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People in the News

Patrick Callahan Named CEA President

Patrick Callahan, senior vice president & director of operations for Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction Company of Northern California was elected as the 2011 president of the Construction Employers' Association (CEA) during the group's annual general membership dinner meeting held in Concord on January 25.



Patrick Callahan

Callahan developed an interest in construction at an early age through his carpenter grandfather. During high school, he worked as a laborer and apprentice carpenter for a small general contractor. He graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1975 and over the next 35 years worked mostly with Dinwiddie and Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction Company, advancing from an assistant project manager to senior vice president.

Callahan's current duties include running Northern California Operations, being the Corporate Safety Officer, a project executive on selected projects, and an industry liaison. Besides serving on CEA's Board of Directors, Callahan is actively involved in CEA's Legislative Committee, the CEA University Grant Program Committee and participates in CEA labor/management functions and activities with the Northern California Carpenters, Laborers, Cement Masons and Operating Engineers unions.

Callahan is a past Chairman of the Boy Scouts' Construction Industry Lunch-O-Ree and continues as a board member today. He sits on the Cal Poly Construction Management Department's Industry Advisory Board and the California Center for Construction Education Board. He has also participated in the American Council for Construction Education accreditation process as the industry observer and was a member of the City of Antioch's Design Review Board.

Other newly elected CEA officers are Robert Hood, senior vice president of Clark Construction Group - California, LP as CEA first vice president; Robert Dumesnil, vice president of Dolan Concrete

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Construction as CEA vice president; and Rick Martellaro, president of Lathrop Construction Associates, Inc. as CEA past president/treasurer. Michael Walton, president of Employers' Advocate Inc., continues to serve as secretary of CEA.

Approximately 300 Northern California building industry executives attended CEA's annual banquet in late January. Robert Alvarado, executive officer of the Northern California Carpenters Regional Council and Kevin Kilgore, a principal with FMI, were the keynote speakers at the event.

CEA's offices are located in Walnut Creek and Sacramento. For more information about CEA, visit www.cea-ca.org.