



Welcome to another great year filled with opportunities for our members of the CMAA Southern California Chapter. We have added six new board members for 2009-2010: Moshir Kellada, CCM of Vanir Construction Management is the new CCM Committee Chair, Chip Ossman, of Ossman PM Consulting is the new Legislative Committee Chair, Ali Altaha of C2PM is coming back on the Board after taking a year off as our Program Committee Chair. We have added a new committee this year to support our education program. Rick Meade of HNTB and Bruce Risely of ARCADIS will both co-chair on the new Education Committee. Steve Galloway, CCM of AECOM will be the new Communications Chair. I want to personally thank Donna Peters for serving our Board and appreciate her outstanding performance in developing and managing the Chapter Quarterly E-Newsletter.

Additionally, existing board members who will be filling new Director Positions on the board in the upcoming year: Brett Barnett, CCM of Harris & Associates will be this year's Secretary, while Michael Baker of AALRR is the new Treasurer and Lisa Sachs, CCM of Cumming Corporation is the Vice President.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our outgoing President, Atul Apte, CCM of APSI Construction Management and our outgoing Past President, Rebecca Jones of Safework, Inc. for their dedication to the Chapter's growth and success. Atul Apte will continue on the board as Past President and will head the effort to provide yet another successful golf tournament in the fall of 2010. Rebecca Jones will spend this coming year establishing our new chapter foundation. We sincerely thank Rebecca for her hard work and thoughtful advice in guiding our Chapter to its current growth and success. Thank you both for your years of dedicated service on the Chapter Board.

As we look to the next year of the chapter, I would like to thank our members for their past and continued support in participating at our Chapter events that benefit the Chapter's Scholarship fund. This year's Chapter Golf Tournament was our most successful yet and we appreciate your patronage. Our next year's Golf Tournament will be held on September 15, 2010 at Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry. Keep a lookout for sponsor and foursome opportunities coming up soon that you can take advantage of. The fund's raised from this and other events will support our Chapter Scholarships which will be given to deserving students at our next Annual Awards Banquet to be held on May 6,

2010 at the new J.W. Marriot Hotel and Conference Center in downtown Los Angeles. This event combines both our scholarship presentations to students of construction management as well as recognizing completed projects that recognize the highest level of professional practice in the Construction Management industry. We also take time at this event to present awards to special Owner Honorees and this year will recognize and thank selected member firms and volunteers for their sponsorship and dedication to benefit our profession both on a local level as well as nationally as our organization continues to grow and thrive.

For those of you who have projects you would like to submit for award, check the Chapter's website at www.cmaasc.org for the application form and deadline. Finally, do you know a college student who is studying to become a Construction Manager? Our scholarship application will also be posted on our website.

Your board's focus this year will be to continue as last year to increase our service to our profession, our members and to our community through increased membership, educational programs, informative newsletters, promotion of the CCM designation and the involvement of college and high school students within the chapter interested in pursuing CM as a profession. I am honored and privileged to serve this year as your President and looking forward to work with you to build on our current and future success.

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