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# MERIT AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED!



We're pleased to announce that the following 16 projects were selected by our 2009 Merit Award jury as finalists for CBC's Annual Merit Award competition!

The finalist projects are:

### NEW CONSTRUCTION CHICAGO

- DePAUL UNIVERSITY  
MONSIGNOR ANDREW J.  
MCGOWAN SCIENCE BUILDING
- ENGINE COMPANY 18, 70, 102, 121
- ONE MUSEUM PARK EAST
- TRUMP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

### NEW CONSTRUCTION SUBURBS

- ARLINGTON HEIGHTS VILLAGE HALL
- HOTEL ARISTA
- JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONGREGATION SYNAGOGUE
- RUSH COPLEY HEALTH CARE CENTER

### REHAB CONSTRUCTION

- BLACKSTONE HOTEL
- PALMER HOUSE HILTON HOTEL

- PEPSICO SUSTAINABILITY CENTER
- UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO D'ANGELO LAW LIBRARY

### UNDER \$10 MILLION

- BARTLETT SATELLITE FIRE STATION
- BROKAW EARLY LEARNING CENTER
- HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN SCHOOL
- MONTGOMERY VILLAGE HALL

Only four of these projects...one in each category...will go home with the Merit Award "cornerstone." CBC's 53rd annual gala will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at the Union League Club.

Sponsorship Opportunities are also available and may be downloaded at [www.chicagobuildingcongress.org](http://www.chicagobuildingcongress.org). Please contact the CBC office for availability.





# A Word From Our President..



By Dana P. Thorne, Thorne Associates, Inc.

This is my last column as your President, with a new captain taking the helm following our April 15th election at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual TableTop Tradeshow. The Nominating Committee is already meeting at this writing to propose a fresh slate of CBC Officers and Directors, to be proposed at that meeting. Then my successor will author what you read in this space in the Summer issue of *The Edifice*.

So many things have transpired since my last column. Mickey Levy, Bank of America Chief Economist, drew a capacity crowd exceeding 300 for the January 21<sup>st</sup> Economic Forecast, but this year didn't offer any reassuring words. We have a long road ahead of us, according to Dr. Levy. But one thing about Chicago...we have the backbone to pull through...after all, even a small fire couldn't keep us down!

In February we heard a fascinating talk by Leslie Ventsch, Director of Design with Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture on Sustainable Building Design. Leslie described the world's first net Zero-Energy skyscraper project, the Pearl River Tower. It is absolutely amazing how we now advance even beyond the LEED standards.

March 18<sup>th</sup> will bring a different kind of talk, as we welcome Erin Lavin Cabonargi, the Executive Director of Chicago's Public Building Commission. Erin is responsible for the planning, design, and construction of all schools, libraries, fire stations, police stations, park district facilities, and senior centers in the jurisdiction of the City of Chicago and Cook County. Be sure to attend this meeting as Erin updates CBC on current projects at PBC.

As previously mentioned, our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CBC TableTop Tradeshow is slated for April 15th. We are over half-way there with booths, and are in the process of amping up attendance. This event may be your best networking event of the season. Lunch, booth prizes, and door prizes are just an added bonus! We'll conduct the Annual Meeting and election during the Tradeshow to elect several new Board Members...so it's definitely an event you shouldn't miss.

The next major event coming up will be our May 20<sup>th</sup> Merit Awards Dinner, always our single biggest event of the year. Just now, CBC's team of judges are reviewing the 41 fine entries received this year, which will be honored and displayed in a festive setting beginning with a lively cocktail hour set against a background of terrific music. Over dinner, 16 finalists will be highlighted in groupings of the four categories of competition with awards revealed one at a time...Academy Award-style.

Our last event before the Summer break will be the June 24<sup>th</sup> CBC Golf Classic at Bloomingdale Golf Club. I'm told that 12 foursomes have already been reserved, so we're one-third of the way there. This event is selling out more quickly than last year, so don't delay if you wish to enjoy a day of fun in the sun with us. With an early reveille for breakfast at 7:00 AM and a shotgun tee-time set for 8:00 AM, we should have a wrap by 3:00 PM. As always, sponsorships and prize donations for the Golf Outing are still gratefully received.

That's it for now, except to add that it has been an honor and a distinct pleasure to serve as the President of CBC for almost two busy years now....

