

**Building
Contractors
Association
of New Jersey**

MONTHLY UPDATE

October 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-#102-11 Northeast Regional Council of
Carpenters - REVISED
Wages & Fringe Benefits
Effective 11/1/11

B-#103-11 Northeast Regional Council of
Carpenters – FLOORING
Wages & Fringe Benefits
Effective 11/1/11

Laborer Apprentices

In Bulletin #98-11, we explained the rules for hiring New Jersey Statewide Building Laborer Apprentices under the Collective Bargaining Agreement. We encourage you to keep the bulletin in your Labor Binder for reference. Active Members can access the bulletin online in the “Members Only” section of the BCANJ website, www.bcanj.com.

Annual Meeting

BCANJ’s final membership meeting of the year, held jointly with AGC of New Jersey, is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at the Robert Meyner Reception Center at the PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and our program at 6:30 p.m., featuring invited guest speaker Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno. Registration information was sent to members via Bulletin #101-11.

Robert Polisano
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Vice President

Eric Jensen
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Robert Gamba
Treasurer

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Chief Executive Officer

Darlene Regina
Executive Director

Gala Dinner Honors Labor Partners

As many as 300 members and guests attended BCANJ's Annual Gala Dinner on October 27, 2011, at The Palace at Somerset Park. BCANJ took the opportunity to recognize the general construction trades for their cooperation in working toward change in these challenging economic times.

Coffee Talk with SDA

BCANJ hosted Marc Larkins, CEO of the Schools Development Authority, and Jason Ballard, Chief-of-Staff, for a Coffee Talk at the Association office on October 21, 2011. Larkins reported on two school projects in Elizabeth and Long Branch that will be under construction before year-end and eight more that should be ready for construction in 2012. He also reviewed legacy problems, including 135 projects that still have not been closed out. Larkins discussed his mandate to reform SDA, particularly in regard to developing design and procurement standards, and encouraged BCANJ members to contact him with their input. He expects to post design standards on the SDA website by the end of October.

Members Attend Port Authority Briefing

On October, 25, 2011, BCANJ members attended a program featuring Bill Baroni, Deputy Executive Director, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, along with the Port Authority's Chief Engineer, Peter Zipf. The Port Authority representatives outlined the projects in the capital construction budget for the next several years, totaling \$25.1 billion, and the construction schedule for some of them.

Notable projects include work on the Bayonne, George Washington and Goethals Bridges, as well as the Lincoln Tunnel, PATH trains and facilities, bus terminals, port terminals and wharves, the Pulaski Skyway and airport runways and terminals.

FASB Issues Final Rule on Multiemployer Plan Disclosure

As we told you in Bulletin #99-11, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, FASB, issued the final rule governing disclosure of information for multiemployer pension plans. We included a 33-page PDF of the final rule with the bulletin, which can be accessed on the "Members Only" section of our website.

Member Nominated Director of AGC/A

Jim Parry, President of John D. Lawrence, Inc., of Westville, was nominated as a Director of AGC of America, representing New Jersey. Election ballots will be sent to AGC/A members in late November, and newly elected directors will take office on March 17, 2012, at the close of AGC's 93rd Annual Convention in Honolulu. ***We encourage members to vote for Jim Parry and return your ballots to AGC/A in a timely manner.***

NJAFA Honors BCANJ Board Member

On October 12, 2011, the New Jersey Alliance for Action presented the Richard M. Hale Chairman's Award to Robert V. Gamba, CEO of Prismatic Development Corporation of Fairfield and Treasurer of BCANJ. Bob was honored at the Alliance's Eagle Awards dinner at the

Hyatt Regency New Brunswick. We send him our sincere congratulations!

BUILDING CONTRACTOR Magazine

Membership News

We will be happy to include your “in-house” news (personnel changes, contracts awarded, office expansion or relocation, etc.), in Volume III-11 of *BUILDING CONTRACTOR* magazine. If you have not yet submitted information, please e-mail it to us at jschiff@bcanj.com as soon as possible. For details, please see Bulletin #94-11 at www.bcanj.com.

