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National Academy of Construction Inducts 36 Industry Leaders

Austin, TX —The National Academy of Construction (NAC) inducted 36 industry leaders at its virtual annual meeting October 29-30. NAC, now in its twenty-first year, honors the leaders of the design and construction industry who have demonstrated outstanding contributions over a career. Members, now numbering 360, volunteer their expertise to various agencies and programs as a service to the nation.

The two Boston-based chairs for the meeting, Christine Keville of Keville Enterprises and Sam Sleiman of the Massachusetts Port Authority, anchored the online broadcast from Boston. The academy's induction ceremony was conducted live during the webinar meeting format. The 36 inducted and their reason for induction include:

Chinemelu Anumba, professor/dean, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL; innovative leadership and informatics
Michael Bellaman, CEO, Associated Builders and Contractors, Washington, D.C., leader in workforce development
Tom Boldt, CEO, Boldt Group, Appleton, WI; leader in sustainability and continuous improvement
Richard Cellon, president, Cellon & Associates, Virginia Beach, VA; leadership in public/private sectors
Andrew Ciancia, chairman of the board, Langan Engineering; New York, NY; building codes, historic preservation
Luther Cochrane, chairman/CEO, Cochrane Group, Charleston, SC; strategic planning, mergers & acquisitions
John Cryer III, CEO and board emeritus, Page, Houston, TX; architecture/engineering specializations
Ray Daddazio, senior consultant, Thornton Tomasetti, New York, NY; innovative technologies
Bob Dawson, president and founder, Dawson & Associates, Washington, D.C.; government service
Eric Dean, general president, Iron Workers International, Washington, D.C., global jobsite safety
Stuart Eckblad, VP, major capital projects, UCSF Health, San Francisco, CA; collaborative project delivery
Frank Falciani, president, FWF Construction Consulting, Asbury, NJ; technical excellence, client focus
Aminah Fayek, professor, University of Alberta, Canada; artificial intelligence research, fuzzy logic
Dan Frangopol, professor, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA; global influence in life-cycle engineering
James Garrett, provost, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA; international academic networking
Mike Goddu, founder, JMJ Associates, Austin, TX; safety management on world-scale projects
Paul Goodrum, professor, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO; workforce/demographics research
David Goodyear, consulting engineer, Olympia, WA; innovation/aesthetics in bridge structures
Doug Gransberg, president, Gransberg & Associates, Norman, OK; collaboration in public/private sectors
Ronnie Hakim, senior VP, HNTB Corp, New York, NY; leader in transit systems and capital construction
Mark Handley, senior VP, AECOM, Norfolk, VA; leadership in construction and facilities management
Manish Kothari, president/CEO, Sheladia Associates, Rockville, MD; worldwide leader in design/construction
John Lawson II, executive chairman, WM Jordan Co., Newport News, VA; leader in corporate culture
Hai Lew, senior research engineer, NIST, Gaithersburg, MD; expert in codes and standards for structural design

Scott Lynn, chairman, Gracon LLC, Lafayette, CO; entrepreneur, leader in iconic heavy civil projects
Eric Macfarlane, deputy commissioner, NYC Design & Construction, Long Island; civic and engineering leadership
Craig Martin, president/CEO (ret.), Jacobs, Pasadena, CA; worldwide experience in infrastructure and safety
Ron May, owner, May Technology Group, Rochester Hill, MI; lifelong learning and knowledge sharing
Deryl McKissack, president/CEO, McKissack & McKissack, Washington, D.C.; visionary leader and mentor
Scott McNary, principal engineer, McNary Bergeron & Associates, Broomfield, CO; innovative bridge design
Bill O'Brien, professor, UT Austin, Austin, TX; academician and research leader in advanced work packaging
David O'Connor, head of global projects, BP, Houston, TX; transformer of project and learning organizations
Tom Sawyer, deputy editor, *ENR* (ret.), consultant, New York, NY; reporter on technology, disasters, and combat
Joe Schroedel, executive director, Society of American Military Engineers, Alexandria, VA; developer of teams
Joe Sellers, Jr., general president, SMART, Washington, D.C.; labor leader in health care and worker skills
JT Taylor, professor, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA; leader in human networks, sustainability, and smart cities

Wayne Crew, General Secretary of the Academy said, "The 2020 class undoubtedly strengthens the Academy membership. Their career achievements, collectively, broaden NAC's wealth of experience. We're honored that the entire class of 2020 is now part of our NAC membership."

Editor-in-chief of *ENR* magazine, Janice L. Tuchman, received the academy's highest honor, the Ted C. Kennedy Award. NAC also awarded three scholarships for the first time. Recipients are Maryam Echreshzadeh, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Karilin Yiu, University of California, Berkeley; and Julia Gravano, Wentworth Institute of Technology. All three are studying civil engineering and construction management. Edd Gibson received the academy's first Richard L. Tucker Outstanding Service Award. At the end of the meeting President Tom Sorley passed the gavel to Maggi Walker, incoming 2021 NAC President.

The NAC Annual Auction was conducted online as well. A portion of the proceeds will be shared with Indian Health Service, a program administered by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. NAC's intent is to support infrastructure improvement and access to fresh water for some of the more than 500 recognized tribes of Native Americans and Alaska Native People served by Indian Health Service. The NAC annual meeting will return to Boston in 2023.

The National Academy of Construction, established in 1999, is an organization of industry leaders that recognizes those who have made outstanding, life-long contributions to the design and construction industry. For more information on this press release, contact Rusty Haggard at 512/557-7672 or email rhaggard99@gmail.com.

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