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Construction Institute celebrates annual membership meeting

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Hartford, CT The Construction Institute (CI) celebrated their annual membership meeting and awards event on June 16. The well attended event allowed the CI to recognize some of the industry's most outstanding contributors. The CI is fortunate to have such an accomplished list of professionals dedicated to the CI.

Distinguished Achievement Award – Petina Killiany, senior vice president, ARCADIS

Killiany is recognized for contributions to the advancement of the region's design, construction and facilities communities over the past thirty years. Always a voice of reason, Killiany works tirelessly on the board of not only the CI, but of many of the industries other professional organizations. Her expertise and ability to steer her fellow board members toward efficient and goal oriented results are highly valued.

Distinguished Service Award – Bruce Kellogg, principal, JCJ Architecture

Kellogg has been actively involved with the CI for many years, and is greatly deserving of this award, which recognizes dedication and outstanding service to the CI. Most recently, Kellogg has filled the position of program committee chairman for 3 consecutive years. As a result, CI's members have experienced high quality informational events that set the CI apart from other organizations. Kellogg has transitioned into the role of chairman of the board of directors and we look forward to his continuing leadership.

Special Lifetime Recognition Award – Peter Hentschel, retired co-founder, Tecton Architects

This special award is given for a lifetime of dedication to the CI and a continued impact on the AEC industry. Hentschel's passion for the CI is evident even in his retirement, as he has continued to work with and transform the CI. He helped conceive the Visionaries' Forum, one of CI's most successful programs (now in its 7th year). He was also instrumental in the formation of the Institute's BIM Council. Peter has served in a number of leadership positions over the years, most recently as co-chair of the board of directors. The CI has been fortunate to have Peter Hentschel as a visionary leader.

Special Industry Recognition Award – Tucker Mechanical, An EMCOR Company

The Special Industry Recognition Award is reserved for an A/E/C Organization, Firm or Institution for outstanding contributions to the industry & to the community. Tucker Mechanical, is a leader in utilization of cutting edge technology in the HVAC, plumbing and fire protection sector of building projects. Over the years, they have consistently shared their expertise and innovations collaboratively for the betterment of the industry. They have actively and generously

supported the community, supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month with their signature Pink Hard Hat Campaign, and raising substantial funds to “Give Back Through Education” to veterans and the children of fallen soldiers.

The CI’s newest award for 2016 is the Emerging Young Professional Leadership Award, which honored three professionals in diverse areas of the construction industry who are helping to lead the CI into the next generation:

Keane Aures – associate attorney, Robinson + Cole

Aures counsels clients on all areas of construction-related contract drafting and negotiation, including contracts for colleges and universities, international manufacturing facilities, research and industry facilities, corporate offices, and various other commercial construction projects. In his roles as golf committee chair and Young Professional council co-chair, Aures has become one of the familiar members who will always help any capacity. He is an asset to the CI and to all of its members.

Kaitlyn Dobberfuhr – project engineer, Gilbane Building Company

Dobberfuhr is a recent graduate of the University of Hartford and newcomer to the industry. She has been one of the strongest consistent members of the YPC and has successfully begun to integrate the YPC with many members of the CI through program attendance and development. She will serve as a co-chair of the Young Professional co-chair this season as well as continuing on the program committee.

Matthew Chait – civil engineer, BVH Integrated Services

Chait has worked on a variety of public and private projects since joining BVH including work on many of the state university campuses, ESPN, Pratt and Whitney, Quinnipiac University and the UMass Boston Utility Corridor and Roadway project. The CI has been fortunate to have Chait become involved in our Visionaries Forum this year, as well as the BIM council. Chait will also co-chair the YPC this year.

Please join us at our annual Swing Into Spring Social on June 22, 2016 at Lyman Orchards in Middlefield, CT. We will offer a 9-hole golf event with a networking social afterward. If you do not golf, you may join us for the networking social only. This is a great opportunity to prepare for our annual Golf Classic on September 15, 2016 at Tunxis Plantation in Farmington, CT. This event is the largest golf tournament of the industry with over 250 professionals in attendance. Please visit www.construction.org for additional information or registration.

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