IFMA Richmond,

It seems like just yesterday I was throwing out the first pitch at the 2018 Squirrel-a-rama and being inducted as the 2018-2019 Chapter President, and now my term has come to the end. It’s been an incredible experience getting to serve this group of top-notch professionals over the past year. We’ve navigated through both challenging times and rewarding times as a board, and I feel confident passing on the presidency to Blake Bishop.

I would like to thank all the board members, both the veterans and the new folks, that have stepped up to the plate to help strengthen our chapter. A significant amount of work was accomplished this past year, and it certainly took a group effort to make the progress that we’ve made. It has been a pleasure working with each and every one of you!

I hope to see everyone at the 2019 Squirrel-a-rama event on Tuesday June 11 for some food, fun, and beverages!

Adam

MEETINGS

June 2019 Membership Meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: CORI/The Diamond
Program: Squirrel-a-rama
Cost: Certified Members $25
      Member $35  Non-Members $60
RSVP: By Thursday June 6, 2019

Next Board Meeting:
Date: July 2, 2019
Time: 4:30 pm
Place: Magellan Health, 11013 W Broad 5th Floor

Next Membership Meeting:
Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2019
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Having KBS (used to be Kenbridge Building Systems) involved in this meeting brought back some memories of when long time member Wayne Harrell was active in the Chapter and set us up with meetings featuring projects he, and KBS, had been involved with. Two such meetings, at the Colonial Shooting Academy in July of '12, and Country Club of Virginia in May of '10 come immediately to mind. In asking Adam Britt about Wayne’s current whereabouts, he replied that he is now retired and moved to Texas and he hasn’t been in touch with him recently.

Similarly, when I met Lou Wolf of SMBW, I surprised him by immediately remembering the days when it was Scribner, Messer, Brady & Wade with Shelli Brady having been our Newsletter Editor from 1996 – 1998 prior to Ranny Robertson taking over from her. I told Lou that she & I used to joke that we might be the only natives of South Dakota in Richmond at that time, to which he replied that he also is a native of that state, and Shelli is still here in the area, (but no longer with SMBW) as co-CEO of a firm called Narutka International, where I’ll have to touch base with her and see how she is doing.

I was also pleased to learn that SMBW had been involved in two of the current GRACRE award winning projects, both of which we had met at recently, Main Street Station and the 1717 Incubator.

After that, I informed Lou that Bill Mott, the trainer of race horses who is in Racing’s Hall of Fame, had just saddled the winner and third place horses in the Kentucky Derby, and is also from my home town of Mobridge (so named years ago when a bridge was built to carry US Rt.12 across the Missouri River, a big deal since previously the nearest bridges were 100 miles upstream at Fargo, N.D. and 100 miles downstream at Pierre, S.D., the state capitol.) The town’s other claims to fame are that the Lewis & Clark expedition came through there both on the way out and back, and Sacajawea is buried just outside the south side of town, with Sitting Bull buried just outside the north side of town, with a big Sioux Indian Reservation (and its casino) across the river on the west side. And that’s about all you need to know about my home town.

Having to park next door to the War Memorial at the VHDA for our meeting, also brought back some memories, as we had several Chapter meetings there, including our Holiday Party, during the early ’90’s when their Bob Shearer was our President & George Peterson also active in the Chapter.

The day of autonomous vehicles keeps getting closer as the U.S. Postal Service starts a pilot project with a contractor on 5/21 to move mail between Phoenix and Dallas. At the beginning, the driverless Peterbilt trucks will have both a backup driver plus a system engineer monitoring from the passenger seat on the thousand mile trips mostly on Interstate highways, but if all goes well the trucks will be going fully driverless shortly.
Welcome to our newest members!

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*New and renewing members listed since previous publication. Current as of the time of writing.

Also slowly moving forward are plans for a new baseball stadium on the ABC Warehouse site, as VCU Athletic Director Ed McLaughlin briefs state legislators on plans the school would propose for a stadium and tennis center (both indoor & outdoor) that they would build on the 20 acre site if they were given “right of first refusal” once the site becomes available once the existing warehouse is moved to the Pole Green area as early as 2021. No mention of the Squirrels as McLaughlin states “only that “VCU needs to have a place to play baseball”, but it is widely assumed that they would be VCU’s tenant once the stadium is built.
A nice day as a turnout of 55 found parking next door at the VHDA for our meeting on the 14th at the War Memorial. Some did remember to bring their hard hats as recommended, and were carrying them, since the $19.5 million project called the C. Kenneth Wright Pavilion expansion is still well under construction with a dedication scheduled for 9/11 of this year as part of Virginia's Patriot Day ceremonies. Downstairs, via the stairs or elevator, where Groovin' Gourmets had set up their usual nice display of hors d'oeuvres and liquid refreshments, for a convivial social period. Upon the conclusion of which, we all moved into the adjacent Reynolds Auditorium and took our seats as President Adam Larsen convened the meeting by calling on new members, first time attendees, and our three sponsoring firms to introduce, and tell us a little about themselves.

Turns out, all three of the meeting's sponsors were represented by either a new member or first time attendee, so new member Mary Harris of Permitzip led off and told us how her firm provided engineered permit ready drawings in two weeks, or they would be free of charge. Their office phone is an easy to remember 833-TWO WEEK and their website www.permitzip.com Next up came Stone's Office Equipment, represented by George Fitzgerald, who handle all the steps of Print Management from printing, copying, and scanning to distributing and can be reached at 288-9000 with www.stonesoffice.com as their website. Last up, after some discussion among their several attendees regarding who would speak for them was Natalie Colhoun of MOI, who many of us are familiar with as one our local full service office furniture dealerships which carries a long list of furniture manufacturers and has been ably represented in the Chapter for some time by Brian Workman.

