

**Building
Contractors
Association
of New Jersey**

MONTHLY UPDATE

November 2011

Labor Binder Update

So as to ensure your labor binder contains the most updated information, please make certain you received and replaced the following:

B-#106-11 Dockbuilders, Local No. 1556
Wages & Fringe Benefits
Effective 11/1/11

B-#112-11 Ironworkers, Northern NJ District
Council: Settlement
Contract Effective 7/1/11 -
6/30/12

Other Labor Updates

In Bulletin #110-11, we reported Vince Giblin, President of the International Union of Operating Engineers, announced his retirement, effective immediately. And in Bulletin #115-11, we told you of the resignation of James Kearney, Business Manager of Ironworkers, Local No. 45 (Hudson County). Local 45 is now under supervision by the International Union. Stephen Sweeney, General Organizer for the International, is responsible for day-to-day operations of the Local Union and has also assumed the position of President of the Northern New Jersey District Council. Both bulletins can be accessed on the "Members Only" section of the BCANJ website, www.bcanj.com.

Upcoming Holiday Pay

As you prepare payroll for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, which both fall on Sunday, please refer to the Contract Summary "Holiday Pay" section of your Labor Binder or in the "Members Only" section of the BCANJ website. The General Building Trades recognize the following Monday for the holiday. Please call the Association office if you have questions.

Robert Polisano
President

James Prisco Jr.
Vice President

Eric Jensen
Secretary

Robert Gamba
Treasurer

Jack Kocsis Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

Darlene Regina
Executive Director

**Final Reminder:
Annual Meeting**

The final membership meeting of the year, held jointly by BCANJ and AGC of NJ, will be on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at the Robert Meyner Reception Center at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel. Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno is our invited guest speaker for the evening and will share her insight and understanding of the state's economic and infrastructure needs. For reservations, please refer to Bulletin #101-11 on the "Members Only" section of our website or contact the Association office at 732.225.2265.

2012 Slate of Officers

Also at the Annual Membership Meeting, BCANJ general contractor members in good standing will vote on the 2012 Slate of Officers & Trustees. We distributed a list of nominees via Bulletin #114-11. You can access the bulletin via the "Members Only" section of our website.

BCAAC Meeting

Members are invited to join BCA of Atlantic County for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner at the annual meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2011, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Linwood Country Club, Linwood. Guest speaker John F. Palmieri, Director of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, will discuss the role of CRDA as it undertakes the rebranding of Atlantic City and the establishment of the Atlantic City Tourism District. For a reservation form, please call BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

FCINJ Meeting

Members are invited to join the Floor Covering Institute of New Jersey for a luncheon and meeting on Wednesday,

December 21, 2011, at 12 Noon at Venezia's Restaurant in Woodbridge. To register, please call BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

**Save the Date:
Concrete Awards Dinner**

The 49th Annual New Jersey Concrete Awards Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2012, at The Heldrich in New Brunswick, with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

**NJ Alliance for Action
2011 Construction
Forecast Seminar**

Following its 27th Annual Construction Forecast Seminar, the New Jersey Alliance for Action released two-year public and private construction estimates totaling \$26.6 billion, up \$4.1 billion (18%) from last year's forecast. Major public capital projects came from the transportation sector and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority. For a complete report of the findings presented at the seminar, access Bulletin #105-11 on the "Members Only" section of our website or visit www.allianceforaction.com.

**NJIT Employer Interest
Session**

As we told you in Bulletin #107-11, on November 17, 2011, New Jersey Institute of Technology's Office of Career Development Services hosted a session for BCANJ members to meet the faculty and learn how to recruit the school's highly competitive candidates in Architecture, Construction, Design and Engineering. If you were unable to attend and would like information on their programs, you can contact the Career Office at 973.596.5617.

AGC/A Offers Davis-Bacon Webinar

In Bulletin #111-11, we invited members to join us for an AGC of America two-part webinar December 7 & 8, 2011, to review the latest Davis-Bacon requirements. BCANJ has registered for the event. Therefore, it is free-of-charge for all members who wish to attend at the BCANJ office in Edison (pre-registration required). Members can also participate in their own offices by registering at the member rate of \$149. Access the bulletin on the BCANJ website.

