

# The BIA recognizes the volunteers who lead the industry through the pandemic

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**D**ue to the COVID-19 pandemic, the past 24 months have been a huge challenge for the North State Building Industry Association and its member companies. The pandemic isn't over just yet — perhaps it's morphing into an endemic situation like the seasonal flu — but this year we felt comfortable enough with the trends to once again hold an in-person installation event to recognize our leaders. So some 400 BIA members and supporters gathered this week at the Hyatt Regency Hotel downtown to honor the volunteer leaders who lead our industry through the past two years. Scott Syphax served as the emcee.

Special recognition was given to our 2022 Chairman, Adam Hieb with KB Home, and to our 2021 Chairman, Michael LaFortune, with Woodside Homes, who did a great job in nimbly guiding us through the constantly changing environment.

Hieb welcomed the new Board and complimented the leaders who guided the association through the difficulties of the pandemic and challenges of responding to the severe housing crisis during difficult times. He also reminded the audience about the importance of the homebuilding industry

and how the Association will continue its work to encourage the next generation of workers to consider homebuilding as a noble profession.

Besides Hieb, this year's officers are Vice Chair/Treasurer Brian Cutting with Woodside Homes; Secretary Bonnie Chiu with D.R. Horton; and Immediate Past President LaFortune. I am also privileged to



Brian Cutting

serve as an officer as the BIA's President and CEO.

Members of the Board of Directors are Burke Bair with BSB Design; Phil Bodem with TRI Pointe Homes; John Caulfield with Landmark Builders; Tina Cruce with Tim Lewis Communities; Brandon Durkin with the New Home Company; Brian Hanly, with Next Generation Capital; Ken Jamison with Sun-West Mortgage; Nam Joe with Richmond American Homes; Shari Little with SMUD; Nikky Mohanna with Mohanna Development; Chuck Scott with U.S. Bank Home Mortgage; Clifton Taylor with Taylor Builders; Price Walker with Elliott Homes; Nicholas Winn with Rescue Concrete; and Luke



Bonnie Chiu

Wissmann with Beazer Homes.

In addition, the BIA is recognizing four individuals for their support of housing. The award winners are:

Price Walker with Elliott Homes, who was presented with the Chair's Award; Aren Bazzocco with Taylor Morrison, who received the President's Award; Rancho Cordova Mayor Garrett Gatewood, who received the Friend of Housing Award; Leilani Serrecchia with Tim Lewis Communities, who was presented with the Meritorious Award; Kenton Russell with Kenton C. Russell Architect AIA, who received the HomeAid Distinguished Service Award; and Brian King with the Los Rios Community College District, who received the Legacy Award. These leaders continue making a difference for homebuilding and the ability of Sacramento-area families to buy a new home. Thank you for your service. The North State BIA is the leading advocate for the homebuilding industry in the greater Sacramento region. Representing over 500 members, which employ 50,000 people in the region, the BIA is committed to preserving and furthering the economic interests of its members while also working to enhance the industry's standing as a significant contributor to the regional economy. Additionally, the BIA also serves as the umbrella organization for HomeAid Sacramento and the North State Building Industry Foundation.

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