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### Meet our New Hires!

Julia Beliz, Intern



Jinna Cooper, Landscape Designer



David Cowan, Jr., P.E., ENV SP, Senior Engineer



Bryan Cullop, Senior Construction Specialist



Amanda Foor, Administrative Assistant



Andrea Gamez, Administrative Assistant



Lucas Goldoni, Associate Engineer



Diego Jara Li, E.I., Associate Engineer



Nicole Mancini, Associate Engineer



Daniela Montoya, Intern



Nickolas Musick, Associate Engineer



Roger Rosenberg, Senior Inspector



Victor Thomas, Construction Specialist



Craig Wallander, E.I., Associate Engineer



Stephanie Williams, Marketing Coordinator



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2020 Year in Review

## President's Message

"You're on mute." I'm not sure that will be the phrase of the year, but it is definitely 2020's version of "Where's the beef?". When every year draws to a close, I personally like to think about what the next year will have in store. Normally, I'm looking at company budget's and personal goals, but this year, I'd like to take stock in things and gain perspective.



We started out the year looking to gain some positive energy, having created a new logo, shortening our name to give people outside the firm a reason to give us another look and realize that we had grown in many dynamic ways. We drafted (and printed) a Quarterly celebrating this milestone and scheduled an internal roll out with a company wide meeting ... on St. Patty's Day. Needless to say, the planned party, complete with a few green beers, was scrapped for a COVID briefing as our offices had closed the previous Friday. We also chose not to send out the Quarterly in deference to those that fell ill to the disease.

What a year 2020 was... between the pandemic, racial tensions, political conflicts, economic pressures – any one of these things could have been the story of the year, but combined, we just all mutter curses about the year 2020. While I know I couldn't wait for it to be over, maybe we won't look back on 2020 with such hatred in the future if we listen to the lessons it was trying to tell us.

The first thing to say is that I think we all need to take a breath (in a safe, socially distanced manner). I really mean it, everyone needs a break. Everyone needs to feel safe, even if just for a little while. It is so hard to remember to make that time for yourself that I want everyone reading this message to put it down, close your eyes and count to ten. See, it's that easy!

My next thoughts are given with all due respect to anyone that has lost (or come close to losing) someone because of the pandemic, has been discriminated against or hurt because of race and/or who has lost their job or suffered economically in any way. I've personally been mostly spared, though leading a large group and having a family give me all the worries I can handle. What "positive closing thoughts" could 2020 leave us?

We need to have better health, both physically and mentally. We can't put off taking care of ourselves until our New Years resolutions and we can't just say "everything is ok" when it really isn't. We need to build stronger relationships with people and not cellphones. For many people, working from home has become an option (and it likely will remain one). For those that it isn't an option, roads designed for hundreds of thousands of cars flow just a little bit better when there's 50% of those cars out there commuting. With that extra time, people can learn a new skill, a new language or just spend more time with loved ones.

We need to learn what it is like to see the world from many different perspectives to really know what kind of society that we live in. Each one of us only can see the world through our own set of eyes and make decisions from our own set of experiences. Only through learning about each other and understanding each other's perspectives that we'll really achieve the goals.

Lastly, we need to be able to disagree without arguing. We need to be able to exchange different ideas, giving just as much time to listening as we do to speaking.

Don't miss a minute to tell someone that they are important to you. I truly appreciate everyone at CMA and everyone that we interact with. We'll get through this together.

Peter Moore, P.E., FASCE, ENV SP, LEED AP, President

## Check out our Blog!

Reminder to check out Peter's blog at [www.chenmoore.com/blog](http://www.chenmoore.com/blog)

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## CMA's 2020 Year in Review

### January

- Peter Moore, P.E., FASCE, ENV SP, LEED AP presented a dedication at NASA of the Vehicle Assembly Building designating it as an ASCE National Historic Landmark to the NASA Director.
- Jose L. Acosta, P.E., FASCE served as co-chair and Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E. and Carlos Tijerino served as judges for the future city competition

### February

- Peter Moore, P.E., FASCE, ENV SP, LEED AP, Jose L. Acosta, P.E., FASCE, Brent Whitfield, P.E., ENV SP and Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E. attended FES Professional Engineering Legislative Days in Tallahassee
- Robert Best, P.E., Teresa Lewis, E.I., Carlos Tijerino, and Peter Moore, P.E., FASCE, ENV SP, LEED AP attended the ASCE Multi-Region Leadership Conference January 31 – February 1 in Philadelphia
- CMA was named as one of the 'Best Places to Work' at the South Florida Business Journal's Best Places to Work in South Florida awards program.

### March

- Nick Karpathy, E.I., ENV SP and Patrick Kaimrajh, P.E. attended the University of Miami College of Engineering Professional Connections Night
- Chen Moore and Associates rebrands as CMA because we are an amazing, dynamic statewide firm, with over 35 engineers, over a dozen landscape architects, with supporting construction administrators, designers and administrative staff.

### April

- CMA's Emergency Bypass 48" Forcemain project for the City of Fort Lauderdale with Murphy Pipeline Contractors Inc. got underway! The new line consists of more than 22,000 linear feet of new pipe which will be installed via 12 horizontal directional drills (HDD) that range between 1,200 and 3,000 linear feet each to a depth of up to 70 feet.
- CMA continues to provide essential services to FDOT District 6, including three projects in Manatee County.

### May

- Longtime CMA employee Derrick Smith, CFM, LEED AP, promoted to a Senior Construction Specialist! Derrick has been with CMA for over 14 years.
- CMA celebrates World Landscape Architecture Month

### June

- Eric Ferguson and John Gorham, RIA inspected the SR 860/Miami Gardens Drive Park & Ride for FDOT D6
- ACEC-FL PAC Committee Chair Peter Moore, P.E., FASCE, ENV SP, LEED AP, hosted ACEC-FL's first Virtual Town Hall Meeting which featured a 30 minute discussion and interview with Senator Marco Rubio



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### July

- CMA ranked 24th place in the Multi-Discipline category of the Zweig Group Best Firms to Work For Awards and 62nd place in the Hot Firms list
- CMA conducted inspections of the SR 5/Overseas Highway at Sugarloaf Key and southbound SR 9 off ramp in Opa-Locka for FDOT D6

### August

- CMA enrolled in the Civil Engineering Collective (CEC) Training Program put on by the Engineering Management Institute, which provides monthly training related to people and project management skills.
- CMA participated in the TeamFootworks Annual Mercedes-Benz Corporate Run, held virtually from August 19-23

### September

- Cris Betancourt, RIA, AICP accepted to the Urban Land Institute's Southeast Florida/Caribbean Leadership Institute Program
- CMA named a South Florida Top Workplaces 2020 Honoree by the Sun Sentinel
- Jose L. Acosta, P.E., FASCE was sworn in as vice president of the Florida Engineering Society's Miami Chapter

### October

- Robert Best, Jr., P.E. and Jennifer Smith, P.E. accepted into the FEI Class of 2021!
- Community Service Committee begins Blood Drive
- CMA named SFB's 2020 Business of the Year in the \$3 million - \$24 million category.



### November

- CMA staff participated in the annual International Coastal Cleanup held at South Inlet Park in Boca Raton with the South Florida Spear Fishing Club
- CMA Porsche 944 race team came in 23rd place out of 90 cars in the Sebring 14-Hour race
- CMA's Diversity Committee had their first meeting

### December

- CMA was named among South Florida's best places to work by the South Florida Business Journal!
- CMA hosted first annual CMA Awards
- Sponsored a young family of 3 living in Palm Beach County, as part of the Adopt-A-Family program.

