BOMA Baltimore had an active first quarter of the year with our participation in the Winter Business Meeting & National Issues Conference. The highlight was our opportunity to advocate for our industry by meeting with our Maryland members of Congress to discuss issues critical to our industry. I’d like to thank Kevin Bauer, Margaret Evans and Jennifer Thornton for their time and effort in coordinating the meetings and representing our members.

Over the next few weeks, we will be working behind the scenes to enhance our website. The goal is to improve the content and make it more mobile friendly. Stay tuned for those developments.

BOMA Baltimore wants to continue to be a resource for you and your property owners, especially now during this health crisis. If you or your tenants have questions about how to work during this pandemic, check out the BOMA International Coronavirus page at https://www.boma.org/coronavirus. There are helpful FAQs that refer you to current guidelines and best practices to assist your efforts. We also have a page of useful information at https://bomabaltimore.org/COVID_19_Resources

It’s a challenging time to say the least. All our normal routines have been disrupted. In addition, many members and associates have essential jobs during this state of emergency. Through your involvement with BOMA Baltimore, you are a part of a larger property management community. So, continue to stay connected to your friends and let BOMA Baltimore know if we can be of service. Thank you and your teams for your dedication and perseverance in keeping your tenants safe and managing your properties.

Robert Shovan
President
BOMA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 2019

BOMA’s annual holiday party was held at Guy Fieri’s Restaurant at the Horseshoe Casino. BOMA members gather for a day of networking and door prizes. During the event, BOMA’s Community Service Committee hosts their annual Super Sports Raffle give-away which benefits BOMA LEAP. In addition, they continue their annual hats and mittens collection that benefit local schools in the Baltimore area.

January – Columbia Development Update hosted by Howard Hughes Corporation

Our January meeting featured Greg Fitchitt, President of Columbia for the Howard Hughes Corporation. Greg shared exciting new updates and development of mixed-use properties throughout Downtown Columbia.
MARCH - NAVIGATING THROUGH CORONAVIRUS

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a significant change in the way we are doing business. The BOMA Baltimore board is looking for ways for our community to stay connected during this time of isolation. We are doing our best to re-schedule some events to later in the year and hope that we can get back to some “normal” activities soon. At our next board meeting, we will discuss alternate ways that we can provide valuable programs to the membership while observing social distancing and complying with local travel restrictions.

Any suggestions are welcome!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee continues to reach out to a targeted list of prospective Active members. Creative promotions have been put in place to engage Associate Members to push membership. Due to ongoing effects of COVID-19 many events scheduled to attract membership have been postponed. Please stay tuned for future promotional roll outs in the Fall.

PAST PRESIDENT NEWS

Our deepest condolences to the family of Frank Dabkowski, who recently passed away in late March.

DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

After many years serving as President of Downtown Partnership Inc., Kirby Fowler will step down to be the new President of The Maryland Zoo. The Search Committee has received many qualified applicants and will be narrowing down three finalists to present to the Committee.

After twelve years of fundraising, The McKeldin Plaza has been renovated to honor one of our past governors, Theodore R. McKeldin. The newly designed common area is dedicated to his efforts in developing the Inner Harbor and to desegregate schools.

Evening shot of the newly renovated McKeldin Plaza reflects the light colors with an added misting fountain.

UPCOMING DATES

BOMA Baltimore Reverse Tradeshow has been rescheduled to Thursday, October 22nd. Details will follow on dates for other rescheduled events.

April 22nd, Property Management Considerations for Re-Occupancy-Webinar hosted by Marc Fischer. Registration is free for BOMA members. Please go to BOMA Baltimore website for more details.

Due to COVID-19 the TOBY Awards will be pushed back to 2021.

BOMA SPOTLIGHT

April: Brent Wise
May: Polly Houck

If you would like to be considered for BOMA Spotlight, please reach out to a committee member.

CORONAVIRUS RESOURCE: Governor Hogan’s latest executive order, dated 4/15/20. 

NEXT BOMA BALTIMORE ISSUE: JULY

BOMA Baltimore Communications Committee is always looking for feedback. If you have any comments, suggestions regarding information in the newsletter please email Liane Reese lreese@sjpi.com.