

# SREA NEWS BULLETIN

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## President's Message

BY RON KOZLOSKI

Fellow members,

Well, it certainly looks like the economy is in full swing for at least another year. We all are experiencing the demands being placed on general contractors and the subs; they are definitely becoming ever more intense. With this "ever more demanding" society, it certainly is "ever more important" we try to cover the bases to remain successful in our business. It seems like having current AND coordinated drawings is a rising struggle as well.

All the more critical for us to try to, legally, work together as much as possible to "Set the Standards" for our ever changing and demanding industry. It is vital for us to define the trouble areas of contracts and develop a generic set of addendums or some sort of compromise for most of the generals



and developers we are working with. We all got a taste of this from Dave Levy's presentation at the recent Spring Conference. This could certainly benefit all our members and I hope we can develop this further as a group.

The next area of our trade that is intensifying is... safety. A lot of the

general contractors are now hiring outside inspectors. Some of these people truly nitpick about the strangest things, but unfortunately don't report the positive things they see. As a group, it is important we share these experiences as well. Sometimes there are a few things we can all learn from. At the Annual Fall Meeting, we'll be bringing in one of the owners of an inspection firm and an OSHA attorney to share with us the current hot topics.

Overall, I hope everyone is happy with the camaraderie and most importantly, the information our group has shared over the years. It is truly the reason the founding members put this wonderful gang of truss tramps together.

Thank you and I'm looking forward to another wonderful year.



**Charlie Havill, owner, Bella Grace Vineyards, educates SREA attendees about the history of the vineyard, the varieties of grapes grown as well as his methodologies of pruning the vines resulting in the most optimal grape harvest.**

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## Past President's Message

BY BRIAN VANDENBURGH

I'm getting old. I don't know how it happened, but it did. It seems like just a couple years ago that I graduated college, got married, bought a house and started working for my dad at The Structures Group. It was only a couple years after that when I first met many of you. Having come from the "Engineering" world, I remember being impressed with the importance that quality and safety played in these industry meetings and in the companies represented. At that time we met under the umbrella of APA, and not too long after that we decided to form our own association. I have vivid memories of sitting in a conference room trying to figure out what to call ourselves, eventually deciding we'd be known as the Structural Roof Erectors Association (SREA). A couple years later Greg Severson asked me to be a director on the board and a few more years led to acting as president of the association. About that time the economy went sideways and we all got busy at just staying in business.

A couple years here and a couple years there and all of a sudden it's been over 25 years! I now have a son who goes to the University of Arizona, just like I did. I played club volleyball, he plays club ultimate Frisbee. Yes, that's a real thing. If you've never heard of it, you're old, too! Look it up on YouTube. My wife, Lisa, and I were in Tucson for one of his tournaments about a year ago. While sitting in the hotel waiting for our son to wake up, we turned on "Tiny Houses". This is a show about downsizing where families move into a house that's 120 square feet. The chorus of each family after they've moved into a tiny house is how freeing it is to get rid of all their "stuff" and how it forced them to focus on what's important. Our house of 23 years was a finely built tract home in a good neighborhood with good schools and plenty of room to raise our family. But now I'm old, remember? Our daughter graduates high school this year so we don't need the schools or the space. We

started looking at houses that day.

Our new house is a 1952 ranch style home in the central corridor of Phoenix. While it's no Tiny House, the 1100 sf is significantly less than what we had. We bought it sight unseen the day it came on the market. After a few months of just missing, we had figured out what we wanted and where, and we learned we'd have to act quickly. Next was the remodel. I've always wanted to remodel an old home but never had the time because of all the kid activities. I also wasn't sure my marriage could handle it. I had more than one person tell me that remodels cause many-a-divorce. But, now that I'm getting old, we don't have the kid activities. And, after 24 years of marriage we've learned how to work thru some stressful times. We took out most of the walls and ceiling and installed beams to support the roof. Lots of beams! Apparently, there was no such thing as a non-bearing wall in 1952! Then we added 500 square feet that included our bedroom, bathroom, and an office for Lisa. And, we added a covered patio that's about 600 square feet so we can enjoy the great weather (not summer). We moved into the new bedroom at Thanksgiving and "Urban Camped" with no heat and only an outside shower. Lisa was amazing throughout. She trusted and supported me while I took on this project. She also had some of the best ideas, like the outdoor shower!

I am getting older. I sit here typing this with my reading glasses on because I can't see the screen, feeling the tendonitis in my shoulder and dealing with my allergies. Did you know allergies come with age? I didn't! There are some other things that come with age: Contentment. Work-life balance. Humility. Those were surprises, too! Maybe it's not so bad to get older. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Spring Conference and look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Meeting; regardless of whether it's the 1st year we've met or the 21st.

## Announcing SREA's 2017-2018 Board of Directors

Due to the bylaws revisions that were approved in 2016, a formal election process is no longer required. Instead, each Regular Member company has a representative on the board as well as two Supplier Member representatives. During the Annual Spring Conference, new officers and a new Supplier Member were selected to serve on the board.

First, a big thank you to our Immediate Past President, Brian Vandenburg for his leadership this past year. Also, Mike Dyer is recognized for his leadership in serving consecutive years as the President and then Immediate Past President this past year. Finally, Darrell Marchell completed his two-year term as Supplier Member director.

### **Please welcome the 2017-2018 officers and Board of Directors:**

**Ron Kozloski**, Panelized Structures, Inc. – President

**Brian Vandenburg**, The Structures Group – Immediate Past President

**Greg Severson**, Duke Pacific, Inc. – Treasurer

**Bill Whitacre**, D.A. Whitacre Construction, Inc.

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**Richard Holmgren**, Roof Structures, Inc.

