

BOMA Boston 2019 Highlights

Membership

BOMA Boston is the 3rd largest BOMA Affiliate in the country. BOMA Boston provides opportunities for members to commit as much time as they wish, from high level Board leadership, committee leadership, to lower lower-commitment committee membership, or simply attending events. There currently are over 734 active members, including 183 new members in 2019.

Leadership Development

In February, BOMA hosted a Leadership Development course geared towards mid-senior level members. The half day program was focused on best practices for effective management, communication skills and managing diverse teams.

In July, the BOMA Board hosted retreat with the BOMA Board and Committee Chairs. Henry Chamberlain, COO of BOMA International joined the session and provided an update on BOMA International. The attendees participated in an interactive discussion on BOMA's strategic goals.

Events

BOMA Boston organized several sold-out signature events, including the Golf Tournament with over 300 participants, the Fishing Tournament, Springfest in the atrium of 100 Federal Street, and Fallfest at the recently renovated 401 Park. The unique new venues were a huge hit with nearly 300 Affiliate sponsors and Industry guests! BOMA also hosted three casual networking nights for further networking and connection. The Special Events Committee did an excellent job planning the events and creating a fun, welcoming atmosphere.

Education

BOMA Boston hosted numerous excellent educational programs in 2019. The Programs and Education Committee devoted much time and careful consideration to selecting Roundtable topics and speakers. 2019 Roundtable topics included: Back in the Spotlight: Solar, Lighting, and Recycling Programs with panelists from SolarKal, Commonwealth Electrical Technologies, Inc., and Restream; MBTA Today and Tomorrow with Jeffrey Cook and William Wolfgang from MBTA; Preparedness Month Roundtable with Joe Donovan of Beacon Capital; and Smart Building Technology with panelists from NELSON, Lincoln Property Company, Cohesion, and Siemens.

The Engineering Committee hosted several unique programs, including a tour of Markley Data Center, one of the largest data centers in New England, and a conversation with Lt. Fitzpatrick of the Boston Fire Department on construction codes.

The BOMI designation program continues to provide quality education for RPA and FMA students through experienced instructors who not only teach the textbook, but also share anecdotes and advice from their long careers. BOMA continues a partnership with Alexandria Real Estate, hosting BOMI courses for their students at their property. BOMA also hosted Foundations of Real Estate, a LEED GA Class, and BOMI Instructor training.

Awards

The 2019 TOBY and Industry Awards, held on November 20th, brought in the highest revenue and attendance of any event to date. Over 650 members and guests attended to watch the presentation of 20 awards. Stephen Wessling, Wessling Architects, was honored with Industry Leader of the Year for his many years of contributions to commercial real estate.

Charitable Giving

BOMA Boston proudly announced an extension of our partnership with Bridge Over Troubled Waters, committing a total of 5 years. Bridge provides services for at-risk and homeless teens. BOMA held a gift card drive at the Holiday Hour, gathering dozens of cards for the teens. In July, 25 BOMA members visited the Bridge Over Troubled Waters facility for a Day of Service, where they cleaned kitchens, organized offices, washed windows, and made lunches. The highlight of the year was the BOMA Benefit in March, raising \$60,000 for Bridge Over Troubled Waters!

Emerging Professionals

The Emerging Professionals Committee is an active group and eager group, passionate about networking and growing their experience in the industry. They kicked off the year with a Ski Trip to Loon Mountain. In July, members cruised Boston Harbor on the second annual Summer Boat Cruise. In the fall, they hosted a Behind the Scenes Tour of Pier 4 in the Seaport and will end the year with a Holiday Happy Hour at White Bull Tavern.