Employment Opportunities

We will again feature an “Employment Opportunities” column in our publication, the New Jersey *BUILDING CONTRACTOR* magazine, Volume III-11, scheduled for distribution in December. If you have not yet submitted information on positions available at your company, please e-mail it to us at jschiff@bcanj.com as soon as possible. Please refer to Bulletin #95-11 online for details.

“Giving Back” Column

In Bulletin #96-11, we asked members to submit information for *BUILDING CONTRACTOR*’s “Giving Back” column, a regular feature in the publication. If you have a story from 2011 that recognizes the generosity of construction craftworkers and contractors as they reach out to their communities, we ask you to complete the form that accompanied the bulletin and fax (732.225.3105) or e-mail it (jschiff@bcanj.com) as soon as possible. You can find the bulletin on the “Members Only” section of our website, www.bcanj.com.

Award-Winning Projects

A prominent feature of Volume III-11 will highlight our members’ award-winning projects for 2011. If you have not already submitted information, please complete the form we sent with Bulletin #97-11 and send it along with a four-color photo or digital image of your project to the BCANJ office as soon as possible.

Safety News...

Safety Courses at Training Centers

In Bulletin #104-11, we distributed a schedule of the safety courses offered in November by the training centers affiliated with the general construction trades. Courses include the OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Course, First Aid/CPR, HazMat and other industry-related programs. If you would like to register your active union employees for an upcoming course at a training center, please contact that specific facility for availability or BCANJ for registration information.

Comment Extension Ends on Recordkeeping & Reporting Rule

The extended comment period for OSHA’s proposed rule revisions on recordkeeping and reporting work-related injuries and illnesses ended October 28, 2011. As we have told you, the current rule requires employers to report to OSHA within eight hours all work-related fatalities and inpatient hospitalizations of three or more employees. The proposed revision would require employers to report any work-related fatalities and *all* in-patient hospitalizations within eight hours, and work-related amputations within 24 hours. *We are continuing to track the proposed rule change.*

Labor News...***NLRB Poster Requirement Postponed***

As we announced via an e-mail blast on October 7, 2011, the National Labor Relations Board has postponed the deadline for displaying a new employee rights poster from November 14, 2011, to January 31, 2012. The poster can be downloaded now from the NLRB website at www.nlrb.gov. For details on the poster you can also refer to Bulletin #86-11 on the BCANJ website.

Construction Industry Forecast

Reed Construction Data and AGC of America once again partnered in an October Construction Industry Forecast webinar, pushing back projections for recovery in the construction industry for at least another year, and more probably not much before 2015. The presenters report that, according to contractor surveys, 1 in 6 projects are stalled by financing issues, the number one obstacle to new construction. And, as we know, the rising cost of building materials has drastically cut contractor margins. Overall, the Producer Price Index for construction materials climbed 8.1% in the past 12 months, while the price index for new construction during the same time rose only 2.2% for industrial buildings, 2.6% for offices, 2.8% for warehouse and 3% for schools.

The webinar presentation slides are available as a PDF by contacting the BCANJ office.

Resumes On File***Recent Civil Engineering Graduate***

Highly motivated graduate with degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Delaware (May 2011) seeks entry-level engineering-related position as next step toward obtaining PE certification. Hands-on experience includes summer

internship with New Jersey engineering firm. Special interests focus on water quality, geotechnical engineering and land development.

Accounting/Financial

Recent graduate of Ramapo College of New Jersey with Bachelor of Science in Accounting seeks challenging position with growth potential. Individual has interned as a financial assistant for a financial advising firm. Other experience includes quality control and as a licensed pharmacy technician.

To review either of these resumes, please call BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

Government Affairs Report...

For information on key legislative and governmental issues, please refer to the enclosed report.

Associate Member***Featured Website Advertiser***

When visiting the BCANJ website, www.bcanj.com, during the month of November, you will see our featured website advertiser: **United Rentals Inc.** Ridgefield Park, NJ. By clicking on their logo, which will appear on the scroll throughout the site, you will be directed to their web page. As always, we encourage you to support United Rentals and our Associate members.

November Holidays

The following are holidays for the general construction trades:

Veterans Day – Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 24

Please refer to the Contract Summary in your labor information binder for provisions regarding holidays.