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This issue of the *Bulletin* features the 2022 WBC Rebuilding Together Workday project and recognizes the numerous individuals and member firms who helped make this annual charitable event a success. I would like to extend special recognition to the Community Services Committee, House Captain Juliane Medd (Consigli Construction), Co-Captain Jane Cherney (McCoy Associates), Safety Coordinator Rob Wenger (WCS Construction) and our dedicated team of over 40 volunteers.

Please also take a moment to enjoy the captivating photos from the May WBC Board of Governors meeting featuring Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. An impressive group of leaders attended this engaging special presentation. The Board of Governor's role is to serve as a sounding board for the WBC on industry and association issues. Thank you to Board of Directors Vice-Chairman Mike Holland (Boston Properties) for arranging the Governor's appearance.

The Community Services Committee hosted the April WBC Rebuilding Together workday in Alexandria, Virginia. The group successfully orchestrated the efforts of our supporting firms and dedicated individuals who contributed over 400 volunteer hours. Congratulations to everyone involved with this special project. A deserving Navy veteran and his ailing wife are now enjoying a much better quality of life. There are some excellent photos documenting the workday included in this edition. Thank you Dave Galen (Galen Photography) for your professional services.

The live WBC Craftsmanship Awards banquet is coming up fast on Friday, June 3, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. Throughout this celebratory evening, we will be proudly recognizing over 350 individual winning craftsmen, inducting two new Hall of Fame members and announcing the three Star Award winners. Thank you to the 2022 Craftsmanship Awards Committee, Chair Lynn Maia (ZBeta), Vice-Chair Erik Kaniecki (CBG Building Company) and Board Liaison Dave Singleton (Singleton Electric) for your outdoing work and commitment.

The WBC Hammerheads group is hosting the DC United Spring Networking at Audi Field on June 7. This event is open to all members and limited to 100 attendees, so please register soon if you plan to attend. Thank you to the Hammerheads Committee, Chair Stacy Lee (Forrester Construction), Vice Chair Troy Cornell (Aronson) and Board Liaison Karen Cotton (HITT Contracting) for doing a terrific job this year. Please also mark your calendars now for the always popular Summer Networking at Cactus Cantina on August 24 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The June 13 WBC Golf Outing at Lansdowne and Belmont is sold out again this year! I would like to provide special acknowledgment to Tournament Sponsor Siemens Industry for their annual commitment, along with all the other record number of sponsors. 432 players will be joining us for a pleasant day of golf and networking, followed by the afternoon awards reception at The Golf Club at Lansdowne. Thank you to the Golf Outing Committee members and Co-Chairs Kelly McGuire (Canyon Contracting) and Bill Voigt (Siemens Industry) for overseeing this major event.

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

Best regards,

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GHT Limited Announces the Promotion of Ten Staff Members

GHT Limited (GHT), a leading DC metro area mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) engineering consulting firm, recently promoted ten staff members. The firm proudly announces the promotion of a new Director, three new Senior Associates, and six new Associates.



Susan Dawson

The firm is pleased to announce the promotion of [Susan Dawson, LEED AP BD+C](#) to Director of Marketing. Since joining the firm in 2016, Susan has utilized her strong work ethic, creativity, and passion for innovation to cement GHT's position as one of the largest, locally owned engineering firms in the region.

Susan is responsible for setting marketing policies and strategies that drive the firm's success and works directly with the Board of Directors to organize, plan, and manage GHT's sales efforts in new and existing markets. "Susan is a tremendous asset to our firm and her work – particularly in the areas of branding, market positioning, and thought leadership – plays an integral role in GHT achieving its strategic goals," says President Patrick Kunze.

The firm announced the promotion of three Senior Associates and six new Associates. "It is my privilege to announce the promotion of these hard-working individuals who continuously deliver excellence through their creativity, innovation, and client service," says [President Patrick Kunze](#). "Their commitment to the firm is inspiring, and each of these individuals plays an integral role in the success of the firm."

