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### **Dear Members,**

In the Fall Newsletter I wrote about LSU and the CMIE Department being spared in the latest budget cuts from the State Capital. Unfortunately, there are more budget cuts on the way. Predictions for State Revenue keep getting lowered as the economic slow down moves deeper into Louisiana. LSU and the CMIE Department will not get through this one unscathed. No one knows how much will be cut but they do know it is coming.

When the CMIE department is faced with budget cuts they need the CIAC more than ever. Our support to the department, faculty and students is extremely important now. We must increase our membership in order to give more support to the department. Annual membership dues will be due starting July 1, 2010 and I hope to see the membership grow which will allow the CIAC to contribute more than we have in the past.

I was invited to be on the CM faculty strategic planning committee during the fall and spring semesters. Dean Koubek asked the committee to plan their future and to think "BIG". He asked the committee "what do you want the CM program to be 5 and 10 years from now". I was impressed with the ideas the faculty came up with. The faculty educated me on how the academia side of the world works. Let me tell you, it is not like the business world. Research is an area both the CM faculty and the LSU Flagship Agenda want to develop into a bigger part of the department. I told the committee I had no idea CM faculty members were interested in research. I received another education in why research is important to all departments in all universities. I want to encourage the CIAC members and their companies to get



involved with the faculty and support their research proposals.

Dr. Thomas Ray retired this past December after several years of positive contributions to the CMIE department. The CIAC would like to thank him for his leadership and dedication to LSU and the construction industry. His personal interest and caring concern for each of the faculty members will be missed. Good luck Dr. Ray!

On behalf of the CIAC, I want to thank you for being a member and ask you to continue to give the CIAC and the LSU CMIE Department your support in the future.

**Mike Barber**  
CIAC President 2009-2010



# CIAC Golf Tournament at Carter Plantation

The First Annual Golf Tournament held on April 16th at Carter Plantation was a complete success. 30 different companies came out, networked with each other, raised money for LSU, and had a great time. Not only did we raise additional funds for the department but also brought in new members to our group and provided a great day of networking for our members. It was a beautiful day at Carter Plantation and we are already planning on next year's event.

Put on your calendar April 15th, 2011, Carter plantation

## CIAC Student Enhancement

The CIAC Student Enhancement Committee hosted a Panel Discussion on March 2nd, three days before the LSU Construction Management Recruitment Day, to coach both graduating Seniors and students looking for internships on "How to put your best foot forward during the Interview Process". Over sixty students attended this event which comprised of Construction Industry recruiters and professionals providing personal recommendations and then a Question and Answer session.

Both students and recruiters at the LSU Construction Management Recruitment Day felt that this event prepared the students who attended, giving them a significant advantage during their search for gainful employment. Thanks to the following organizations whose employees made this event possible: Mapp, B E & K, Performance, Turner, TopCor, PALA, & Lemoine



## CIAC Mentor Program



As the LSU spring semester comes to a close the CIAC Mentor Program is winding down. The goal of the program is to pair LSU Construction Management Students with Construction Industry professionals to help mentor them throughout the CM program, providing experience and knowledge above what they are exposed to in classroom settings. The mentors shared their professional knowledge and experiences by consulting with the mentees to help

them in their professional development. This is the second year of this program and it is continuing to grow and become more effective. This spring semester 46 CM students had the opportunity to learn from 31 Construction Industry professionals from 19 different organizations.

## 28th Annual Banquet

The LSU Construction Student Association had their 28th Annual Banquet on April 29th. This event included a dinner, as well as, live and silent auctions. CIAC member contributed to this event by attending and socializing with the students. In addition, they donated and "won" many of the auctioned items. A side benefit of this event is the opportunity to catch up with many "long lost" Construction Management classmates from back in the day.



# Construction Management

## to play a vital role in the College of Engineering Strategic Plan

Last fall Dr. Richard Koubek, dean of the LSU College of Engineering, started laying the foundation for the future of the College by challenging the faculty and staff to create a vision for all areas through a strategic plan. This plan was to better define the College's core purpose and help take advantage of its natural advantages.

