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Mid Atlantic Conference at Foxwoods a great success

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The 2008 Mid Atlantic Regional Conference was a great success. Held at Foxwoods Resort from April 23rd-25th, over 100 full delegates arrived for some great education sessions, a golf outing at The Lake of Isles golf course, an Ethics Course for RPA and FMA designations, networking socials, and of course, the presentation of the Regional TOBY winners.

Over 200 people attended this dinner, where 13 TOBY awards were presented to regional winners from Boston to Washington, D.C. Congratulations to all the winners.

I would also like to thank the speakers at this conference: Henry Chamberlain, BOMA International president who spoke on the 7-Point Challenge BOMA International has put forth to their members and the role BOMA International is engaged in to have those in the real estate industry regulate their own industry, rather than being mandated. Also speaking was Rick Matilla of Genzyme Corp who spoke on LEED and sustainability; Steve Slifka of Nurture by Steelcase who gave a presentation on the four generations trying to work together and Andrea Schultz and Howard Sargent of the Department of Homeland Security and Connecticut's Homeland Security representative, Doug Pesche.

Thank you to my committee for the many hours they put into planning this great event. I would also like to thank our many sponsors for their generosity. We threw one of the best MACs in recent history!!

And, I'm very proud to announce that I was elected vice chairperson of the Mid Atlantic region, joining Cathy Pullen of Pennsylvania as the Chair. I look forward to working with all of the BOMAs in the Mid Atlantic region.

Upcoming events for Greater Hartford BOMA:

June 19th is the Annual State of the Market program. The panelists will be Mark Duclos of Sentry Commercial who will discuss the industrial side of commercial real estate, Matt Halprin of New England Retail who will give us an overview of the retail sector, a representative from the office sector, and moderating will be John McCormick of CBRE.

Join your real estate colleagues in Denver on June 21st for the Summer Convention. If you haven't attended one of these conventions, you should plan on signing up. Go to: www.boma.org for additional information.

July 14th will bring 188 golfers to the Golf Club of Avon for the annual Gus Johnson Golf Outing. Registration flyers will be hitting your mailbox soon, so register your foursome, choose your sponsorship and mark your calendar for a great day on the course. Thanks to New England Mechanical for sponsoring this outing.

Greater Hartford BOMA encourages you to bring your young employees with you to the meetings to learn about being a property manager, asset manager, or other position in the real estate industry. They will benefit from the knowledge they will receive from both the speakers as well as from our members.

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