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CMAA Honors Distinguished Service and Inducts New Fellows

At this year's National Conference & Trade Show in San Francisco, the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) honored one individual with the Distinguished Service Award, and inducted four individuals into its College of Fellows.

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes a CMAA member for outstanding long-term contributions to the profession and the Association. This year, it was awarded to Mark Berry, Esq., of the law firm of Peckar and Abramson.

As an active member of the association, Berry has delivered Professional Development programs on Risk Management and Claim Scheduling. Furthermore, as chair of CMAA's Legal Counsel Committee, Berry has provided exemplary legal guidance to members of the CMAA staff. Earlier this year, Berry received with the CMAA Chairman's award; his continued contributions earned him the Association's Distinguished Service Award.

CMAA's College of Fellows welcomed four new members at the awards banquet:

Edward A. Bond, Jr., CCM, of Bond Brothers, Inc. has been an active CMAA member for 13 years. Since 2003, he has served on the Construction Manager Certification Institute (CMCI) Board of Governors. Bond has served as a leader of the New England chapter, earning him the New England chapter's Person of the Year award. In addition, CMAA has bestowed upon him both a Chairman's Award and a Distinguished Service Award.

Robert Fraga, AIA, of the Smithsonian Institution has contributed to a number of CMAA initiatives including the Standards of Practice Committee and the Membership Committee. Fraga's efforts have led to increasing recognition of the CCM professional credential as the "gold standard" for Construction Management, particularly in the public

sector. Moreover, Fraga has held several positions on the national Board of Directors, including serving as CMAA board chair in 2005-2006.

Joe Seibold, PE, of PinnacleOne has served two terms on CMAA's Board of Directors, serving as chair in 2004 and 2005. Seibold's contributions to the promotion of the CM profession to students and young professionals have been invaluable. He has played a pivotal role in molding the Southern California chapter into its present thriving state. Furthermore, he's served as a role model to others in the profession, demonstrating his notable passion for developing industry understanding and cooperation.

J. T. "Tommy" Thomas, CCM, of Turner Construction Company has contributed valuable wisdom to CMAA, as he has more than four decades of experience in the construction industry. Thomas has received both CMAA's Chairman's Award and Distinguished Service Award; he's been a strong advocate for certification and has served as a resource for many individuals as they work to earn their CCM. Thomas has also shared his experience with others in the industry by teaching CMAA's Standards of Practice Courses, and by helping CMAA establish its online education offerings.

In addition, CMAA's president, Bruce D'Agostino, was inducted into the College of Fellows for his exceptional leadership of the Association in a special presentation at the awards banquet.

CMAA is North America's only organization dedicated exclusively to the interests of the professional construction and program management industry. On behalf of its 25 regional chapters and more than 5,200 public and private firms and individuals throughout the Nation, CMAA promotes the construction management industry and provides professional resources, advocacy, professional development, certification, and business opportunities to its members. CMAA's national headquarters is located in McLean, Virginia and the Association's website is www.cmaanet.org.

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