

THE COMMITTEE OF 100



April 26, 2018

Welcome New Board Members and Officers

The 2018 Annual Membership Meeting of The Committee of 100 took place on April 17th. Almost 150 members and guests attended the meeting and reception hosted by Incyte at their new headquarters. The event at their spectacular building featured delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by Incyte's in-house caterers, and bars sponsored by Whiting Turner. The attendees enjoyed a panoramic view of the Wilmington skyline and great conversations.

The following nominees to the Board of Directors were recommended by the Nominating Committee and duly elected for three year terms at the Annual Meeting.

- Joseph Nadel of Colonial Parking, Inc.
- Clark Stalker of Delmarva Power/Pepco Holdings, LLC
- Carolann Wicks of CDW Consulting

President Mike Scali thanked departing Directors Jed Hatfield and Joe Walker for their service to The Committee of 100.

Following the Annual Meeting, the new Board of Directors met to elect Officers for the 2018-2020 term:

- **President:** Ted Williams, Landmark Science & Engineering
- First Vice President: Pam Scott, Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, LLP
- Second Vice President: Greg Ellis, Patterson-Woods Commercial Properties
- Third Vice President: Nicki Taylor, Artesian Water Company
- Secretary: Deirdre Smith, Duffield Associates
- Treasurer: Jon Reese, Bryn Mawr Trust Company
- Immediate Past President: Mike Scali, Gellert Scali, Busenkell & Brown, LLC

In addition, former DelDOT Secretary Carolann Wicks was appointed as new Chair of the Transportation Committee replacing Ted Williams.

Legislative Update: Stormwater Bill and HSCA Legislation

Legislation supported by The Committee of 100 is expected to be introduced in the next few days that would lower the stormwater regulation requirements for redevelopment projects. Senator Hocker (R-Ocean View) is the lead sponsor. The Sediment and Stormwater Regulations adopted in 2014 required that redevelopment projects reduce the impervious surface area by 30%. The legislation will reduce that requirement to 15%, making such projects more attractive investments. The proposed bill will also simplify the process of updating guidance documents which accompany the regulations. If the documents do not contain regulatory elements, they will be subject to less stringent requirements under the Administrative Procedures Act and may be updated after a public review and comment period. Currently, any change to the 1,200-page Sediment & Erosion Control Handbook would have to go through the full regulatory adoption process, which can take 6-8 months.

The Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee has voted to recommend legislation drafted by The Committee of 100 for adoption by the General Assembly. The proposed bill would create a mechanism to stabilize the revenues for the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Act (HSCA) Fund by allowing the tax rate to be annually adjusted to account for changes in the price of oil. Low oil prices in the past four years have left HSCA and the Brownfields Program severely underfunded.

Grand Bargain

State Treasurer Ken Simpler (Republican) will join Finance Secretary Rick Geisenberger (Democrat) and several state legislators from both parties at a public **Town Hall on April 30th** to discuss the fiscal health of the state. At The Committee of 100's January dinner meeting, Treasurer Simpler talked about the possibility of a "Grand Bargain" that would combine long-term spending discipline with a re-structured revenue portfolio to create a more stable and sustainable budget outlook for the state. If you'd like to learn more, attend the meeting at McKean High School on April 30th at 7:00 p.m. More details here.

Executive Director Paul Morrill is representing The Committee of 100 on the Steering Committee developing the City of Wilmington's comprehensive plan, dubbed Wilmington 2028. Members of The Committee of 100's Board of Directors met with Mayor Purzycki last month to discuss his vision for the city. The Steering Committee is currently considering draft Vision and Goals to guide the plan. If you have comments you would like to have considered for the plan, please send them to Paul before May 10th at pmorrill@committeeof100.com.

The Committee of 100 "Power Lunch"

Jeff Bross of Duffield Associates and Rob Wittig of DSM Commercial Real Estate were winning bidders of the "Power Lunch" at our 2017 Annual Auction. Jeff, Rob and their guests from the development community enjoyed a private luncheon at the University & Whist Club on March 29th with Governor John Carney, County Executive Matt Meyer and Mayor Mike Purzycki. The intimate gathering was an ideal forum to discuss upcoming projects, and share ideas for streamlining approvals.

Special thanks to the University & Whist Club, Becker Morgan Group, Berger Harris, IFS Insurance and Whiting-Turner for sponsoring the Power Lunch at our 2017 Annual Auction.

Meditate for a Vet

Former President of The Committee of 100 Stephan Lehm and his wife Cynthia lost their son to suicide. Working with the Mental Health Association in Delaware, Steve and Cyndi would like you to know about a new event called "Meditate for a Vet" that will be held in Rockford Park on May 19th. Meditate for a Vet will share information on how meditation has helped our active duty members and veterans live with PTSD. The event will also raise money to fund essential mental health education programs and support groups, including suicide prevention in our State. Please consider attending and supporting this event.



May Dinner Meeting and 2018 Scholarship Presentation

The Roles of the Wilmington Land Bank & Non-Profit Builders in Redeveloping Wilmington



Rick J. Gessner Board Chairman Wilmington Neighborhood Conservancy Land Bank



Kevin L. SmithCEO
Habitat for Humanity
of New Castle County

Registration is open for our May Dinner Meeting and 2018 Scholarship Presentation. Rick Gessner and Kevin Smith will lead a talk on how the Wilmington Land Bank is working in partnership with non-profit and for-profit builders and investors to help plan the revitalization of some of Wilmington's most challenged neighborhoods with a strategy that includes, demolition, clean and green, community gardens, and sales to homeowners and builders.

The Education and Scholarship Committee is hard at work reviewing and scoring the 40 applications we received from graduating New Castle County high school seniors. Interviews with the finalists and selection of the 2018 Scholarship recipient will take place next week with presentation of the award at the May Dinner Meeting.

May 15, 2018
5:30 p.m. Cocktails & Networking
6:30 p.m. Dinner & Program
University & Whist Club, Wilmington

Become a June BBQ Table Sponsor



The Committee of 100 **Annual June BBQ** will be held at the University & Whist Club on Monday, June 18th. Put your company's name in front of Delaware's public and private sector leaders by becoming a Table Sponsor. An investment of only \$300 earns you a table sign, poster listing, and recognition in event e-mails and on The Committee of 100 website. Each table sponsorship also includes one event registration (\$50 value). Click the link below for convenient online registration and payment for both table sponsorships and tickets.