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Steven Weber Joins Peckar & Abramson as a Partner



Steven Weber

National construction law firm **Peckar & Abramson, P.C. (P&A)** is pleased to announce that attorney **Steven Weber** has joined the firm's Washington, DC

office as a Partner. A member of the firm's Construction & Infrastructure and Government Contracts practice groups, Steve has 25+ years of experience representing domestic and international contractors in a wide range of construction litigation and government contracts matters.

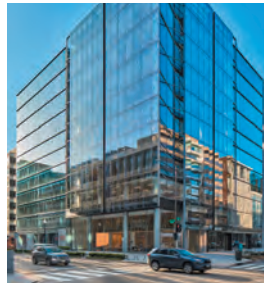
Steve represents US-based and international construction contractors on major infrastructure projects, including airports, power projects, and projects involving underground tunnelling, among others. His experience includes representing contractors performing projects



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for the United States government in locations in and outside the US. He also advises commercial contractors and developers on private construction projects, including office buildings, condominiums and mixed-use facilities. Steve has extensive alternative dispute resolution experience as well as trial experience before numerous state and federal courts, arbitration tribunals and boards of contract appeals.

Steve is admitted in the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia. He has been recognized by Best Lawyers and previously honored in Chambers USA and named to SuperLawyers' Washington, DC list. Steve earned a B.A. in Political Science, and a J.D. *with honors*, both from George Washington University.

About Peckar & Abramson

[Peckar & Abramson](#), P.C. is a national law firm with offices in New York City, New Jersey, Washington D.C., Boston, Miami, Chicago, Oakland, Los Angeles, Austin, Houston and Dallas, and has affiliations with global firms in Latin America (through its founding membership in CONSTRULEGAL) and across Europe (through its founding membership in Leading Construction Lawyers International Alliance). In addition to its core construction practice, the firm has affiliated practice groups who counsel contractors on labor and employment matters, corporate and regulatory compliance issues including D/M/WBE compliance and general corporate and real estate matters.

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WBC Community Services Committee volunteers at the Capital Area Food Bank in April. From left to right: Brian Muehleib, Brittney Sullivan, Andrew Tomlinson, Assumpta Gasana, Jamie Yaniga

Animated Insights™ Inc. Names Sam Wilson as Director of Business Development – Washington, DC.

Animated Insights™ Inc., the leading provider of integrated smart building software solutions, has named **Sam Wilson** as Director of Business Development – Washington, DC.



Sam Wilson

“Sam is a native Washingtonian and knows the DC market very well,” said Josh Adams, Chief Strategy Officer of Animated Insights™ Inc. “His ability to achieve results is an asset as we grow and expand our customer reach. Since day one he has hit the ground running, opening new paths for us to deliver our solutions to clients and partners in the DC region and beyond. We are thrilled to have him as part of the Animated Insights team.”

In this role, Sam will be responsible for increasing brand awareness,

expanding customer engagement as well as leading all go-to-market activities in the D.C. market. He will work with customers, providing strategies through the AI: Twin digital twin platform to help solve efficiency and sustainability issues. AI: Twin is a master systems and solutions integration platform that ties together all aspects and variables of the built environment. Sam specializes in leveraging utility incentive programs to reduce out-of-pocket costs for clients. To date, he has enrolled approx. two dozen buildings in programs that resulted in over \$2M in cash incentive payments for the DC metro area clients.

About Animated Insights™ Inc.

