



## President's Message

Welcome to another exciting year filled with opportunity as members of the CMAA Southern California Chapter. We have added three new Board members for 2008-2009: Natasha DeBenon of Hill International is the new Membership Chair, Dino D'Emelia of Willdan is the new Student Outreach Committee Chair and Gordon Follett of COMA Consultants will fill the role of Legislative Chair. Additionally, existing Board members will be filling new Director Positions on the Board in the upcoming year: Michael Baker of Atkinson, Anderson, et al will be this year's Secretary, while Lisa Sachs of CCG is the new Treasurer and Michael McAlpine of DMJM Management is the Vice President.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our outgoing President, Rebecca Jones of Safework, Inc. and our outgoing Past President, Greg Hess for their dedication to the Chapter's growth and success. Rebecca Jones will continue on the Board as Past President and will head the effort to provide yet another successful golf tournament in the fall of 2009. Greg Hess will move on to other pursuits and we sincerely thank him for his hard work and sage advice in steering this Chapter to unprecedented success. Thank you to both of these fine members for their hard work and self-less service.

As we look to the future of the chapter, I would like to remind all members that our 2008 Golf Tournament will take place on Monday October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Black Gold Golf Club in Yorba Linda. Although the foursomes have sold out, there are still sponsorship opportunities to advertise your firm at this well attended event. This is one of our primary fundraisers which benefit the Chapter's Scholarship fund, so please support the cause in any way you can.

The other Scholarship fundraiser is the Annual Awards Banquet to be held on April 2, 2009 in Pasadena, CA. The Awards Banquet combines both our award of several scholarships to well deserving students of Construction Management with recognition of completed projects that have achieved the highest level of professional practice in the Construction Management industry. We also take time at this event to recognize and thank owners who utilize the benefit of our member firms for successful project delivery. Their dedication to their projects and to our profession help both our local chapter and our national organization continue to grow and thrive. For those of you who have projects you would like to submit next year, stay tuned for further updates.

Finally, do you know a student who is studying to become a Construction Manager? If so, please encourage them to submit a scholarship application for consideration of award at next year's banquet. Application packages will be posted on our website as we near the due date for next year's Awards Banquet at [www.cmaasc.org](http://www.cmaasc.org).

Your Board's focus this year will be one of increased service to our profession, our members and to our community through membership growth, educational programs, informative newsletters, promotion of the CCM designation and the involvement of students within the chapter and CM as a profession. I am honored to serve this year as your President and look forward to working with you to build on our past success.

Atul Apte, CCM  
President of the Board  
CMAA-SoCal Chapter  
atulapte@apsi-pm.com