

Annual Business Meeting - May 4, 2011

CARTY & UNBEKANT BECOME LIFE MEMBERS



President **KIRK SAMUELSON** presents Life Member certificates to **GERRY CARTY** (left) and **DON UNBEKANT** (right) at the May 4th Business Meeting and Dinner.

Members who have been dues-paying members for forty years shall be declared Life Members of The Moles. Both Gerry Carty and Don Unbekant joined this distinguished class on May 1, 2011. Gerry Carty spent his 40 year construction career with Johnson, Drake & Piper and Walsh Construction Company, and now serves as Executive Director of The Moles. Don Unbekant spent his early career with Cayuga Construction Corporation before joining Perini Corporation, where he served as Executive Vice President for all civil construction in the U.S.

OTHER LIFE MEMBERS: In addition to Gerry Carty and Don Unbekant, there are 13 other Life Members: **WELDON S. BOOTH, MELVIN FEBESH, ROBERT S. GATES, DAVID H. GRIFFIN, GAIL B. KNIGHT, ROBERT G. LENZ, HENRY F. LE MIEUX, RICHARD W. LOUGHNEY, STANLEY MERJAN, NORMAN A. NADEL, EMIL N. ONDREY, GEORGE REIDER and RICHARD N. WEEKS.**



Listening intently to Lecture on No. 7 Line Extension

Steve Barlow Receives Gavel from Kirk Samuelson



MEMBERS DINNERS Each year, there are two members-only meetings and dinners for Moles members; one in the Spring and one in the Fall. The Spring meeting and dinner, which occurs just after the close of the Moles' fiscal year on April 30th, is called the Annual Business Meeting, held this year on May 4th. The evening activities consist of a lecture on a subject of interest to Moles members (this year an update on the No. 7 Line Subway Extension, by Jim Marquardt and Gary Almeraris), followed by a cocktail hour and then the meeting and dinner. Reports are given at this meeting by the Secretary, the Treasurer and all of the Committee Chairmen. New Officers and Committee Chairmen are then introduced. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all in attendance.



Arthur J. Fox receiving 40 Year Life Emeritus certificate from President Samuelson

NEWS BULLETIN
AN ASSOCIATION OF INDIVIDUALS

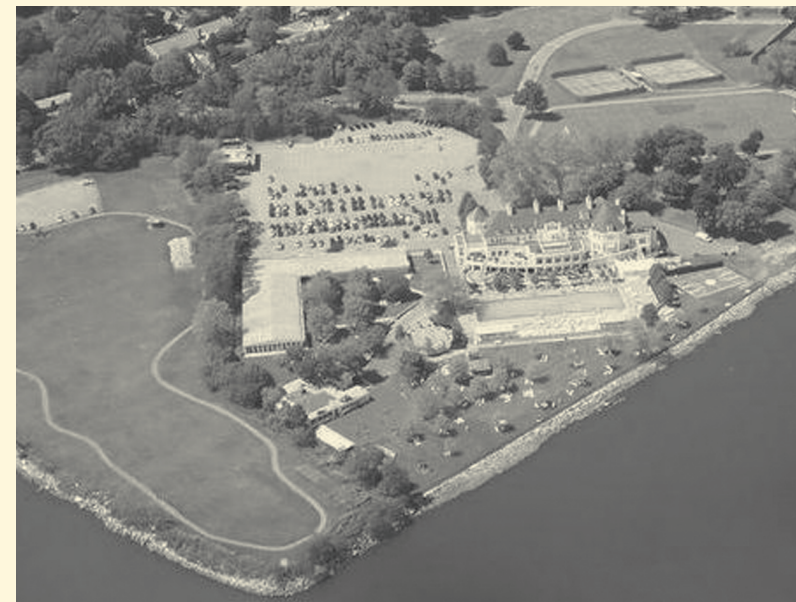


OF THE MOLES
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HOLING THROUGH

JULY, 2011

ANOTHER EXCEPTIONAL CLAMBAKE PLANNED FOR AUGUST 2nd



The Moles will again be returning to the New York Athletic Club's Summer facility at Travers Island, Pelham Manor, Westchester County, New York on Tuesday, August 2nd. Located on Long Island Sound, over the past several years the club has undergone major renovations and upgrades with a beautiful clubhouse, Olympic size pool, tennis courts, playing fields and a marina. One can start the day playing golf either at Pelham Country Club (shotgun start) or at Leewood Golf Club (with tee times). At mid-day, there is a delicious luncheon buffet followed by an afternoon of activities: the engineer - contractor annual softball game, tennis and many lawn games (nail driving, bocce, pitch and putt, etc.) Many members and their guests opt to just move about or settle at the shaded grove, renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. The weather seems to be always good. Beer and soda are served throughout the afternoon and evening. The day winds up with a superb surf and turf dinner and the distribution of prizes for golf, games, etc. Overnight hotel reservations are available at the Hilton Rye Brook Hotel.