[Animated Insights™](#) provides turnkey solutions for IoT, Energy, and automation projects including consulting and engineering design. We have industry-leading vendor relationships for sourcing all solution components, and certified engineers for the installation, start-up, and project commissioning. **IF**



BC Board of Governors Special Presentation

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan addressed the WBC Board of Governors on May 17, 2022, at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

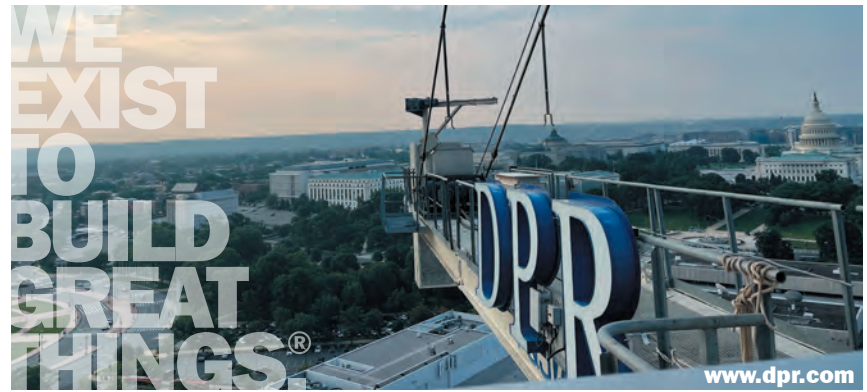
Governor Hogan was sworn in as the 62nd governor of the State of Maryland on January 21, 2015.

In 2018, he was re-elected to a second four-year term, receiving the most votes of any Maryland gubernatorial candidate and becoming only the second Republican governor to be re-elected in the 242-year history of the state.

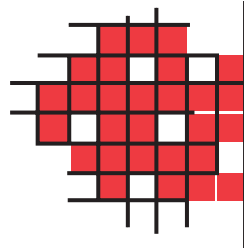
In his first inaugural address, Governor Hogan reminded citizens of Maryland's history as a state of middle temperament and pledged to advance the best ideas, regardless of which side of the political aisle they come from. He is recognized nationally as a strong, independent leader who consistently delivers real results and achieves common sense, bipartisan solutions.¹

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BC Community Service Project

2022 Rebuilding Together Workday

Washington Building Congress members and colleagues proudly participated in the annual Rebuilding Together National Workday on Saturday, April 30. Thank you to all of the outstanding committee members, volunteers and supporters of this significant annual WBC community service initiative. As always, we went well beyond the original scope of work again this year. Special thanks go to donating member firms Boston Properties, Consigli Construction, Dynalectric Company, Galen Photography, Rupert Landscape and Shapiro & Duncan.





The 2022 project was organized by House Captain Juliane Medd (Consigli), Co-Captain Jane Chorney (McCoy Associates) and Safety Coordinator Rob Wenger (WCS Construction). The workday was overseen by the Community Services Committee and Chair Vanessa Carrion (Stream Realty), Vice Chair Andrew Tomlinson (G&M Services) and Board Liaison David Stocks (Stocks Management Group).

House Captain Juliane Medd orchestrated a dedicated team of over 40 volunteers for the workday. Due to the typical level of skilled work involved with our assigned project, many tasks were handled by industry professionals provided by member firms. Work on the house included extensive yard cleanup, mulching, stair handrails, wheelchair ramp, electric upgrades, grab bar installation, HVAC/plumbing improvements, interior housework and more.

Rebuilding Together is a leading national nonprofit in safe and healthy housing with more than 40 years of service. Together with corporate and community partners, the organization transforms the lives of low-income homeowners by improving the safety and health of their homes and revitalizing communities. Rebuilding Together local affiliates and nearly 100,000 volunteers complete around 10,000 rebuild projects nationwide each year.

Over the years, Rebuilding Together programs have rehabilitated over 135,000 homes and nonprofit facilities by utilizing over three million volunteers. Rebuilding Together provides home repairs free of charge and gives priority to those low-income households with older adults, persons with disabilities, and families with children. Rebuilding Together has over 200 affiliates that work year-round to preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize communities across the country.



