

Annual Luncheon recognizes award recipients, new Board

Roland Salman, P.E., R.W. Armstrong & Associates, was installed as President of ACEC Indiana for 2010-2011 in front of a sell-out crowd on June 23rd at the Marriott East Hotel in Indianapolis. His goals for the upcoming year will be featured in the August edition of the Short List.

Outgoing President Abe Swidan, P.E., Janssen & Spaans Engineering, presented the Engineer of the Year to Ross Snider, P.E., USI Consultants. Since 1997, Ross has been the Vice President of Engineering for USI Consultants, Inc. Ross has been very active in ACEC Indiana serving on many committees and task groups. He was elected to the Board in 2003 and served as President in 2008/2009, encouraging a solid communication process to keep all members informed of issues critical to their businesses.

John Farrar, L.S., Clark Dietz, received a special President's Award. Over the past few decades, John's community-mindedness has helped him in promoting the consulting engineering profession in Indiana. His role as a professional surveyor, City Engineer, firm owner and mentor, brought a distinct perspective to his many roles on ACEC committees. John served on the ACEC Indiana Board of Directors from 2004-2007, was PAC Chairman and serves on the National ACEC Risk Management Committee.

Radio personality Abdul Hakim-Shabazz of WXNT's "Abdul in the Morning" show lent his perspective on the fight to control the Indiana House of Representatives and its implications on a variety of hot issues. His bottom line message was if Republicans held the majority after November, a coordinated



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push between the General Assembly and Gov. Mitch Daniels is expected on local government reform, since he noted that "Indiana has two percent of the population but ten percent of local government, more than California per capita, which is not efficient and not good for business." Pressure will remain high for local governments to reduce spending and find new sources of revenue as a result of property tax caps, impacting capital projects, and driving deals like Indianapolis sought with Citizens Gas. Abdul emphasized that ACEC member firms had a lot of expertise and creativity "to do a lot of good" in helping to address the challenges ahead and encouraged all to remain engaged.

The 2010-2011 Board of Directors were also installed, along with Mr. Salman, and include officers: **John Brand**, of Butler,

Fairman & Seufert as the appointed Vice President/ Treasurer and **Bill Hall**, United Consulting, will serve as Secretary. Joining the Officers on the Board of Directors are: **Stephen Christian**, Stephen J. Christian & Associates; **Michael Cline**, Hannum, Wagle & Cline Engineering, Inc.; **Cheryl Cunningham**, PCS Engineers, Inc.; **Robert Holden**, HNTB Corporation; **Michael Keeven**, DLZ Indiana; **Marlin "Mak" Knowles**, American Structurepoint; **Christopher Mayfield**, Somerset CPAs; **Sanjay Patel**, VS Engineering; **Dawn Replogle**, URS Corp.; **Scott Sondles**, Burgess & Niple; **Abe Swidan**, Janssen & Spaans, Inc; **Dale Tekippe**, Clark Dietz; and general counsel **Greg Cafouros, J.D.**, Kroger, Gardis & Regas.

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