COME OUT, RELAX AND HAVE A GREAT DAY

**CLAMBAKE
TUESDAY
August 2, 2011**

**GOLF AT LEEWOOD GOLF
CLUB AND PELHAM
COUNTRY CLUB IN THE
A.M.**

TRAVERS ISLAND

**REGISTRATION
11:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**LUNCH
11:30 A.M. to 2:00 PM.**

**OUTDOOR GAMES
2 P.M. to 5 P.M.**

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

SOFTBALL GAME

SWIMMING

**SURF & TURF DINNER
SERVED AT 5:30 P.M.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2011

The following Committee assignments have been made for the current year.

AWARD COMMITTEE: Henry E. Adams, Chairman; James M. Marquardt, Vice Chairman; Members-at-Large: Gary A. Almeraris and Michael M. McHugh

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: John L. Kolaya, Chairman; Donald P. Dobbs, Vice Chairman; Members: Francis J. Arland, Michael A. D'Annunzio, James H. Hughes III, Joseph M. McCann, William V. McGuinness III, Thomas F. Peyton, Richard Raab and Walter J. Reichert

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Wesley Bermel, Chairman; David M. Plotkin, Vice Chairman; Members: Gaby M. Antoun, John Civetta, Jr., Robin B. Dill, Margarita D. Gagliardi, Jack Harney, Kirk D. Junco, Charles J. Montalbano, Val S. McWhorter and Thomas Tuozzolo

FINANCE COMMITTEE: David F. Benton, Chairman; Members: Ali M. Catik, Alfonso Daloisio, Jr., Christine Keville, John R. Lamberson and Mysore Nagaraja

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Cesare De Rose, Chairman; Paul C. Schmall, Vice Chairman; Members: Michael S. Cobelli, Jay Dier, John H. O'Keefe, Robert O'Neill, Stephen G. Price, John A. Rupich and Jack Tobin

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Gerard P. Brady, Chairman; John F. McNamara III, Vice Chairman; Members: Andre Ameer, Michael M. Cote, Lawrence H. Lehman, Michael F. McKenna, Michael V. Mergentime and Robert J. Palermo

SOMETHING NEW IN HOLING THROUGH

Following the practice inaugurated in the July 2008 issue of *Holing Through*, there is an article on page 6 featuring the current Moles President's company, The J.F. White Contracting Company.

PLANS TO CELEBRATE THE MOLES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The 75th Anniversary Committee, consisting of Chairman John L. Kolaya, Alfred H. Brand, Arthur B. Corwin, Richard S. Weeks and President Stephen J. Barlow, has been at work now for almost one year planning the various activities which will mark this auspicious occasion.

Progress continues according to schedule on the 75th Anniversary Commemorative book. The committee feels that this will be a superb product, which will chronicle the history of The Moles from its founding in 1937 to 2012. It will be somewhat different than the usual commemorative book, as in addition to the normal written commentary, it will contain unusual graphics depicting the history of The Moles and the construction industry and the persons honored and projects recognized through the annual presentation of The Moles Member and Non Member Awards.

All members have received the Expression of Interest letter regarding the Gala Dinner and Ball in May 2012. The initial response has been encouraging, but we ask those who may not yet have responded to respond now so the committee can finalize arrangements and commitments for this historic event. Although many will be attending with spouses, we can guarantee those attending in a single status will be seated with their friends and colleagues and will have a very enjoyable time.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW 75TH Anniversary Gala Dinner and Ball May 4, 2012 American Museum of Natural History

THE MOLES

Holing Through is published by The Moles three times a year: April, July and November. The Moles is an organization of people engaged in Heavy Construction. Its purpose is to promote better acquaintance among individuals engaged in heavy construction to the end:

- That past and future friendships and a spirit of fraternization among the members be fostered.
- That meetings and other gatherings be held to exchange construction information and promote good fellowship among the members.
- That advancement of the Construction art be achieved, and outstanding performance be recognized through awards and otherwise.
- That the youth of our country be encouraged to participate in heavy construction by a multi purpose program of education in cooperation with engineering colleges and other associations.
- That, in the public interest, standards of construction shall be raised both as to engineering and business ethics.

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J.F. White Contracting Company (cont'd)

Similarly, when the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act funded the Big Dig, the largest public works program in U.S. history, as well as improvements to vital transportation centers, White was positioned to contribute.

In recognition of the important contributions of his employees, Tom offered to share the ownership of the company with valued, loyal employees through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). The Plan Participants today own just over 30% of the shares of J.F. White Contracting Co.

Recipient of The Moles Non Member Award in 1990, Tom passed away on January 7, 2011.

