



TLPCA YEAR IN REVIEW

2009



In June, Eddie McCormick was appointed the *new Executive Director* for the Texas Lathing and Plastering Contractors Association (TLPCA). Prior to accepting the position, Eddie was employed by Marek Brothers for 17 years.

Updates to the TLPCA's web site (www.tlpc.org) continues. Banner Ads for distributors, manufacturers, service suppliers and contractors are available. Contact TLPCA for more information.

The Annual *Convention & Trade Show* at the La Torretta Del Lago Resort on Lake Conroe was a big success, with more than 165 in attendance. The 2010 Convention will be held June 9—12, 2010 at the Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas.

TLPCA and Bureau representatives were instrumental in providing technical guidance and support to local municipalities and the design community. The Bureau also exhibited at the annual Texas Society of Architects to promote the industry. We are also working on a "Registration Ordinance" template for municipalities to adopt for contractors doing work in their cities.

The *Annual Design Awards Competition* was a huge success again in 2009. The Pinnacle Award went to Diversified Plastering for the Vintage Park Project. Check out the winners on the TLPCA web site. Plan now to enter your best projects in the 2010 competition.

We receive numerous requests from Architects, Building officials and others for the Association's *Lath and Plaster Systems Manual*, covering detailed information on all "wetwall" trades.

A committee is currently updating this valuable industry resource for availability in 2010.

A combined *Golf and Fishing Tournament* was held again in October at the Lake Fork Marina & Lodge on October 2—3, 2009. A large crowd members turned out for this very successful event which supports promotional and technical activities of the Association and the Bureau.

Architects continue to request copies of the, *"Introduction to Portland Cement Plaster/Stucco"* CD. In addition, it was used as the basis for many presentations to Texas architectural firms and organizations in 2009. This information is provided with a current list of TLPCA Contractor members.

TLPCA's *Membership* grew again in 2009 with 5 new Contractors and 12 Associate / Professional members. An active membership committee has been effective increasing the size, diversity and strength of the organization. We look forward to your continued participation and support. We are quickly growing our Drywall Contractors as well. This is being emphasized at every AIA and General Contractor presentation.

Effective, November 18, 2009, *TLPCA is a New Chapter Member of the AWCI*. With this relationship, the TLPCA will be able to provide even more technical assistance, educational seminars and recognition as the "Walls and Ceilings" association in Texas.

TLPCA has localized representation with the addition of *Regional Committees* currently in Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and coming soon, Louisiana. Each Region will offer manufacturer and educational seminars at least every other month.