

BOMA Southern Connecticut has gotten off to a great start in the first half of the year! We kicked off with a hugely successful State of the Market event and continued that trend with an informative, and often entertaining, Stamford Visionaries program featuring Stamford movers and shakers, including Mayor David Martin. In May, building owners and managers were informed of valuable measures to keep building occupants safe as local officials provided an update on emergency preparedness procedures. In June, Rockrimmon Country Club in Stamford hosted BOMA members and guests for the Annual Scholarship Golf Outing and our association distributed scholarships to two college-bound children of our membership.

I have just returned from the BOMA International conference held in Salt Lake City and was impressed with the energy and passion of the real estate professionals leading their local associations throughout the country. The conference was a great venue where ideas and best practices were communicated through formal presentations and networking and provided plenty of opportunities for social interaction.

In early spring we held a strategic planning session with BOMA International President and Chief Operating Officer Henry Chamberlain who facilitated in planning the future direction of BOMA Southern Connecticut. This session culminated in three main areas of focus: membership development and retention, communication, and member education. We will be spending the balance of the year prioritizing and executing these strategies. Our goal is to support and unlock the potential of professionals at every level of our industry and to bring more value to your BOMA membership.

I am pleased to announce the addition of Tom Izzo, of 400 Atlantic, to the Board. Tom will be serving in the capacity of Vice President for the remainder of 2019 and is the incoming President for 2020. Please join me in welcoming Tom to this leadership position.

Stay tuned for upcoming programs and social events, which will include the Summer Social on July 18th at Stamford Plazas (featuring live music by BOMA member Steve Werner and the C-Side Band!), an Awards/Casino Night in early October, and our end-of-year Holiday Social. Be sure to check out the BOMA Southern Connecticut website for the calendar of events at: <http://www.soctboma.org/>.

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I wish to thank our members, Annual and Event Sponsors, and committee and Board volunteers of BOMA Southern Connecticut for their continued support throughout the year. And many thanks to Jeannie St. Onge and Audrey Sutton for all that they do to make things run smoothly.

Sincerely,

Maureen J. Dobbins

President of BOMA Southern Connecticut