

Winter Business Meeting Highlights

This year's BOMA International Winter Business Meeting in scenic Indian Wells provided ample opportunities for learning, sharing information and networking. Your BOMA Pacific Southwest Leaders played key roles throughout the Conference. Below are a few highlights.

BOMA International Updates

BOMA International representatives gave key updates as the association transitions to new leadership with Mary Lue Peck at the helm. The 2025-2029 Strategic Plan was approved, including the vision statement and mission statement that will serve as a roadmap for the federation and its membership.

Other items:

- ▶ BOMA International's Vice President, Advocacy and Building Codes, Don Davis, shared the BOMA International 2025 tax policy, which will be an excellent resource for members as they shape plans for their companies and buildings.
- ▶ BOMA advocacy's department staffers, Sam Lopez (Director, Federal Affairs) and Griffin Oursler (Manager, Government Affairs and BOMA PAC) held a BOMA PAC fundraiser that raised more than \$12,000 to help guide our efforts on Capitol Hill.
- ▶ The newly launched robust website integrating BOMA and BOMI provides vital information, news and resources in an easy-to-navigate design. Visit www.boma.org
- ▶ Matt Montanez, Regional Engineering Manager, Northern California for UG2 and a BOMA San Francisco member, was named Vice Chair of BOMA's new Building Engineer Committee. He will be working closely with the Chair, Suresh Balgobind, on making an immediate impact to support engineers throughout the BOMA International network. "We are evaluating and making adjustments to the BOMI SMA and SMT courses to keep them up to date and shorten the duration," says Montanez. "One of our main goals is finding ways to get building engineers engaged in their local BOMAs and BOMA International. We will be putting together a building engineer competition for engineers to compete at BOMA International Conference in Boston."

BOMA PSW Business Meeting

At our regional meeting held during the Winter Business Meeting, officers updated attendees on various developments and issues. President Glenn Good congratulated PSW leaders that were nominated at the regional meeting in July: Manny Moreno as Chair of BOMA International and Marc Gille and Glenn Good to the Executive Committee.

Moreno and Gille gave a presentation at the meeting. Some updates:

- ▶ The BOMA International Legislative Fly-in is scheduled for March 10-11, 2025, in Washington, DC. This is our opportunity to bring commercial real estate's message to Congress in a unified fashion.
- ▶ Our flagship BOMA 360 certification had another standout year with over 550 total buildings, and BOMA BEST LLC had a solid first year of U.S. operations with \$63,000 from the program shared with our local associations. Congratulations to BOMA Inland Empire, which will be receiving the largest BOMA BEST revenue share check so far.
- ▶ BOMI updated all of the required courses to earn the RPA and most of the FMA. This year, we'll be updating the building engineer courses in the SMT. Short Courses launched the first week of February. BOMI has created the first five Short Courses for the Revenue Administration MicroCredential. These two- to three-hour Short Courses reflect the needs of our current generation of learners and provide immediate skills training to fill workforce development needs.

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► Applications are now being accepted for the J. Michael Coleman Scholarship for emerging professionals to attend the 2025 BOMA International Conference & Expo in Boston. The application deadline is March 28. Thank you to everyone that participated in the golf tournament here in Indian Wells, which raised nearly \$5,000 for the scholarship fund.

Reports from PSW Officers:

► Attendees voted to increase the funds for the Emerging Leader Scholarship from \$2750 to \$3000. And Member of the Year Chairperson Emily Mehta reported that a sponsor was secured to underwrite sponsorship of the award.

► TOBY Awards Chair Finland Alejo announced that there were 21 building entrants this year. In 2024 the PSW had the most TOBY winners who received their awards at the BOMA International Conference in Philadelphia.

In addition, BOMA locals that are part of the region gave updates:

► BOMA Oakland/East Bay's education workgroup is working on free quarterly webinars for engineers, embracing BOMA International's engineering focus.

► BOMA Nevada asked for ideas about resources to help with water conservation and landscaping.

► BOMA Greater Los Angeles appreciated the support for resources for the wildfires. No member buildings were damaged. Members are donating space to assist with first responders and setting up resources to distribute. Matthew Hargrove (BOMA California) put out a call to those with vacant space or vacant parking lots for setup. Recovery efforts will impact the future of CRE. Ensuring that legislatures are including CRE in incentives to rebuild, and not just residential, BOMA Cal is working on a letter with locals outlining things that need to happen for immediate recovery.

BOMA California

BOMA California held its first business meeting and networking session during the conference, with more than 50 attendees. Topics included an update on the impact of wildfires on Southern California.

Please reach out to Glenn Good, President of BOMA California and President of BOMA Pacific Southwest Region at ggood@glenngoodgroup.com with question or ideas.