

Chapter of the Year

By now some of you know that the Southern California Chapter was selected by CMAA National as the "Large Chapter of the Year". This coveted award was for recognition of our outstanding accomplishments this past year. This is the fourth time this chapter has been selected to receive this award.

In summary, a quick list of our highlights and firsts for the chapter this year are

- ✓ Increased membership by a twenty percent growth rate.
- ✓ Achieved the milestone of over 700 members
- ✓ Increased CCM's by 26.5% or 24 new CCM's
- ✓ Our growth in membership and financial strength has allowed us to enhance our services to our members in many ways and has also caused us to pursue greater efficiency in our management of Chapter affairs.
- ✓ The successes of our awards banquet, golf tournament and owner's night have helped us to maintain our lead over other professional associations as the organization with the most "must attend" events in the Southern California construction market.
- ✓ Formation and implementation of the new board position Legislative Committee. This separates the current Government Affairs Committee into two separate committees to address both Legal and Legislative issues that we face both on a State wide and National level.
- ✓ Established written transition plans for all board positions to ensure a timely and smooth transition between positions
- ✓ Awarded \$29,500 in scholarships to twelve CM Scholars at our annual Scholarship and Project Achievement Awards Dinner.
- ✓ Raised over \$25,000 from this year's golf tournament for scholarships.
- ✓ Increased our awards banquet attendance by over 57% to a new all time attendance of 550
- ✓ Chartered two student chapters, the Graduate program at University of Southern California and the Undergraduate program at the University of California at Northridge
- ✓ Continued to add new student chapter member for a new all time high of 34 student chapter members
- ✓ Revamped the newsletter format by moving to an all electronic newsletter at a lower cost with greater control and flexibility
- ✓ Affirmative recruitment including purchase of Southern California Chapter and CCM banners
- ✓ Formation and implementation of new Finance Committee
- ✓ Hiring of a book keeper to manage the daily deposits, receipts and maintain QuickBooks with oversight by the Treasurer and Finance Committee.
- ✓ Launched our online registration directly through our website which allows us greater flexibility and visibility of our registration system along with streamlining the processing of credit cards and accounting of receipts and attendance
- ✓ Introduced two new programs, Transportation Sector Owner's night and Breakfast of Champions
- ✓ Awards Dinner Honoree, Gary Cardamone, Deputy Chief Harbor Engineer, Construction, Port of Long Beach
- ✓ Represented CMAA at CASH Coalition for Adequate School Housing Conference and California Construction Expo

Your board of director's worked very hard to produce these results. They are all to be congratulated on their hard work and dedication. As Chapter President, I am truly honored to have served with such a distinguished group of individuals and the companies they represent.

Greg Hess, CCM
Past President