The Third Generation

In many organizations, third generation leadership is often content to act as stewards of the company's hard-earned reputation. At J.F. White Contracting Company, Peter T. White, was intent on moving the company forward and toward a very much "associates" environment, where all involved had more knowledge of and involvement in the Company's direction, work program, methods, controls, IT Systems and success.

The trio of Peter White, President and Treasurer, Steve Barlow, Chief Operating Officer and Kevin Egan, Executive VP and Chief Engineer work to advance the company's reputation through effective project selection, resource management, and supervision.

The company's history has demonstrated a versatility that enables the organization to move quickly into shifting markets, to establish trusting and mutually-beneficial relationships with strategic partners, and to adapt new technologies to improve the construction process.

The company leadership, along with its team of experienced managers and construction professionals, is well tuned to the constantly shifting sands of the industry. Out of public necessity, transportation and utility infrastructure repair and replacement will continue to be an important market in New England and beyond.

A Prime example of this adaptability was the Company's ability to commit Mr. Stephen J. Barlow, COO, and 30 key engineers to the Joint Venture with Skanska and Ecco known as SEW, to build the Cat-Del 210G Project in Valhalla, NY. This \$1.050 billion 5-year project is a testament to the collective experience and management capability of Steve, the Project Executive and his team in contribution to the JV as a whole.

Back home, the acceleration of a key and experienced Area Manager, Mr. John "Jack" Harney, into the capacity of daily Operations Manager has proven again that flexibility, anticipation and working as a team are all the necessary trademarks of contractors looking to the long view of first stability, then if possible, growth and development within their areas of competency.

May They Rest in Peace

MICHAEL DERELANKO died on November 26, 2010, at the age of 85. He had a 35 year career with J. Rich Steers, Inc., where he was involved in the construction of such major projects as the Newburgh Beacon Bridge, the Washington, D.C. and Atlanta Subway systems and a number of large sewer outfall projects.

A 1951 Manhattan College Civil Engineering graduate, **RICHARD J. LEAHY**, died in Sarasota, Florida, on March 6, 2011. He worked for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, and oversaw many exciting and innovative projects, including Newark and LaGuardia Airports.

Another Manhattan College C.E. graduate, **FRANCIS E. MC GAHAN**, died in Larchmont, N.Y. on May 23, 2011, at the age of 86. During his career with J. Rich Steers, he was involved in numerous major marine projects in the New York area, including the foundations for the Throggs Neck Bridge, the U.S. Navy Homeport Pier on Staten Island, the runway over the water at La Guardia Airport and the Newburgh Beacon Bridge. U.S. Navy Admiral honored Frank for "the best work ever done for the Navy". He also oversaw several construction projects on the Atlanta Subway.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Skanska USA Civil has promoted **MICHAEL S. COBELLI** to the newly created position of Chief Operating Officer. He will continue to serve as Executive Vice President for Skanska USA Civil's West Region. A Mechanical Engineering graduate of Rutgers University, he has had a 26 year career with Slattery/ Skanska.

J.F. White Contracting Company



Board of Directors: Left to Right: Stephen F. White, J. Bruce Grimaldi, Peter J. White, Stephen J. Barlow and Kevin K. Egan

J.F. White Contracting Company has followed an evolutionary path similar to many privately held, locally based contracting companies. To date, three generations of White family members have managed the company, each with a distinct style and role in defining the company.

The First Generation

The company's founder, Joseph F. White, Sr. bought his first truck in 1918. Four years later, he purchased his first Bucyrus Erie Steam Shovel. In 1924, he incorporated as J. F. White Contracting Company.

Joe branched into foundation excavation for private developers and businesses. From 1924 to 1930, J. F. White excavated the foundations for several prominent Boston developments: Statler Hotel & Office Building, Boston; Aetna Insurance Headquarters, Hartford, CT; Sears Building, Boston; Harvard Business School, Cambridge; and Fogg Art Museum, Cambridge.

As the depression took hold, however, and construction slowed, Joe White was forced into personal bankruptcy. He closed the contracting company and formed White Fuel to haul coal, using the equipment resources of the contracting company. This business allowed Joe to retain many of the loyal employees he had developed within the Contracting Company. When WW II ended, the nucleus of a Company was there to seek work.

The Second Generation

In 1946, Tom, and his brother Joe, Jr. returned from World War II and revived the contracting business with younger brother, John. Tom White, a paratrooper Captain in the European Theater, embodied and carried forward the core values of the company and diversified operations.

Joe, Sr. expected the boys to focus on hauling and earth moving. Tom, a graduate of Harvard, Class of '42, took a

broader view towards diversification and growth. Road building and airport construction appeared as lucrative possibilities.

In the post-war economy, certain public agencies and municipalities emerged as key players in the growth of J.F. White Contracting. Principal among these was the Metropolitan District Commission, or MDC. In 1946, they were the umbrella organization that let construction contracts for improvements to the entire region's water and sewer systems, roadways and recreational facilities, projects well-suited to J.F. White Contracting Company's capabilities and desire for growth.