Following these speakers, Kate Belleman, the Sales & Events Manager of the War Memorial Foundation, was introduced and filled us in on the history of the facility. Dedicated in 1956 to honor Virginia service members who had been killed in World War II & the Korean conflict, it was expanded in 1981 to include those who had died in the Viet Nam war, then again in 1996 to include those lost in Desert Storm/Desert Shield. Now the current project is including a Wall of Honor created to honor the more than 250 Virginians lost in the war against terrorism since 2000, and will lead to the Medal of Honor Gallery. To fulfill it's mission, the Memorial has had exhibits (2150 s.f. of exhibit space is being added), classrooms offering classes (a new 350 seat lecture hall which can be divided with a Skyfold partition into two large classrooms is included in this project), meeting rooms, two theaters hosting presentations on military history, and the outdoor amphitheater, all of which comprise the Paul & Phyllis Galanti Education Center. All of this has resulted in the Memorial's annual visitation increasing from 21,000 in 2008 to 73,000 in 18, which the current project is expected to dramatically increase even more. Kate is involved in a long list of events, many commemorating our well known military events ------ Memorial Day, D Day, Flag Day, Veteran's Day, and Pearl Harbor Day, and others like the upcoming 5K Run and Memorial Golf Classic which are fund raisers for the Foundation, as well as other events like Programs Chair Ashley Hawks' wedding which is fast approaching on 6/1.

After Kate finished, Adam Britt of KBS was introduced. The Project Manager for the GC on the current expansion which began in July of 2017, as his firm had also been on the project in 2010 when the amphitheater and an 18,000 s.f. expansion of the building were added, Adam stated that the current 26,000 s.f. building addition was being built to LEED Silver standards, including an expanded Shrine of Memory (which will overlook the Amphitheater), more classroom, exhibit, and office spaces, plus the much needed 61,000 s.f. parking deck containing 172 parking spaces that will increase the Memorial's...
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total parking capacity from 39 to 180, and will be entered from down on 2\textsuperscript{nd} St.

This is a State project, with the Dept. of General Services & the Dept. of Veteran Services as owners and SMBW as the architect. The exterior facade is granite & ground face CMU which will match the rest of the building, with a TPO membrane roof and an air barrier system. The structure is concrete, structural steel and metal framing. The parking deck is what required the extensive soil excavation (33,000 cubic yards), shoring, 4,000 cubic yards of cast in place concrete, 2,300 cubic yards of post tensioned slabs & beams, 480 tons of reinforcing steel, 82,000 lbs. of post tensioned cables, and 218 tons of structural steel. Each level of the building on the hill side site will connect with outdoor spaces and terraces, and is designed to connect seamlessly with the existing outdoor spaces.

As Adam Britt concluded his presentation, we broke the group in two for a tour, issuing hard hats to those who had not brought one, and headed outside and down the steps of the amphitheater to the level of 2\textsuperscript{nd} St. where SMBW’s Lou Wolf, who was walking with the group, gave us some of the details I have presented here. Along 2\textsuperscript{nd} St. to the entrance to the parking deck, turning into it and up the incline through the two and a half levels of the deck and into the new section of the building including what will be the offices. Then back into the existing section where we concluded the tour and turned in our helmets.

Thanks to Adam Britt & Carter Neal of KBS, and Lou Wolf of SMBW for guiding us on the tour; to MOI’s Natalie Colhoun & Space Saver’s Art Bykonen who provided me with much needed assistance on the sections of the tour where my badly deteriorated balance required me to have some; to Kate Belleman for sharing her insights on what goes on at the War Memorial; and to sponsors permitZIP, Stone’s Office Equipment, and MOI for their help with the expenses involved in holding the meeting; and to Ashley Hawks for putting the meeting together!
Richmond Chapter Monthly Meeting Squirrel-a-rama

Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Richmond Flying Squirrels vs Harrisburg Senators

CORT Furniture Rental
1207 N Arthur Ashe Blvd Unit A
Richmond, VA 23230

Please join us for a special IFMA Richmond Chapter meeting beginning at CORT Furniture Rental and ending with a Squirrels game as they take on the Harrisburg Senators. Ample parking is available at CORT or you may park at the Diamond and walk to CORT for our networking hour with food and beverages. We will have our annual induction of the 2019-2020 officers. Following the chapter meeting, we will walk or drive a short distance over to the Diamond where we will have access to the ServPro and CORT boxes.

- 5:00-6:15 pm: Networking at CORT. Induction of 2019-2020 Officers
- 6:15-6:30 pm: Make your way to the Diamond (Walk or drive ~1/2 of a mile)
- 6:35 pm: Game Starts
- BlaKe Bishop to throw out the first pitch.
- Bud Yve will be on the Flying Squirrels Radio Network to promote IFMA and our Richmond Chapter.

YOU MUST REGISTER by: Thursday, June 6, 2019 so that we can purchase tickets

Simply e-mail Barbe Shaffer at ifmarichya@gmail.com or register on our website at www.ifmarichmond.org and click on Sign-up Genius and pay by credit card or at the door

COST:
Members: $35
Members w/certification: $25
Member Spouse: $35
Children: $10
Non-Members: $60

Fee includes food, beverages, and admission to the game. Registrations are required. An additional $5 will be charged at registration if you have not registered prior to the event. Credit card payments are accepted at the door. No Shows will be billed.

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