With the efforts of over 61,000 community volunteers, local Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church chapter has repaired over 3,500 homes and non-profit facilities since becoming affiliated with the national program in 1988. This neighbor-helping-neighbor approach unites more than 2,000 skilled and unskilled volunteers with low-income homeowners and nonprofit organizations each year. Volunteers are able to make both major and minor repairs and renovations that result in life changing improvements for the homeowners and organizations served.

For more information on the Rebuilding Together program, please go to wbcnet.org and rebuildingtogether.org.

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WBC Regional Developer Panel

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How Washington area residents have chosen to shop, live, work and play has had a dramatic impact on how regional real estate developers pursue future projects. The presentation provided fascinating insight into how the industry is shaping the future of local real estate and how local developers are pivoting in response to changing demands. Panelist included Adam Cook - Peterson Companies, Jason Gerstein - LGA Capital, Pete Otteni - Boston Properties, Jim Policaro - Lerner Enterprises and Kristi Smith - JBG SMITH. The program was moderated by WBC Chairman of The Board Chuck Clair with R.W. Murray Co.

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Connected. Supported. Safe.

By Tavarus Sample
Senior Environment Health Safety Coordinator
Skanska

Construction Safety Week is an annual industry-wide education and awareness event, a united show of force for the industry to reaffirm its commitment to safety as the foundation for everything we do. This year's theme, which was recognized May 2-6, 2022, was *Connected. Supported. Safe.* Being connected creates a sense of unity and shared purpose on a team. This helps people feel supported as part of a group and creates an environment where team members feel safe relying on others.

Reflecting the risks facing construction workers today, safety week has grown to encompass more than the physical well-being of employees on the jobsite. In recent years it has also expanded to highlight the importance of mental well-being on workplace safety and to open a dialogue about this difficult and often-taboo subject. The last several years have been extremely stressful for nearly everyone in the industry, with everyday worries compounded by a global pandemic, climate change, racial tension, economic insecurity, and political unrest. Across our jobsites and in our families, this stress is taking a toll at a time when mental health resources are stretched thin from unprecedented demand. A report from [Mental Health America](#) released at the end of 2021 found that:

- Nearly 50 million Americans – almost 20 percent – are experiencing a mental illness.
- More than half of adults with a mental illness do not receive treatment, totaling more than 27 million adults in the U.S. who are going untreated.

In the context of this mental health crisis, the initiatives of construction safety week have tremendous potential to connect vulnerable people to resources that can save lives. Awareness, acceptance, and care for mental health is a key component to being safe on the jobsite.

Accidents are more likely to happen when people are distracted or disengaged. When you are not fully present mentally, it's impossible to be totally engaged physically. Feeling connected to your team is a strong antidote to feeling distant or detached.

I first witnessed the positive impact of creating a safe team environment while playing team sports growing up and in college. The encouragement from coaches and peer support from being part of a team provided me and my teammates with a strong base of security and social acceptance that gave us the confidence to meet challenges and weather difficult experiences.

Those close relationships are actually a big part of what drew me to my current career. My college head football coach recognized my aptitude for promoting safety and introduced me to the field of EHS, providing both information and encouragement as I explored courses and career opportunities in safety. His genuine interest in my success reached beyond the playing field and even beyond college. A summer internship at Skanska with incredible mentors sealed the deal and set me on what has been an extremely rewarding career path in EHS.

Along the way I've incorporated a number of strategies in my work to build the kind of team spirit and relationships of trust that have been so beneficial in my own life. They form a foundation for how I approach my daily work responsibilities:

Say Hello: I am the guy who speaks to every person on the jobsite. It is my job, and my pleasure, to develop a rapport with each member of our team that keeps the communication lines open.

Build Respect: Building a culture of respect and support lets people know they can rely on you. Speak to people the way you want to be spoken to.

