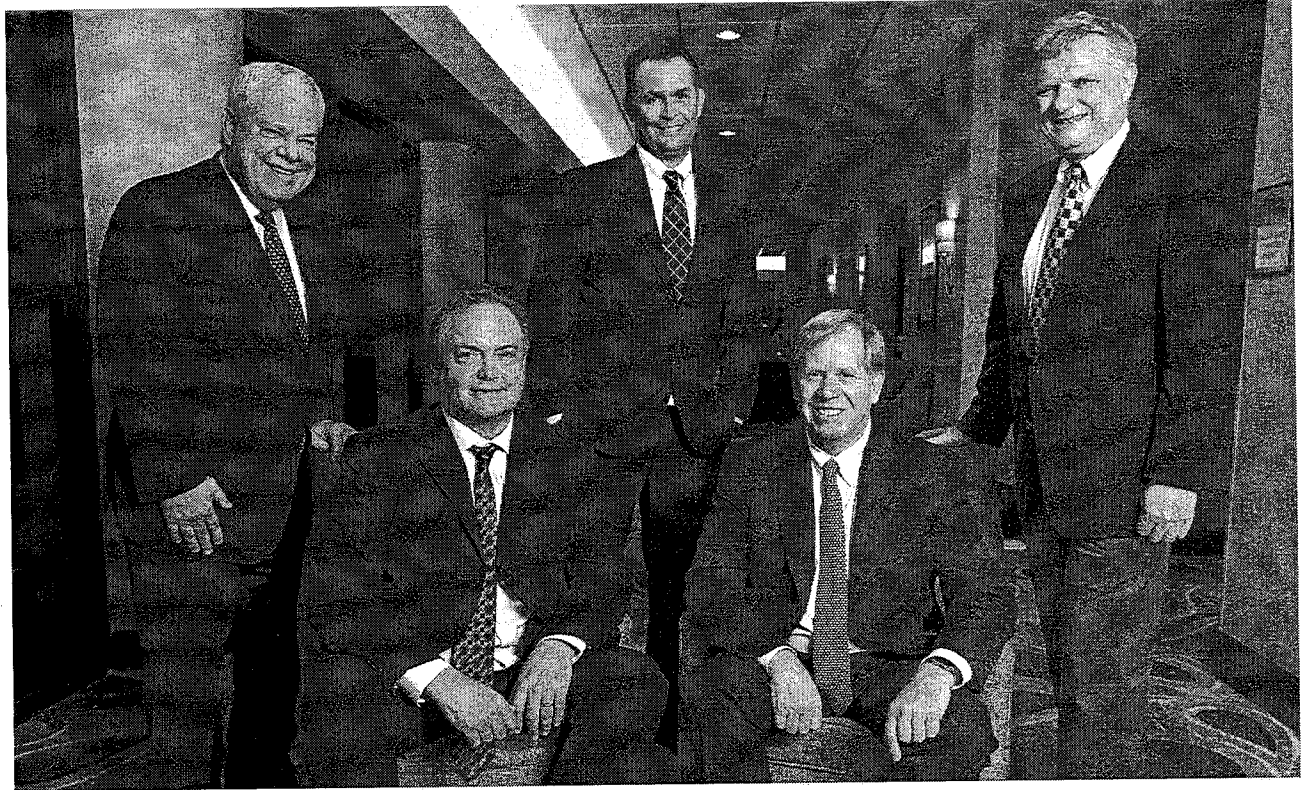


## Robert Alten Named 2017 CEA President



**R**obert Alten, president and CEO of Alten Construction, Inc. was elected 2017 President of the Construction Employers' Association (CEA) on January 10th, presiding over the group's Annual General Membership Dinner Meeting held in Concord, CA. Nearly 300 Northern California building industry executives were in attendance at the event which featured keynote speaker Dusty Baker, major league baseball manager.

CEA's other newly-elected officers were also introduced at the event: CEA First Vice President David Lee, senior vice president/COO of Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction Co.; CEA Vice President Mark Bley, president & CEO of Dome Construction Corp., and CEA Past President/Treasurer Ben Kerr, vice president of Peck & Hiller Company.

CEA's membership list includes most of the leading building contractors in Northern California who construct a broad spectrum of prominent projects, including educational facilities, commercial buildings, government buildings, healthcare facilities, multi-family housing projects, energy and power projects, laboratory and technology projects, sports stadiums,

water infrastructure projects, parking structures and more.

Alten is the co-founder of Alten Construction, Inc. Since the company's inception in 1995, he has supervised general operations, project management and estimating. Alten has extensive experience with higher education construction projects. His first project for Alten Construction was an ADA retrofit for Peralta Community College District. Since then, his company has completed twenty-two higher education projects for institutions like the University of California, Berkeley, and Foothill-DeAnza Community College District. His company is currently working on a new \$17.5 million, 39,000-sq-ft physical education building for San Jose City College.

As the executive in charge of each project, Alten makes sure that each project receives material, equipment, and labor resources.

CEA's Annual Meeting included presentations to 17 firms who received the prestigious CEA President's Safety Award. The Most Improved Safety Program Award went to Harris Construction Co., Inc. of Fresno. In addition, a special CEA Construction

Industry Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Lawrence H. Kay who has served as CEA Legal Counsel since the association's inception thirty years ago.

Also, Allan Hauck, department head for Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's Construction Management Program received a Distinguished Service Award. It was announced that CEA granted another \$180,000 in 2016 to the construction management programs of CSU Chico; CSU Fresno; Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; CSU Sacramento; Stanford University; CSU East Bay; and UC Berkeley, bringing CEA's total university grant funding to nearly \$2.5 million since 1998.

CEA negotiates and administers union agreements, provides professional labor relations representation, legislative representation, safety education and advocacy, labor compliance assistance, labor-management partnering, builder networking opportunities, an annual confidential compensation survey, and many other services and benefits. CEA maintains offices in Walnut Creek and Sacramento, CA. For more information about CEA, visit [www.cea-ca.org](http://www.cea-ca.org).