**R. Michael Dyer**, StructureWorks, LLC

**Chris Wischmann**, Norbord

**Chris Cline**, New Millennium Building Systems

A big thank you to these individuals for their commitment and service to SREA.

# 2017 Annual Spring Conference

BY CHRIS CLINE

The Annual Spring Conference was held April 19-21, 2017 in beautiful wine country, Sutter Creek, California located in the historic Hotel Sutter. Prior to the start of the conference, a group of SREA folks enjoyed a wine tasting and tour of Bella Grace Vineyards followed by a professionally paired wine dinner at Hotel Sutter. You can't visit wine country and not sample some wine, right?

We kicked off Thursday morning with a hearty and tasty breakfast sponsored by Canam Steel Corporation followed by an enlightening presentation from David Levy, Partner, Van De Poel, Levy, Allen & Arneal, LLP who taught us about the all-important and interesting Killer Clauses in Construction Contracts. Next, Darrell Marchell, PE, from Vulcraft-Utah gave a very intriguing presentation on global and regional steel updates.

SREA's Annual Fall Golf Tournament was held Thursday afternoon at the Castle Oaks Golf Club located in Lone, CA. For those who golfed, it was a gorgeous day for golf! The competition was glorious, even though many balls were eaten up from the rough. Thank you to our golf prize sponsors including: Hoover Treated Wood Products, Inc., Norbord, and Panelized Structures. After a long fought day, the big winners were: closest to the pin, Ron Kozloski; longest drive, Mike Dyer; 1st place net score, Carlos Galvin; 1st Place Net Team, Mike Dyer, Ron Kozloski, Darrell Marchell, and Johnny Martinez; 2nd Place Net Team, Chris Wischmann, Tim Lessard, John Degidio, and Carlos Galvin. Congratulations to all the hackers out there!

Thursday evening's events started with the President's Reception, sponsored by New Millennium Building Systems, followed by a very tasty filet mignon dinner sponsored by Nucor – Vulcraft Group. Golf awards were awarded following dinner.

Friday morning kicked off with a presentation by Steve Zylkowski from



*SREA attendees are enjoying a perfectly paired winemaker dinner at Hotel Sutter.*

The Engineered Wood Association discussing updates on the APA Activities.

Next, Janelle Leafblad from Woodworks presented on design considerations for wood structures. After Janelle's presentation, everyone became extremely familiar, if not experts on termites.

To conclude the meeting, Gordon Claxton from Ahern Rentals gave a

presentation on rental equipment and upcoming ideas and designs that will hopefully make life easier on jobsites.

Finally, for those of you who participated in this year's Spring Meeting, we thank you. Your participation and ideas are what make SREA a huge success! We hope to see an even better turnout at the Fall Meeting in beautiful Lake Tahoe, September 13-14, 2017.

## 2017 Fall Meeting

BY DANA BAISDEN

Mark your calendars now and **reserve your hotel rooms early since space is limited!** SREA's Fall Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, Spa and Casino located in Incline Village, Nevada. **To make your hotel reservation, visit <https://aws.passkey.com/go/SREA2017> or call the Hyatt directly and request the SREA room block - phone: 888.421.1442.**

On Wednesday, September 13, the meeting will kick off during the afternoon with the annual golf tournament being held at The Golf Courses of Incline Village. This will provide a great opportunity to catch

up with friends or make some new ones. The evening will close with a tasty dinner at the Hyatt.

Thursday will be filled with education on topics that pertain to your business. The schedule is being developed and will include presentations on many hot topics! Also, bring your experiences and questions to the industry roundtable so the group can work on some best practices.

While you are there, you might as well extend your time through the weekend and further enjoy one of the most beautiful areas around.

We hope to see you there! More information will be sent out soon.

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Many SREA Spring Conference attendees participated in the annual golf tournament. Congratulations to our first place team: Mike Dyer, Ron Kozloski, Darrell Marchell and Johnny Martinez.

## Website Directory

This column in the SREA newsletter is to help you gain access to an incredible volume of information available through Internet websites. If you have any sites that you feel would be of interest to fellow members, please e-mail [info@srea.org](mailto:info@srea.org) and we will add them to the following list:



[www.irs.gov/smallbiz/construction](http://www.irs.gov/smallbiz/construction) - **Internal Revenue Service**

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/Title8/sub4.html> - **Construction Safety Orders**

[www.osha.gov/cgi-bin/est/est1](http://www.osha.gov/cgi-bin/est/est1) - **OSHA Establishment Records**

[www.apawood.org](http://www.apawood.org) - **American Plywood Association**

[www.southernpine.com/consumerinfo.html](http://www.southernpine.com/consumerinfo.html) - **Consumer Information on Pressure-Treated Lumber**

[www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/chemicals/1file.htm](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/chemicals/1file.htm) - **Environmental Protection Agency FAQ on CCA**

[www.npic.orst.edu](http://www.npic.orst.edu) - **National Pesticide Information Center**

[www.southernpine.com/library.htm](http://www.southernpine.com/library.htm) - **Answers to Often-Asked Questions**

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[www.wolmanizedwood.com](http://www.wolmanizedwood.com) - **Arch Chemical Incorporated**

[www.borax.com](http://www.borax.com) - **U.S. Borax, Inc.**

[www.treatedwood.com](http://www.treatedwood.com) - **Chemical Specialties Incorporated**

[www.osmose.com](http://www.osmose.com) - **Osmose Wood Preserving**

[www.southernpine.com/ptl.htm](http://www.southernpine.com/ptl.htm) - **Pressure-Treated Southern Pine Standards - Specification - Applications**

## SREA Office Closures

The SREA office will be closed on the following dates in 2017. Please make a note of these dates on your calendar.

**May 29**  
**July 4**  
**September 4**

**November 23-24**  
**December 22 (at noon)**  
**December 25-26**



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