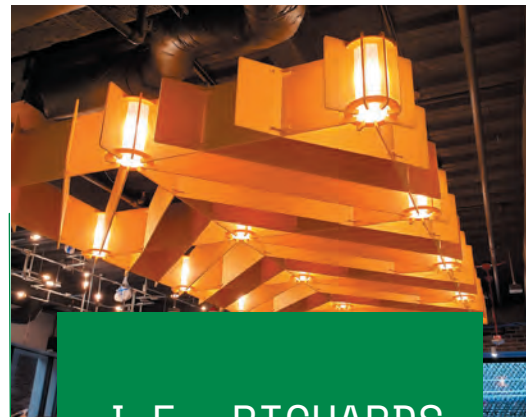
Celebrate Often, Offer Constructive Criticism: We forget how important it is to celebrate people's skills and talents every day. We all need kind words. If someone makes a mistake, choose your words carefully, don't yell, and offer constructive criticism.

Show Your Humanity: We all go through tough times, myself included. I cannot expect my team members to share their ups and downs if I am not also willing to be vulnerable in sharing about my own personal situation. I am comfortable having open conversations about mental health struggles and how they can impact workplace safety. This type of discussion empowers workers to speak up about their own challenges and be aware of colleagues who might be struggling so they can access resources for help.

While safety is under the spotlights during Safety Week, it is something I think about every day. In demanding jobs across the construction industry, a

strong sense of community and support can make the difference between life and death as much as well-maintained equipment and diligence in following workplace procedures do. One of Skanska's guiding principles is *Care for Life*, and this is part of my job every day as I interact with workers and build team morale. I bring my own personal experience to my job as an EHS professional at Skanska, and I hope that some of my humanity helps build trust with the people around me who are in my care. **F**

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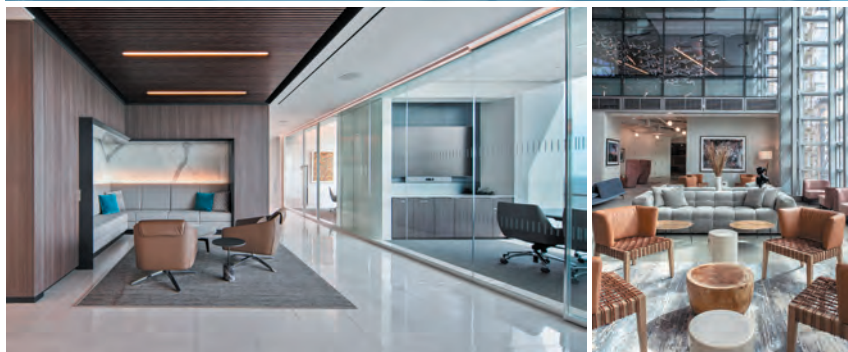
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CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARDS BANQUET

Omni Shoreham Hotel | Washington, DC

JUNE 7, 2022
6:00 pm to 9:45 pm
DC UNITED SPRING NETWORKING

Audi Field | Washington, DC

JUNE 13, 2022
7:45 am to 4:15 pm
GOLF OUTING

Belmont & Golf Club at Lansdowne
Leesburg, VA

JUNE 22, 2022
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING #5

WBC Office | Virtual

JUNE 24, 2022
1:15 pm to 3:00 pm
BUILDING INDUSTRY DE+I & LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE

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AUGUST 24, 2022
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February / March	Sustainability
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June / July	Rebuilding Together
August / September	Marketing & Communications
October / November	WBC Leadership & Committees

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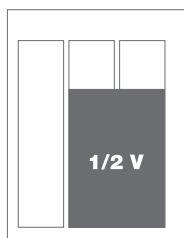
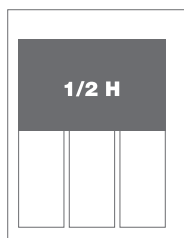
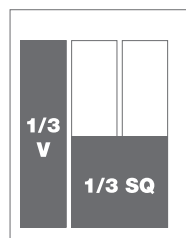
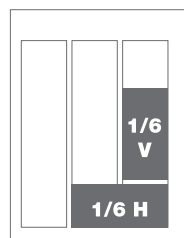
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