## BRING A CUSTOMER TO LUNCH AT A CBC MEETING!

From Fall to Summer, CBC gathers at the Union League Club for monthly Luncheon Meetings. For many years, the date has routinely been the third Wednesday of the month, a fine menu has been selected, and outstanding speakers have been recruited to speak on topics of interest to the Association. It's a great package for networking with customers and clients over lunch. Take advantage of this opportunity to show a guest your Hospitality! It's a great way to help us grow your organization, and a fine way to develop new contacts and prospects!



# TABLETOP TRADESHOW

## *DON'T MISS THE 3RD ANNUAL* **CBC TableTop Tradeshow!**

**APRIL 15, 2009**

**VENDOR BOOTH SETUP - 9:00 AM**

**6 FOOT BOOTHS - \$150.00 MEMBERS, \$300 NON-MEMBER COST**

**ATTENDEE PRICE : \$15.00 MEMBER, \$20.00 NON-MEMBER**

**OPENS FOR GUESTS - 11:30 AM**

**UNION LEAGUE CLUB, 65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago**

CONTINUOUS PRIZE DRAWINGS  LUNCH TO BE SERVED

CBC ELECTION TO BE CONDUCTED

JUST  
\$15.00  
PER PERSON  
TO ATTEND!

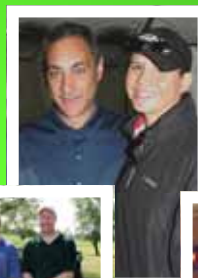


*Last year, over 250 industry professionals attended the 2nd Annual CBC TableTop Tradeshow. This year's show promises to be bigger and better. Make your reservation on-line today at [www.chicagobuildingcongress.org](http://www.chicagobuildingcongress.org)!*

*Proceeds Once Again Help Benefit Ace Tech!*

## **2009 CBC Golf Classic**

**Bloomingtondale Golf Club - Wednesday, June 24, 2009**



*Over one-third of the foursomes for the 2009 Golf Classic have been reserved! Don't get left out of the action...reserve your tee times now! We still have sponsorship opportunities available, and are accepting donations of prizes and giveaways for the Starter Kit and Luncheon Raffle! Proceeds will again be shared with the ACE Tech High School. On-line registration available at: [www.chicagobuildingcongress.org](http://www.chicagobuildingcongress.org)*



# BEYOND LEED



**CBC President Dana Thorne, and Board Member Bruce Watts presented Mr. Ventsch with a CBC City Skyline speaker's award.**

Leslie Ventsch (Director of Design, Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture) held the crowd spellbound with amazing predictions on the future of sustainable building design at the CBC February 18<sup>th</sup> General Membership Luncheon.

Mr. Ventsch described his adventures in Abu Dhabi and offered details on the world's first net Zero-Energy skyscraper, the Pearl River Tower in China, which harnesses wind turbines, solar power, humidity, and rainwater collectors to produce one of the most energy-efficient buildings in the world. Incredibly, the 71-story building's systems will actually generate more power than the operation of the building uses!



# PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS!

**Erin Lavin Cabonargi, Executive Director of the Public Building Commission (PBC) will appear as the Keynote Speaker at the March 18, 2009, General Membership Meeting Luncheon to update CBC on her department's projects and prospects.**

**The PBC was created in 1956 to insure quality construction and tax-payer value in the City's public building projects. Since inception, it has enhanced education, safety and recreation across the City by building and renovating hundreds of schools, libraries, parks, engine companies, police stations, and other public facilities. Initiatives like the "Neighborhood Alive 21" and Modern Schools Across Chicago have produced modern facilities that enhance every corner of the City.**



# ECONOMIC FORECAST

**Over 300 Industry Professionals from Chicago Building Congress (CBC) and the Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) gathered in the Union League Club's Main Lounge on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, to digest a grim Economic Forecast from Dr. Mickey Levy, Chief Economist for the Bank of America.**

**Dr. Levy analyzes national and international economic behavior and conducts research on monetary and fiscal policies in consultation with the government. He also sits on the Bank's Asset Liability Committee. While his forecast was not upbeat, it did indicate anticipated improvements hoped for through the developing stimulus package in Congress, charting the intended timeline for incentives to boost current economic conditions.**

**Past CBC President Jim McShane, and CFMA President Shawn Erickson, presented Dr. Levy with a donation to the Chicago United Way foundation.**

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