating Your Company's Forces to Deal With Delays and Changes on a Construction Project," presented by Steven Berkowitz, Esq., BSME. Fee for BCANJ members is \$25. Interested parties may call BCASJ at 856.235.6950.

LEED Grant

As a reminder, BCANJ received a grant from the State Employment Training Commission to provide reimbursement to members for taking LEED certification exams between January 1 and December 31, 2012. Please refer to Bulletin #13-12 for details or contact the Association Office.

Resumes on File:

Student Summer Work Program Grads

With Bulletin #27-12, we sent resumes of Student Summer Work Program graduates who now seek full-time positions in the construction industry. We recognize the economic climate makes it difficult to find employment in construction, and hope that should you have an opportunity to hire someone with the qualifications found in the resumes, you will consider contacting these graduates first. For the resumes, access the bulletin at www.bcanj.com or contact BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

Navy Vet/Construction Supervisor

Military Construction Supervisor with US Navy seeks similar job in private sector. Experience includes decade in military construction supervising and training work crews, cost-estimating, preparing project layout from specs, purchasing materials, working with subcontractors and more. For a copy of this resume, please call BCANJ.

Associate Members

As we affirmed in Bulletin #25-12, BCANJ distributes Associate Member information to the membership as a promotional service. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to have your company information mailed along with our monthly Update. For more details, Associate Members can access the bulletin on the "Members Only" section of the website or call BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

In this Update, we are pleased to include information from the following members:

**Safegate Safety
Solutions**
Union, NJ

**Withum Smith &
Brown PC**
Somerville, NJ