



2018-2019 BOMA Dallas President

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President's Address

As I take the first steps of serving as the 2018-2019 Dallas BOMA President, my thoughts reflect back on my personal history with Dallas BOMA.

Being a long-standing member of BOMA, there were temporary hiatuses when owners didn't want my time diverted from the current building I was assigned. Times when I was on several committees and times when I served on none. Periods when I actively pursued my RPA and periods when I was focused elsewhere. However, the one constant is, I always came back. I am drawn back. Not simply because of the networking opportunities we all enjoy, but because of all the unique opportunities Dallas BOMA offers to us all. To me, these opportunities have been about leadership in its many forms.

Instead of a catch phrase, my theme will be to highlight the many ways BOMA offers opportunities to broaden our leadership skills. Committee work, which leads to chairing of committees. And then there is the step-up to serving on the board and, finally, an officer position. Each of these roles grant us the opportunity to see how others choose to lead, and then offers us the opportunity to find our own style, as we in turn lead. We also can gain knowledge through our educational courses and seminars where we can achieve designations and acquire expertise that allows us to become leaders in our companies and the real estate industry. It also allows us to be leaders representing our industry and the opportunity to reach out to the next generations. A couple of examples that stand out for me are when Teresa Foster and I spoke to college students at Texas A&M, and our recently created task force to explore ways for us to work with DISD, led by Mr. Pugh. I believe Dallas BOMA builds leaders and that is why I am drawn back to it.

I would also like to pay tribute to a couple of gentlemen who helped me begin this path and at times, refreshed my passion to continue. First and foremost, my mentor in BOMA and property management, Mr. Joseph D. Dobbs. He was someone I could look up to and emulate. Not only did I learn a lot about true leadership from him, but I also realized to be a true leader, you have to set a great example. In addition, I have also learned by teaching and growing alongside my peer, Jeffrey Shane Baggett. Being a teacher and mentor brings a wonderful opportunity to learn and improve. If that opportunity ever presents itself to you, grab hold of it. There are others who have been amazing to me, but these two individuals stand out for me in terms of leadership skills.

The state of our association is strong! We have made major improvements within our organization and strengthened our financial resources in recent years. Not only have we completed another three-year strategic plan and will prepare another plan this year, we have also opened new frontiers with our first steps into the medical office and industrial sectors. Our advocacy efforts continue to improve and our representation at BOMA International and BOMI International continues to increase. Our sponsorship program has stood the test of time and enjoys high approval. I am excited about our future.

Lastly, I would like to thank each and every member for this wonderful opportunity I have been offered. I will strive to be the leader you deserve and will work hard to earn your respect every day.