

Construction Employers' Association Celebrates 30-Year Anniversary

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Whether it's the construction of the tallest building in San Francisco or new offices for the largest social networking company, the building contractor members of the Construction Employers' Association (CEA) are busier than ever constructing a broad spectrum of prominent projects, including: educational facilities, commercial buildings, government buildings, healthcare facilities, multifamily housing projects, energy and power projects, laboratory and technology projects, sports stadiums, water infrastructure projects, parking structures and more.

CEA is proud to support and assist its 100-plus union-affiliated contractors with labor relations, legislative and safety-related advocacy, while they collectively perform more

than \$15 billion annually in public and private construction volume in Northern California. CEA negotiates and administers the key collective bargaining agreements affecting the building contractor: the Carpenters Master Agreement, Laborers Master Builders Agreement and, on behalf of signatory members, the Cement Masons and Operating Engineers Master Agreements.

In addition to providing valued direct service to member firms, CEA gives back to the industry by supporting and promoting quality construction management education through its Construction Management University Grant Program. Over the past 18 years, CEA has granted more than \$2.2 million to the seven participating universities: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, UC Berkeley,



The 2016 CEA officers (from left): Michael Walton, CEA secretary; Ben Kerr, CEA president, Peck & Hiller Company; David Lee, CEA vice president, Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction Company; Robert Alten, CEA first vice president, Alten Construction Inc.; and Robert Nibbi, CEA past president/treasurer, Nibbi Bros. Associates Inc.

Chico State, Sacramento State, Fresno State, Stanford and Cal State East Bay.

CEA's effectiveness is due to its active and committed board of directors, which is comprised of prominent building contractor principals who are leaders in the industry, as well as its experienced professional staff. CEA maintains offices in Walnut Creek and Sacramento. For more information, visit www.cea-ca.org. ■