As part of this planning, LSU was honored to host five visiting deans from top engineering universities: from Georgia Tech, University of Michigan, Princeton University, Purdue University and MIT - with the purpose of analyzing the College's strengths and weaknesses. As part of their analysis the panel felt key focus areas should be in energy and the environment and natural (coastal) and built infrastructure. Strong ties with industry and loyal alumni were also noted by the panel.

Construction Management plays a significant roll in these key focus areas. Upper administration in the College and University have recognized this as well. A national search is on to provide leadership for the department. But to reach its full potential however, we cannot rely solely on state funding. Only through philanthropy, industry applied research, investment and partnership with Alumni and industry will we be able to see Construction Management achieve a level of prominence.

Construction Management has already made great strides to expand its facilities, which can be seen in the new Computer Lab, made possible by the CIAC. This is just the beginning however. There are drives to further expand facilities and modernize equipment. There is a need to grow the endowment within the department to continue to attract the best students and increase the start up packages to keep top faculty and bring in new talented leaders in the industry.

With the changes occurring in the program we are at a crucial time that will shape the future of the department. The support of CIAC and its members has provided great opportunities for the program. Without this support, the notion of Construction Management becoming its own department would merely be a dream. With the continued help and support of both industry and alumni, LSU Construction Management can achieve the future promise that the department holds.



### CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

#### 2009 - 2010 ACADEMIC YEAR

#### FACULTY

13 Full-time (11 Permanent; 2 Temporary)

4 Part-time

Total Undergraduate Teaching Full Time Equivalents: 12.50

#### STUDENTS

CM (majors) = 428  
(2nd Largest in the College of Engineering)

Freshman/ Underclassman = 105

CM Minors = 31

TOTAL STUDENTS = 564

Graduates: December '09 = 81; May '10 = 60; August '10 = 11

Total Graduates: 152 (Total Graduates Including the First Graduating Class in 1972 = 2097)

Program Status: Upgraded General Classroom in CM Building to 40 Computer Stations; 24 New Computers in Lab Classroom in Patrick F. Taylor Hall; Satisfactory Rating from the SACS Accreditation Committee; Articulation Agreement with BRCC on the 2 + 2 Program



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT 2010

## NEW MEMBERS

**Bart Peak**, Wallace C. Drennan, Inc  
**Bill Carmouche**, Specialty Industrial LLC  
**Blake Powell**, PMOLink  
**Bryan Vollmer**, Shaw Environmental  
**Charles McInnis**, McInnis Tyner, Inc  
**Charles Reagin, III**, Wright & Percy Insurance  
**Chris Fox**, Southern Delta Construction  
**Chris Jaubert**, Stuart and Company  
**Chris Smith**, A & R Properties  
**Danny Lewis**, Correct Door Inc.  
**Dare Powers**, Didier Consultants  
**Derek Fife**, Arkel Constructors  
**Frank Steva**, La Rents / La Machinery  
**Gerald Whittle**, Shavers-Whittle Construction  
**Jan Buras**, JaRoy Construction  
**Jason Williams**, Pat Williams Construction  
**Jeff Plauche**, Boh Bros. Construction  
**Jerry Andrews**, B & K Construction Company, LLC  
**Jim Mejeur**, Contractors Supply  
**Jonathan Kernion**, Cycle Construction Co, LLC  
**Louis Abshire**, Unified Recovery Group  
**M.J. Wolfe**, Circle, LLC  
**Marc Bourgeois**, Regal Construction, LLC  
**Michael Kane**, Pala-Interstate, LLC  
**Ray Malek**, Jacobs  
**Richard Rise**, Doggett Machinery Services  
**Roy D. Langridge**, Broadmoor, LLC  
**Rudy Schmidt**  
**Ryan Gootee**, Ryan Gottee General Contractors  
**Sean Cresap**, Rayn Maker Construction Group, Inc.



CIAC Members. It has been a pleasure serving as your Executive Director for another year. We have had a great year working with faculty, students, and industry leaders.

CIAC Membership is 158 up from 146 at the same time last year. This past year has been more difficult to gain new members but we are still moving forward with individuals wanting to support the LSU CM Program.

New to our organization this past year was the First Annual Golf Tournament. Not only did we raise additional funds for the department but also brought in new members to our group and provided a great day of networking for our members. It was a beautiful day at Carter Plantation and we are already planning on next year's event.

