

# Webcor's Bowles Elected President of Construction Employers' Association

**C**ONCORD — John Bowles, senior vice president of Webcor Builders of San Mateo, was elected the 2006 president of the Construction Employers' Association during the group's recent 19th annual dinner meeting at the Concord Hilton.

Also elected were Bill Stronck, president of Gonsalves & Stronck Construction Co., as first vice president; Chuck Palley, president of Cahill Contractors, as vice president; and Jim Losch, chairman and founder of Hallmark Construction and CEA past president, as treasurer. Michael Walton, president of Employers' Advocate Inc., continues to serve as CEA's secretary.

The Construction Employers' Association, or CEA, is comprised of more than 100 leading unionized building contractors who perform billions of dollars in public and private construction work throughout Northern California each year. CEA's membership list boasts some of the leading building construction companies in Northern California. It currently maintains offices in Sacramento and Walnut Creek.

"It's truly an honor to serve as your new president," Bowles said. "I've had a rather unique perspective as I've come up through the chairs and stand before you as CEA president. You might call it an 'inside view' of CEA—from the staff perspective."

Bowles worked for two years on the staff of CEA during a hiatus from Webcor Builders while he attended law school.

Bowles serves as both senior vice president and general counsel for Webcor Builders, one of the largest construction companies in California. Since joining the company in 1979, Bowles has built a variety of complex projects for Webcor, whose clients include corporate behemoths such as Oracle, Sun Microsystems, Lucas



*Pictured from left to right are: CEA Secretary Michael Walton; CEA Vice President Chuck Palley, Cahill Contractors Inc.; CEA First Vice President Bill Stronck, Gonsalves & Stronck Construction Co. Inc.; 2005 CEA President Karen Rudolph; CEA President John Bowles, Webcor Builders; and CEA Past President/Treasurer James Losch, Hallmark Construction Inc.*

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Bowles graduated with honors from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's civil engineering program and maintains professional registration as a civil engineer. He also completed a law degree from John F. Kennedy University in 1995 and is a member of the California State Bar.

Aside from sitting on the board of directors of CEA, he is also a member of several other professional organizations, such as the Zurich Risk Management Council and the Bay Area Council.

Bowles, a resident of Livermore, is also active in giving back to the

community. He supports charitable organizations such as Christmas in April and Habitat for Humanity and is also a member of the Down Syndrome League. In addition, he coaches youth basketball for the Livermore Catholic Youth Organization League and serves on its board of directors.

CEA offers a number of services and programs to its members including negotiation of union agreements, professional labor relations representation, legislative representation, quarterly safety forums, building industry seminars and conferences, a public works/prevaling wage program and many other benefits.