

2007 Chapter Awards

At the end of each year we come together to honor those member firms who have provided exceptional support to the chapter based on their contributions including event sponsorship and other monetary contributions, attendance at chapter events, enrollment in continuing education classes and service on committees, at events and on the Board. These awards receive high recognition in the CM industry, both locally and nationally. The awards include Member Firm of the Year and Gold, Silver and Bronze Circle Member firms. Each of these firms received an award and was recognized for their participation over the course of the past year. The growth of the chapter and its programs are a direct result of these firms continued commitment and support. The following is a list of those firms and the awards that were presented:

Member Firms of the Year

Parsons
DMJM&N | AECOM

Gold Circle Members

Port of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Unified School District
URS Corporation
Carter & Burgess
PinnacleOne
HDR

Silver Circle Members

CH2MHILL
Jacobs
Psomas
Swinerton Management & Consulting, Inc.
Twining Laboratories of Southern California

Bronze Circle Members

Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.
Orange County Sanitation District
Hatch Mott MacDonald
Harris & Associates
Analytical Planning Services, Inc.

The chapter recognized certain individuals for their leadership and contributions to the chapter during this past year. The following individuals were selected as:

Volunteers of the Year

Lisa Sachs, CCM, Construction Controls Group, for her dedication and commitment to the Membership's development and growth

Mary McCormick, MBI Media, for providing professional photography services at the Chapter's Annual Awards Banquet

Tod Haynes, CCM, Orange County Sanitation District, for his commitment and promotion the CCM designation within a public agency

CCM of the Year was awarded to Raju Kaval of LAUSD

Raju is the Deputy Director of Program Operations for New Construction at LAUSD. He is responsible for \$140 million dollar program and project management initiatives including developing construction management contract protocols, managing the \$40 million Escutia Portable removal program and developing a management plan for the \$100 million dollar Full Day Kindergarten implementation. He organized the "Learn about CCM Program" at LAUSD and 2 CCM Exam Prep Courses. Several individuals in this program have now received their CCM designations.

President's Special Service Award went to Mehdi Heydari of Vanir

Mehdi is a Vice President and Project Director for Vanir. He served as Chair of the CCM Committee for the past two years, during which time he has grown our chapter's CCM's by over 115%. Under Mehdi's leadership, 40 new CCM's were certified this year alone. His committee organized and conducted 6 CCM presentations and 3 CCM Application Workshops. He received his CCM in 1997 and has mentored, lectured, assisted and proctored over 200 CCM's nationwide.

And if that wasn't enough, Mehdi won the 2006 CMAA National President's Award, the 2006 Southern California Chapter CCM of the Year Award and was selected to receive a 2007 National Distinguished Service Award.

I have only one word to describe Mehdi and his contribution to this chapter, "Dynamo". Dynamo is described in Webster' dictionary as a "Forceful energetic individual". Mehdi "the Dynamo" knows no other way to pursue a task, giving 100% effort at all times. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with him on the board these past two years.

This has been an amazing year for our chapter and much has been accomplished. As I pass the gavel to the incoming President, Rebecca Jones, I am happy to report that I have every confidence in her leadership ability and have high expectations for the chapter this upcoming year. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your president this past year.

Greg Hess, CCM
Past President