



# EXECUTIVE UPDATE

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BRAD Members,

It is my pleasure to share with you my first executive update. I hope that these letters will help you feel more connected to what's happening at your association. August has been slow, but we're gearing up for a busy fall!

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM SUMMER 2023

In June, President Mike Riemann and I attended the bill signings for HBs 102 and 104. These two bills, part of the Ready-in-6 package, are the first steps to speeding up Delaware's permitting process and making our state more competitive in attracting new businesses and new jobs. BRAD was proud to support the legislation and to see them through to the finish line.

Recently, the Land Use Department in New Castle County proposed adopting the 2021 IRC with residential fire sprinklers included. BRAD opposes a sprinkler mandate because of the potentially devastating effects on housing attainability. We encourage all of our members to contact the NCC Council to ask them to keep sprinklers optional. We will keep you updated as the ordinance moves through the formal process.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Associates Council Mixer at Dogfish Head Brewery on August 17**
  - Mixer starts at 4:00, brewery tour at 5:00. The tour is \$5.
- **Webinar: Addressing Delaware's Opioid Epidemic and Its Impact on Construction on August 30**
  - Open to current members and future members!
- **Farm-to-Table Dinner with Chef Robbie Jester on September 7**
  - Register by August 30!
- **Fall Golf Tournament + Steak & Crab Feast on October 5**
  - Registration is now open!
- **Casino Night on November 11**
  - Stay tuned for more info!

We can't wait to see you soon!

*Katie Gillis*