This past February I attended the ACCE (American Council for Construction Education) Conference participating in the Industrial Advisory Council group.

46 Industrial Advisory Council's were invited, 31 representatives responded and attended. What I discovered is we appear to have the best, most rounded program in the country when it comes to supporting our CM Program. Other groups are already requesting information on how to adapt their program to work in a similar manner to ours.

One of the things they were very impressed with is our mentoring program for students. Our mentoring program seems to grow larger every year with industry leaders volunteering their time for those students wanting to take advantage of the insight we have to offer. We wish to thank all of our mentors and ask that you keep up the great work.

Another new program we have is our Jr. Membership Program. This is a 3 year program for recent graduates. Most graduates are unable to afford the \$1,000 for annual dues so we developed the Jr. Membership Program. The first year their dues are \$50 with \$250 their second and third. The one stipulation is that they assist with the golf tournament and be available to students as advice is needed on student competitions.

During the next 12 months we will be working harder at bringing to our group Associate Members. This is individuals who support you as a contractor in your day to day operation. Working toward a more rounded group, especially in this economy we will need assistance reaching out to these people. If there is anyone you feel would be a potential member, please forward their information to me.

You will be receiving your renewal information for the 2010-2011 year shortly and we hope everyone continues to support one of the top programs in the country for construction management, LSU CM Program.



# APPLICATION for CIAC Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

LSU Graduate? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Committee preference (please check):

\_\_\_\_\_ Curriculum & Accreditation

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership & Fund-raising

\_\_\_\_\_ Department Enhancement

\_\_\_\_\_ Publicity & Promotion

\_\_\_\_\_ Finance & Governance

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Enhancement

**Dues:**

\$1,000 for each REGULAR Member  
(Contractors and Owners)

\$500 for each ASSOCIATE Member  
(Suppliers and Service Companies)

Send completed application and check  
payable to LSU Foundation - CIAC:

LSU CIAC  
P.O. Box 14902  
Baton Rouge, La 70898

## *Pass it on!*

Please help us to develop your industry's future leaders. If you are an existing member, please give this newsletter to a colleague after you have read it. If you are not a member, we welcome you to join our team by completing the form above.

