

## President's Message



The first half of our CMAA Southern California Chapter fiscal year 2010 has started out with a bang with the highest attendance at our dinner programs and seminars to date. This is due to the growing recognition that our Chapter is providing value for you the construction management practitioners and owners in our industry.

The board's focus this year is to increase membership, promote the CCM designation, increase student involvement, and provide timely dinner programs and educational seminars to our chapter members.

The results so far include an increase in membership by 20%, **now at over 1,020 members**, that is, over 200 more members than last year, the addition of 13 new CCMs to date with a goal to reach 36 CCM's by year' end, and an addition of two new student chapters that have graduated from student college club status to college chapter status. Congratulations San Luis Obispo and Cal State University Long Beach!

One of the major high lights this year so far has been the success of our recent CMAA Southern California 18th annual awards banquet on May 6, 2010 that **set a new record of 740 in attendance**—surpassing last year's attendance of 550. The banquet featured the presentation of 8 project awards, 14 scholarships (totaling \$44,000), - the largest amount given out to date, - to talented students (the future of our industry!) who are now able to complete their education because our industry firms sponsored these events. We also, recognized 15 distinguished owner honoree awards, and 47 corporate sponsors. Our Chapter also granted \$3,000 to the ACE Mentor Program that supports the education of high school students in learning about our industry of Architecture, Engineering and Construction Management. I would like to thank Lisa Sacks, AIA, CCM, Chapter Vice President and Event Chair, and Kelly Asper for your tireless efforts in organizing this banquet. Thank you to all our sponsor companies for their continued support of this Chapter and CMAA, and congratulation to all of the scholarship and project award winners as well as the distinguished owner honorees. Your continued support of both the annual awards banquet and the golf tournament has enabled us to increase our scholarship awards by more than 10% to 20% year over year.

I would like to report that our Chapter had held its first joint event with Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) on April 22, 2010 attended by over 300 people. The joint luncheon speaker was Capt. Joseph Campbell, CEC, USN Commanding Officer, OICC MCIWEST, United States Navy and he spoke about the NAVFAC OICC MCIWEST \$4 billion capital program update. Captain Campbell oversees the construction activities for MCIWEST at the following installations: Camp Pendleton, Miramar, Yuma, 29 Palms, Barstow, Bridgeport and MCRD San Diego. He is currently managing a construction budget for FY2010 of \$1.4B in MILCON projects. He is the OIC for the construction of the new hospital at Camp Pendleton.

In closing, I would like to thank the board members for their continued effort in making the Southern California Chapter among the most successful in the country. Appreciation for the volunteer nature of this effort cannot be overstated. Their dedication to our

industry and sincere belief in what we offer yield tangible benefits to us all. Thank you to all CMAA members for your continued support.

On a final note, don't forget to sign up to play at our **CMAA Annual Golf Tournament at the Industry Hills Pacific Palms Golf Club Resort on September 15, 2010**. Even though the first course is sold out there is still an opportunity to play the second course. See you there!

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