



## Letter from the President

To all Southern Region Members & Friends,



The snowballs were flying in Washington DC in February for those of us who attended the combined Winter Business Meeting and National Issues Conference. What an exciting meeting WBM/NIC always is and a wonderful opportunity to meet your representatives to make your voice heard. Thanks to all who attended. Please encourage others in your local to join us next year to make a difference!

Next, put your 'kerchiefs on and get out your air guitars. We are headed to NASHVILLE in APRIL! Our Nashville local has organized an exciting time and informative Southern Regional meeting that you should not miss. It is hard to believe that it is only one month away. We will be swearing in a new President at the Southern Conference so this is my last President's letter. It is exciting to see new faces stepping into leadership roles at the Regional level.

The Southern Region has come a long way in the past few years. Our 2009/2010 goal was to build depth to our leadership and expand definition to our purpose. This was accomplished by

- \*Building a Co-Chair structure to lead each committee and ensure each is comprised of multiple members, preferably from various locals.
- \*We personally reached out to members in every local and encouraged them to participate on the board or a committee.
- \*A defined focus for each committee and task force was determined.
- \*A calendar was developed as a guideline for our current and future leadership to follow which should help our voluntary and revolving leadership flow more smoothly.
- \*Careful review of the By-Laws resulted in various revisions that will be voted on in April which should make us more relevant on the Regional and International levels.
- \*Small or struggling Southern locals were identified so members from neighboring locals could reach out to assist in building their membership and establishing depth of leadership.
- \*A survey was conducted of our members last year which the board is using to compare to our baseline for BOMA Southern Region strategic planning.
- \*Examples of BOMA membership value has been provided to our members to assist them in justification of dues and meeting expense.

It has been a great year and it has truly been an honor to represent the GREATEST region in BOMA – the SOUTHERN REGION! So, in closing let me say.....Here's to your feet.....May they always be square! SQUARE FEET!

See you in Nashville!

Becky Hanner, 2009-2010 Southern Region President

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### **It's Not a Blackout, It's a "Greenout" – Participate in Earth Hour 2010**

Demonstrate your commitment to sustainability by participating in this year's Earth Hour. This year, Earth Hour will take place from 8:30–9:30 p.m. local time on March 27, 2010. The aim of this initiative is to visibly demonstrate global concern about climate change and a commitment to find solutions to stem global warming. Don't miss this opportunity to communicate to your tenants what you are doing to positively impact the environment. <https://www.myearthhour.org/home>



*It's not too late to get registered for the BOMA Southern Conference, April 29—May 2. Go to [www.boma-nashville.com](http://www.boma-nashville.com)*



## Are you ready to take the BOMA 360 Challenge?



We are proud of the Southern Region members in Charlotte and Atlanta that are leading the way accepting the 360 challenge. Congratulations to the following that were recognized at the Winter Business Meeting:

### Bank of America Plaza

Charlotte, NC  
**Owner:** Behringer Harvard  
**Management Company:** Behringer Harvard Property Management

### Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center






Charlotte, NC  
**Owner:** City of Charlotte  
**Management Company:** Engineering & Property Management, Building Services Division

### The Hurt Building

Atlanta, GA  
**Owner:** Hurt Financial Associates, LLC  
**Management Company:** Harbor Group Management Co.

### 171 17th Street in Atlantic Station

Atlanta, GA  
**Owner:** Atlantic Office Acquisition Company, Inc.  
**Management Company:** Carter & Associates


  
 Go to <http://publish.boma.org/getinvolved/boma360> to read the two case studies "Above the Mark..." on Bank of America Plaza in Charlotte and "The Stamp of Excellence..." featuring 171 17th Street in Atlantic Station in Atlanta . 
  

  




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## Local Association Spotlight - Orlando's Sustainability & Community Impact

BOMA Orlando has made a great impact on their community with the 7 Pt. Challenge and with both the Mayor's signing BOMA International's 7 Point Challenge and the newly founded Central Florida Energy Efficiency Alliance (CFEEA) has been founded by a diverse group of stakeholders with a focus on sustainability. CFEEA provides a unified voice for professional and trade organizations, local government, academia, and utilities, who are committed to research, education and implementation of environmentally and socially responsible energy and building management practices that conserve energy and natural resources. This was possible due to the hard work of one special county employee. BOMA Orlando named Lori Cunniff from the Orange County Environmental Protection Department as BOMA Orlando's 2009 Public Official.

BOMA Orlando's successful Golf Tournament allowed them to donate \$5,000 to MD Anderson Cancer, Mind Body Spirit Center. BOMA Southern Region congratulations BOMA Orlando on their community

## In memory of Robert "Bob" Pace

BOMA/Raleigh-Durham acknowledges the death of one of its long-time members, Robert "Bob" Pace of Northwind Properties. Bob passed away quietly and unexpectedly in his sleep on Monday, March 8, 2010 at his home in Wake Forest, NC. He was 82 years young.

Bob attained Life Member status in BOMA several years, having served as Secretary-Treasurer of BOMA International and as President of the BOMA Southern Region. It was Bob who sparked the Raleigh - Durham's interest in BOMA when KLM (the Dutch airline pension fund) acquired North Hills Mall. When KLM asked, "Who is your local BOMA representative?" Bob automatically and gracefully raised his hand and assumed the role. "Never disappoint the owner" was Bob's mantra.

Bob Pace was a friend, colleague and mentor to so many people in commercial real estate, not only in the Raleigh-Durham market but throughout the South. He was a kind and gentle spirit, full of good ideas and progressive thinking. He developed relationships as easily as he developed property. He was a great conversationalist and loved life. Bob loved to dance as he & Donna were always among the first couples on the dance floor. He was Peter Pan, young at heart and seemingly never to grow old. He was loyal, genuine, pragmatic, fair-dealing, and sensitive to the environment. Bob

Pace was a gentleman in every sense of the word.

BOMA/Raleigh-Durham is grateful for Bob Pace's contribution to the organization. When BOMA/Raleigh - Durham was formed from BOMA/Carolinas - West Virginia in 2002 - 2003, Bob Pace was there to celebrate the birth of our Federation. It is his legacy that we honor him in naming our annual MVP awards to members as "Pacesetters." Truly, Bob Pace set the pace for others to follow.

BOMA/Raleigh - Durham extends its sincere and warmest condolences to the family of Bob Pace. Thank-you, Bob Pace. We shall miss you and never forget you.

*Written by Walter Holt*