# MEMBER ROSTER 2010

Adams Phyllis  
 Al Bargas  
 Allan McDonnel  
 Andre Hebert  
 Andy Boniol  
 Andy Dupuy  
 Andy Lopez  
 Angela Latino-Geier  
 Art Favre  
 Barry Kilpatrick  
 Bart Peak  
 Bert Wilson  
 Bill Carmouche  
 Blake Powell  
 Brent Boé  
 Bruce Bacon  
 Bruce Magee  
 Bryan Landry  
 Bryan Williams  
 Chad Beard  
 Charles Blair  
 Charles McInnis  
 Charles Reagin, III  
 Chase Rainey  
 Chris Clement  
 Chris Fox  
 Chris Jaubert  
 Chris Michel  
 Chris Smith  
 Chris Usry  
 Christopher Bolian  
 Conrad Bourg  
 Dale Biggers  
 Dale Phillips  
 Dan DeKaye  
 Danny Carvalier  
 Danny Lewis  
 Danny Montelepre  
 Dare Powers  
 David Miller  
 David Stayshich  
 Dean Zaki Bassiouni  
 Don Bonewitz  
 Don Descant  
 Don McCollister  
 Donnie Lacombe  
 Doug Fussell  
 Dr. Thomas Ray, P.E.  
 Emile Guirard  
 Euclid Michel  
 Frank Steva  
 Generes Christian  
 Gerald Whittle  
 Gerrad Delatte  
 Glen Gulino  
 Glen Welch  
 Grady Crawford  
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 J Logan Barrow  
 James Baker  
 James Brogran  
 Jan Buras  
 Jason Williams  
 Jay Dykes  
 Jeff James  
 Jeff Plauche  
 Jeffrey Geradi  
 Jeremiah Worthington  
 Jerry Andrews  
 Jerry Vandervoort  
 Jim Mejeur  
 Jim Robinson  
 Joel Boé  
 John Marshall  
 Phylway Construction LLC  
 ABC Pelican Chapter  
 The McDonnel Group  
 Magellan Construction  
 MAPP Construction  
 Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure  
 Stuart & Company General Constructors  
 ABC New Orleans Bayou Chapter  
 Performance Contractors, Inc.  
 Whitney National Bank  
 Wallace C. Drennan, Inc  
 Barriere Construction Co.  
 Specialty Industrial LLC  
 PMOLink  
 Performance Contractors, Inc.  
 Archer Western Contractors  
 United Rentals Trench Safety  
 Ardent Services LLC  
 Ron Williams Construction Inc  
 The Newtron Group, Inc  
 Capital Region Builders Association  
 McInnis Tyner, Inc  
 Wright & Percy Insurance  
 Performance Contractors, Inc.  
 Cajun Constructors, Inc  
 Southern Delta Construction  
 Stuart and Company  
 Carl E. Woodward, LLC  
 A & R Properties  
 Cajun Industries, LLC  
 Select Building Systems  
 James Construction Group, LLC  
 Boh Brothers Construction LLC  
 Milton J. Womack, Inc.  
 Kiewit Texas Construction L.P.  
 Brock Services, LTD  
 Correct Door Inc.  
 Select Building Systems  
 Didier Consultants  
 Moore Construction  
 Fluor Enterprises  
 Dean of Engineering /Dept. of Constructio  
 Durr Heavy Construction  
 M.D. Descant, Inc.  
 Turner Industries Group, LLC  
 Arrighi Simoneaux  
 Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure  
 CM Department Chair  
 Industrial Specialty Contractors  
 Cajun Constructors, Inc  
 La Rents / La Machinery  
 Landis Construction Co. LLC  
 Shavers-Whittle Construction  
 Turner Industries Group, LLC  
 Industrial Specialty Contractors  
 James Construction Group, LLC  
 Grady Crawford Construction  
 Shaw Constructors Inc.  
 Guy Hopkins Construction  
 Boh Brothers Construction LLC  
 Moreno Group  
 Basic Industries  
 Topcor  
 Satterfield & Pontikes Construction Group  
 JaRoy Construction  
 Pat Williams Construction  
 Dykes Electric Inc.  
 Denton - James LLC  
 Boh Bros. Construction  
 ProEst  
 Triad Electric  
 B & K Construction Company, LLC  
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 Contractors Supply  
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 Performance Contractors, Inc.  
 Satterfield & Pontikes Construction

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 Josh Rounds  
 Joshua Cain  
 Karl Weber  
 Katrell McNeil  
 Keith Walker  
 Ken Naquin  
 Kenny Freeman  
 Kevin Alexander  
 Kevin Courville  
 Kevin Tabor  
 Kirby Stumpf  
 Kristopher Meaux  
 L. Leslie Rosso  
 Lane Grigsby  
 Laura Heroman  
 Lee Carrault  
 Lee Mayeux  
 Lee Rayner  
 Leeland Kilpatrick  
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 Louis Abshire  
 M.J. Wolfe  
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 Mark LaHaye  
 Marty Brodnax  
 Matthew Tanory  
 Michael Mayeux  
 Mike Barber  
 Mike Gillard  
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 Neil Rome  
 Paul Friloux  
 Paul Miano  
 Paul Neely  
 Paul Nola  
 Philip Catanzaro  
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 R.L. "Sonny" Anderson  
 Randy Brunson  
 Randy Rebowe  
 Rene Duplantis  
 Richard Cloy  
 Richard Rise  
 Rick Johnson  
 Rob Osburn  
 Robert Spears  
 Robert Wooderson  
 Rodi Respone  
 Ronnie Volentine  
 Ross Descant  
 Ross J. Campesi, III  
 Rudy Comeaux  
 Rudy Schmidt  
 Ryan Myers  
 Scott Couper  
 Stephen Miller  
 Steve Smith  
 Steven Fleury  
 Steven Garner  
 Steven Powell  
 Thad Respone  
 Theresa Jones  
 Thom Bonner  
 Thomas Bulliard  
 Thomas Russell  
 Tim Furnish  
 Todd Foust  
 Todd Grigsby  
 Tom Welborn  
 Valerie Aymand  
 Vic Weston  
 Walton Construction Co  
 Warren Waggenspack Jr.  
 Wes Mincin  
 William Seling

