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**MEMBERS OF BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
AWARDED FOR WORK IN SACRAMENTO VALLEY**

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Each year the Sacramento Valley Association of Building Officials, a Chapter of the International Code Council, honors its exemplary members for their dedicated work and contribution to building code enforcement and building safety in the Sacramento Valley.

Seven Sacramento Valley community members were honored for their work throughout 2009.

2009 Award Winners:

Todd Cunningham, President’s Award: Cunningham was awarded the President’s Award because of his dedication to the industry and the association in addition to his outstanding achievement and service to the Sacramento Valley Association of Building Officials. The past president of SVABO, Bob Latz, said that Cunningham “went above and beyond, what even a board member would do to be successful.” When Cunningham received the award he thanked the City of Lincoln for its support of SVABO and for recognizing the importance of jurisdictional and company support in providing for the public safety for citizens and visitors.

Gary Eide, Bob Stoddard Inspector of the Year Award: Eide was recognized for his “behind the scenes” work. His exceptional performance in supporting SVABO educational events went above and beyond what is expected of SVABO’s members. The award speaks to Eide’s level of concern and commitment to building safety and protection of the public through proper education. .

Paul Klein, Recognition for Outstanding Contributions Award: Klein received recognition for his contributions because of the dedication and work he put into the development and

coordination of the association's Web site. His commitment to excellence was demonstrated time and time again as the Web site was reorganized. Latz said that Klein was the driving force behind recreating the association's "curb appeal."

George Kellogg, Chuck Coen Code Development Award: The Chuck Coen award was established in honor of one of the association's finest and long-time representatives in Code Development. Kellogg was presented with this award because of his exceptional work with the Code Development committee and his dedication to maintaining professionalism within the Code Development community.

Elmer Larsen, Outstanding Industry Member of the Year Award: The industry member award was given to Larsen because "He truly depicted again what this membership is asking of its member," Latz said. Larsen resides in Carson, Nevada and still managed to attend every chapter meeting. He also worked diligently throughout the year to gather information for the association's history book. Larsen has been a member of SVABO for more than 21 years.

Yvonne Christopher, Porcelain Pony Award: The Porcelain Pony Award is one of the association's most prestigious awards among the membership, and perhaps the most interesting. Christopher was chosen for this award because she best fit the description inscribed on the award, "Once every-so-often in the benign placidity of the Valley of the Sacramento, a special person emerges from the ooze and it is only fitting that special homage be paid to him or her. This person is no ordinary bull-spitter. He/she is a bull-spitter's bull-spitter, elevating the craft to such a lofty and sublime level as to dwarf all grass pretenders to the title. It is appropriate, therefore, to honor what's-her-name with: 'The Bull-Spitter Cluster.'"

While not all of SVABO's members were given an award, each one of the association's 208 members are greatly valued and appreciated for their work toward supporting the industry of building and safety.

SVABO provides its members, associates and the general public with the latest developments in building safety from local, state, national, and international perspectives. SVABO has more than 200 active members.

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