My Fellow CMAA South Atlantic Chapter (SAC) Colleagues, as I look at the calendar it hits me that we are already more than half of the way through this year. This means I have been President of this great organization for over 11 months now. I would like to say “Thank You” to all those who have been able to attend any one of the many CMAA SAC events that the current Board/Committee’s worked so hard to put together.

All of the Breakfast Events and the many Lunch & Learn Sessions were well attended and I hope everyone found them to be very informative. We were also able to hold the quarterly Owners’ Socials at a variety of locations ranging from a sophisticated, charming prohibition style venue to a fast paced Indoor Karting Facility. Both of which provided an opportunity for some great networking with current and hopefully future clients.

One of our last remaining events is our SOLD OUT Project Achievement Awards Gala scheduled for June 27, 2017. Once again we are changing things up a bit and holding this event at a new venue, Summerour Studios located near Atlantic Station in Midtown Atlanta. Our Special Guest at this event will be Mr. Bruce D’Agostino who has been the President of the National CMAA Organization for the past 18 years. Under his leadership the CMAA Memberships has grown from 700 to over 16,000 members. Approximately 25% of the current members represent owners in market sectors that include government, education, power, transportation and utilities.

We look forward to Bruce’s visit, wishing him a fond farewell and thanking him for his many years of service.

I look forward to seeing the CMAA South Atlantic Chapter continuing its growth under the leadership of the incoming President, Stacey Chapman. Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like to become involved in this great organization.

Thank you,
Henry Gomez
Program Manager,
Cobb County School District
2016-2017 President
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Many thanks to each of our annual sponsors!
The CMAA-SAC Scholarship Foundation was recently established to create a 501(c)3 charitable organization to award a limited number of scholarships to qualified students to assist in providing the construction and design industry with trained employees through higher education.

With the South Atlantic Region and most parts of the country facing a construction workforce shortage, CMAA-SAC decided the best way to help alleviate the problem was to have a dedicated foundation focused on the success, not only of students in construction and architecture programs, but those striving for trade degrees through the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG). The goal is to promote and enhance the delivery of the built environment by providing opportunities for continuous learning and improvement in the design, construction and industry trades through professional development and practice.

The CMAA-SAC Scholarship Foundation is a self-supporting scholarship program and is a 501 (c) 3 designated organization so contributions are tax deductible as a charitable donation.

The CMAA-SAC Scholarship Foundation’s founding board members include: Stacey Chapman, Organizing Director (Pieper O’Brien Herr Architects); Maureen Gilbert, Vice Chair (Multivista); Sheree Srader, Treasurer (University of West Georgia); Trevor Pitt, Board Member (The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company); Megan Kocikowski, Board Member (Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission); and Laura Leigh Vann, Board Member (Technical College System of Georgia). Garrett Miller (Smith Currie) is the Attorney for the Foundation and the Registered Agent.

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On May 8, 2017, our CMAA South Atlantic Chapter hosted its annual Birdies Burgers Beers Golf Tournament at the beautiful Berkeley Hills Country Club in Duluth. A portion of the proceeds from this year’s tournament, which drew approximately 120 players and 20 sponsors from the A/E/C industry, were given as an endowment to the newly formed CMAA-SAC Scholarship Foundation.

Before the start of the tournament, Stephanie Davis, with Terracon Consultants, Inc. and chair of this year’s event, thanked event sponsors, volunteers and participants for their generous support of Birdies Burgers Beers, which is essential to the success of the CMAA-SAC Scholarship Foundation.

The weather was exceptionally friendly and thanks to Berkeley Hills’ golf director Shawn McKinnon and his team, the course conditions were excellent. After a full day of golf, hospitality and networking, participants enjoyed a buffet and cocktails while contest and tournament winners were announced and raffle prizes were awarded.

Prizes were given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place team as well as contest winners for the Men’s Longest Drive, Women’s Longest Drive, Putting Contest and three Closest-to-the-Pin holes. More than 30 raffle prizes were donated and distributed, thanks again to the generous support of our sponsors.

Please be sure to join CMAA-SAC for the 2018 Birdies Burgers Beers Golf Tournament. Watch for details and sponsorship opportunities at www.cmaasac.org.

Special thanks and recognition go to the following sponsor firms:

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Heery International recently hosted the CMAA Professional Construction Management (PCM) course in the 5th Floor Conference Center at the 999 Peachtree Street Building. There were nine (9) candidates who attended the course. The PCM course is a three-day comprehensive session, based on CMAA’s body of knowledge, that focuses on the core competencies of Construction Management. The course benefits young professionals looking to build foundational CM skills, as well as seasoned veterans seeking a refresher, continuing education, or effective preparation for the CCM exam.

The three-day course included the following modules covering the core competencies of the Certified Construction Manager exam:

- Professional Practice
- Program Management
- Safety
- Project Management
- Contract Administration
- BIM
- Time Management
- Quality Management
- Sustainability
- Cost Management
- Value Engineering
- Risk Management

**Instructors:**

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CMAA-SAC EXHIBITS AT 2017 CEFGA CAREEREXPO & SKILLSUSA EVENT

Henry Gomez, CMAA-SAC President and Don Green, CMAA-SAC Treasurer attended and hosted the CMAA-SAC booth at the 2017 CEFGA CareerExpo and Skills USA Event in March.

The CareerExpo consists of hands on displays allowing students to engage with industry leaders, equipment and materials in order to tap into their unique skills and interests. The event also features the SkillsUSA State Championships, a competition that invites students to showcase their skills in a number of construction-related disciplines.

This year’s event drew over 7,500 attendees - a new record!