NLRB Poster Requirement Delayed

We alerted members via e-mail and Hot Topic that the National Labor Relations Board pushed back the deadline for displaying its employee rights poster from November 14, 2011, to **January 31, 2012**. The poster and requirement details are available on the NLRB website, www.nlrb.gov, and in Bulletin #86-11 on the BCANJ website.

NJBIA's New Good Neighbor 2012 Awards

The Annual New Good Neighbor Awards competition, sponsored by the New Jersey Business & Industry Association, recognizes organizations that have worked to bring about an improved business climate in New Jersey by building or renovating a commercial facility. All nominations must be received by the NJBIA no later than January 20, 2012. *A nomination form, along with full details of the competition, has been enclosed with this mailing.*

AGC/A Annual Convention

The Associated General Contractors of America will host its 93rd Annual

Convention and Constructor Expo in Honolulu, March 13-16, 2012. The four-day event will feature Karl Rove, former Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to President George W. Bush, as keynote speaker. To register for the convention, visit www.agc.org.

2012 Dues Invoices

We recently issued dues invoices for 2012. In our letter, we encouraged you to review the one-page summary of membership services and use BCANJ to its fullest potential. We look forward to your support in the coming year and assure you BCANJ is prepared to effectively represent the interests of the construction industry.

Government Affairs Report...

NJ Election Results

In Bulletin #108-11, we reviewed the results of the New Jersey Legislative election on November 8, 2011. The majority of the races were won by incumbents of both political parties by wide margins. Overall the Democrats picked up one seat in the Assembly and maintained their seats in the Senate. For details, access the bulletin on the BCANJ website.

3% Withholding Law Repealed, Signed

In Bulletins #109-11 and #113-11, we kept you up-to-date on the status of the federal 3% withholding law, which would have gone into effect January 1, 2013, requiring federal, state and local governments to withhold 3% of payments to contractors. On November 16, 2011, after a vigorous, multi-year effort by AGC of America with the support of local chapters including BCANJ, Congress voted to repeal the law, and President

Obama signed the repeal bill into law on November 21, 2011.

National Labor News...

Construction Employment Continues Teeter-Totter Trend

In October, construction employment rose in half the states and fell in half, reflecting the rise in apartment and private nonresidential construction offset by the fall in public construction and single-family home building. New Jersey lost 700 construction jobs from September to October, but was up 3,100 jobs compared to October 2010.

October Construction Starts Rise

New construction starts in October rose 12%, mostly reflecting a few mega projects. The 36% rise in nonresidential building was fueled by a single \$3 billion manufacturing plant project in West Virginia that will convert regional coal into gasoline. Taking the plant out of the equation, the rise stands at 4% overall, with a 9% rise in nonresidential building. Office construction starts climbed a substantial 58%, punctuated by a \$285 million office building project in New York City, a new Facebook data center in Oregon and a military office building at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. Warehouse construction increased 34%, primarily due to an \$80 million distribution center in Georgia, and hotel construction's 4% rise comes from a \$125 million renovation of a convention center hotel in King of Prussia, PA. Retail construction slid downward 15%. Institutional building starts, up 98%, were affected by a pair of large projects as well, but the education sector dropped 3%, healthcare declined 8% and transportation terminal starts dropped 35%.

Safety News...

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

Associate Members

In Bulletin #116-11, we announced that, due to the tremendous success of the exclusive advertising opportunity for Associate Members on the BCANJ website, we will once again offer the program in 2012. Every month, an Associate Member can be featured on our scroll – exclusively. Company logo and link to the member's website will appear on every page containing BCANJ's scroll. The process is simple and the fee affordable. We encourage Associate Members to access the bulletin on the "Members Only" section of our website, www.bcanj.com, check out the scroll and reserve your space using the form attached to the bulletin.

In Memoriam

We are saddened to bring you news of the passing of Peter S. Galetto, age 91, on November 5, 2011. Pete Galetto served as a trustee on the BCANJ Board for many years. He was a founding principal in Stanker & Galetto when the company was established in 1948. Pete was actively involved not only in the construction industry but in his community, Parish and many other worthwhile causes over the years. He was pre-deceased by his wife of 67 years this past May. Pete will be sorely missed by many, especially his children, Sandy D'Onofrio, Peter Galetto, Jr., and Fr. Paul Galetto. Donations in his memory can be made to Daughters of Mercy in Newfield, NJ, St. Mary's School in Vineland, NJ, and St. Augustine Prep in Richland, NJ.