57th ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT THE LA TORRETTA DEL LAGO RESORT

Approximately 170 attendees joined in this year’s Annual Convention and Trade Show at the La Torretta Del Lago Resort, Lake Conroe, Texas, June 10—13, 2009. Members and guest enjoyed the elegant suites and the spectacular lake views.

The golfers started their day early Thursday on the golf course at La Torretta. Afternoon events included a Board meeting and the formal Opening Reception of the Trade Show featuring 20 Exhibitors.

Friday was a full day as members got down to business with the Annual Contractors meeting. TLPCA Past President Tim Rogan (Houston Lath and Plaster) presided at the Opening Session. Participants of the educational program took advantage of a number of outstanding presentations from speakers covering a wide range of topics such as:

- “Stucco Suspension Systems” (Cliff Snedeker) Armstrong World Industries
- “Moisture Penetration of Masonry Veneer” (Pat Holland) Coronado Stone Products
- “Sealant Installations That Last” (Monty Naylor) BASF Building Systems
- “Employment-Based Immigration of Foreign Workers PERM)” (Elena Kareneva) Kareneva Law Firm, PLLC
- “Coming Changes in Union Labor Elections” (Louis Ramirez) TXI

The ladies were treated to a luncheon at the Vintage Garden Tea House downtown Montgomery.

Evening events began with attendees bidding on some great items donated for the Silent Auction, followed with a Reception and Dinner. Awards were presented to the winners of the 2008-2009 Design Awards Competition and trophies given to the First and Second Place winners of the Golf Tournament.

A special “Lifetime Achievement Award” was presented to Pam and Jimmy Skipworth in recognition for years of service and support as a contractor member, past TLPCA and Bureau President.

New Officers for 2009—2010 were introduced. Serving as President is Rick Williams, Vice President—Roger Burke, Secretary-Treasurer—Michael Vickery and Immediate Past President—Tim Rogan.

Excitement hardly describes the crowd as Eddie McCormick was introduced as the new Executive Director of TLPCA. He received a standing ovation. Eddie said he is excited about working with members and moving the Association forward. The evening ended with entertainment and a dance.
Entries were submitted for any Plaster, Stucco, EIFS, Veneer Stone or Drywall/Acoustical Project completed between December 2007 and January 2009, and submitted by a TLPCA Member in good standing to be eligible for the awards competition. The submittals were from contractor or associate members, however, the awards were presented to the contractors and the architect/designers.

In the competition, each project was judged on creativity and uniqueness of design.

The “Pinnacle Award” was presented to the project judged to be the “best of the best” and this year was presented to the project for Commercial — Exterior Stucco/EIFS and Veneer Stone.

Awards were presented to both the winning Architect and the Plastering Contractor at the Annual Convention’s Friday dinner and Awards Banquet. Photos of the winning projects are placed on the Association Web Site at www.tlpca.org. The 2009 winning projects are:

The **Pinnacle Award** was presented to **Diversified Plastering** of Houston for the Vintage Park project.

*Owner:* Interfin Companies  
*Architect/Designer:* Brand & Allen Architects  
*Applicator:* Diversified Plastering  
*Materials:* TEIFS  
*Sq. Footage Installed:* 700,000 +

The Vintage Park project also took the award in the **Commercial/ Exterior EIFS category and Commercial/ Exterior Stucco.**

**Silver Star Plastering, Inc.** was the winner in the **Commercial/Veneer Stone** category for the Stonebriar Community Church project in Frisco, Texas.

*Owner:* Stonebriar Community Church  
*Architect/Designer:* F & S Partners  
*Applicator:* Silver Star Plastering, Inc.  
*Materials:* Lone Star Stone, Synthetic Shapes of Texas, Synthetic Textures, Sto Corp.  
*Sq. Footage Installed:* 35,000