Triad Electric & Controls  
 LSU Construction Alumni  
 Performance Contractors, Inc.  
 Cecil Perry Improvements  
 PBC Industrial Supplies  
 RSC Equipment  
 Triad Electric & Controls  
 Louisiana AGC  
 Petrin Corporation  
 MMR Constructors  
 Performance Contractors, Inc.  
 Fabricated Steel Products  
 M.R. Pittman Group, LLC  
 Trison Constructors  
 LSU Dept. of Construction Management/ Ass  
 Cajun Industries, LLC  
 Jacobs  
 Group Contractors  
 Cajun Industries, LLC  
 Lee Rayner  
 MMR Group, Inc.  
 Juneau Construction Company  
 Unified Recovery Group  
 Circle, LLC  
 Industrial Specialty Contractors  
 MAPP Construction  
 Cajun Constructors, Inc  
 Walton Construction Co. LLC  
 Southern Delta Construction  
 Cajun Industries, LLC  
 LEEVAC  
 MAPP Construction  
 Cajun Constructors, Inc  
 Excel Contractors Inc.  
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 Cajun Constructors, Inc  
 Mechanical Construction Co  
 T. Baker Smith Inc  
 Anco Industries Inc.  
 R.A.Brunson, Inc  
 Turner Industries Group, LLC  
 Barriere Construction Co.  
 M.C.Dean  
 Dogett Machinery Services  
 J.Ray McDermott, Inc.  
 Dolese Brothers  
 Wink Companies, LLC  
 Gibbs Construction LLC  
 MMR Group, Inc.  
 Shaw Constructors Inc.  
 Citadel Builders, LLC  
 Maintenance Enterprises, Inc.  
 The Lemoine Co  
 F.H. Meyers Construction Corp.  
 Pala-Interstate, LLC  
 Insulations, Inc.  
 A J Gallagher & Company  
 Louisiana-CSI, LLC  
 Luster  
 J.Ray McDermott  
 Industrial Specialty Contractors  
 The Lemoine Company LLC  
 Merit Electrical Inc.  
 Bulliard Construction Co., Inc.  
 Russell Pool Company Inc  
 Specialty Application Services, Inc.  
 Coating & Application Services  
 Cajun Constructors, Inc  
 MMR Group, Inc.  
 Gilchrist Construction Co  
 Contractors Educational Trust Fund  
 Walton Construction Co.  
 Associate Dean of Engineering  
 Triad Electric & Controls  
 Magnolia Construction Co. LLC



# CALENDAR of EVENTS



**Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

CIAC Board Meeting  
4 p.m. *Performance Contractors*

**Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Kenner Reception  
4 p.m. *Board Meeting*, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. *Reception.*

**Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Interview Day Student Member Social,  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. *Walk-On's*

**Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

Construction Interview Day

**Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

CIAC Board Meeting,  
4:30 p.m. *LSU*

**Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

CIAC Board Meeting,  
4 p.m. *Performance Contractors*

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

CIAC Board Meeting,  
4:30 p.m. *LSU*

**Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

2nd Annual CIAC Golf Tournament

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Annual Meeting

# CIAC Department Enhancement Committee

The Department Enhancement Committee's primary purposes include maintaining an open dialogue with the faculty, assisting in the recruitment of new faculty, and providing other support for the department as needed. This year, our committee is focusing on the following objectives:

- Offer input during the development stages of the LSU Construction Management Graduate Program
- Explore an Industry/Academic Liaison Assistantship Program
- Coordinate a CIAC sponsored "Industry Forum" comprised of industry professionals and LSU CM faculty. This will be a joint effort with the Publicity and Promotion Committee.
- Enhance summer employment opportunities with local companies for qualified and interested LSU CM faculty.
- Provide support of the LSU CM faculty requesting funds from the Board of Regents for a 3D printer and surveying equipment / software as part of the Construction Visualization and Control (CVC) Laboratory.
- Advise LSU CM students on competitions for ABC, NHBA, and AGC.