In 1948, eager to establish a relationship with the agency, the company took a modest job cutting new ski trails and building a new ski tow at the MDC's Blue Hill Reservation. In 1950, the company was low bidder on the Charlesgate section of the "New Embankment Highway", known today as Storrow Drive.

Securing the Storrow Drive contract was not easy. The company bonding agent was against issuing the company a payment and performance bond for the \$650,000 project. Without Tom's knowledge, and in spite of his reservations about the new direction of the company, Joe indemnified the company personally in the amount of \$50,000. This secured the contract.

The majority of the company's work in the late 50's and 60's shifted to the Massachusetts Department of Public Works (DPW), which was responsible for road improvements and highway projects throughout the Commonwealth. From observing, analyzing and understanding subcontracted bridgework, the company developed the in-house capability to construct major highway overpasses independently.

As the company grew and prospered, Tom delegated authority to qualified professionals who brought new talents, experience and specific cost-based discipline to the organization. Most impressive among them was Phil Bonanno, a 34 year-old chief estimator from Arthur A. Johnson Co. and Peter Kiewit's Sons who ascended to the company's lead operating role in 1970. As President and General Manager for over 25 years, Phil pursued increasingly sophisticated infrastructure projects such as large diameter deep sewer, rapid transit systems and stations, waste water treatment facilities and airport work.

When then Governor Frank Sargeant shifted the Commonwealth's attentions (and funding) from the Interstate Highway Program to the expansion of rapid transit, White's market focus shifted as well and became the prominent track and rapid transit contractor in the region. In the twenty years from 1968 to 1988, no single contractor participated on as much work for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) as J.F. White Contracting Company.

MC ALINDEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Approximately 15 years ago, Moles member, **JOSEPH A. MC ALINDEN**, bequeathed \$100,000.00 in his will for college scholarships for children of Moles members. At that time, the average age of Moles members was likely 60 so it was felt that there would not be too many members with children still in college. The Moles petitioned the Court for permission to include grandchildren of Moles members and the request was granted.

The first scholarships were awarded in 1996. To be eligible, the child or grandchild of a member must have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university (graduate students are not eligible). Each year, with the mailing for the May Business meeting, a form is included on which a member can submit the name of a child or grandchild whom he wishes to nominate for a scholarship. At the dinner, all of the names submitted are placed in a bowl and the winners are selected by a random drawing.

This year's winners are: the son of **HENRY CHEUNG**, a student at Purdue University; the son of **ART CORWIN**, a student at Johns Hopkins University; the granddaughter of **TED MITCHELL**, a student at Suffolk University; the son of **JOHN MOORE**, a student at Rutgers University; and the daughter of **STEVE PRICE**, a student at George Mason University. Each scholarship award has a value of \$1,000.00.

THANKS, JOE MC ALINDEN, FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO FELLOW MOLES MEMEBERS.

MOLES TO RETURN TO FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, PALM BEACH, FOR 2012 WINTER MEETING



Although other venues were explored and discussed, those attending the 2011 Winter Meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel, Palm Beach, voted to return to the same location in March 2012.

The choice was not difficult. Attendees have come to enjoy this elegant hotel with exceptional service; a cozy 200 rooms; located on its own beach on the Atlantic Ocean; ten minutes from Palm Beach's renowned Worth Avenue - the focal point for one of the world's most exclusive shopping, dining and gallery districts; on site tennis courts; three nearby champion golf courses; as well as fishing and water sports.

Winter Meeting Dates—March 8 to 11, 2012

THE MOLES WEBSITE

www.themoles.info

The Moles website has proved to be very useful to Moles members and non-members alike. It contains a plethora of useful information. For non members, it explains what the Moles is all about, its history and objectives with a great number of interesting photographs. For members, the following sections might be the most useful:

ORGANIZATION: Here can be found a listing of all the officers, committee chairmen and committee members. Also included in this section is a copy of The Moles By-Laws and Code of Procedure.

MEMBERSHIP: One can find here information as to how to nominate a candidate for membership and the required form to do so.

CALENDAR: Here is listed the calendar of upcoming events as well as the various committee meeting dates.

EDUCATION: Among other information in this section is the Career Connection, which puts prospective students seeking employment (Summer, intern and permanent) in touch with Moles members and their companies.

INFORMATION CENTER: Here one can find copies of the current issue of Holog Through along with the most recent issues of The Moles newsletter.

Every Moles member should familiarize oneself with the resources available on this website. Again, thanks to PB for their assistance in establishing this state of the art website and updating it on a regular basis.

NEW MEMBERS



Left to Right: Robert G. Kent, Richard D. McGrath, A. Ross Myers, Eric D. Eisold, Mark A. Rosen, Joseph A. Sopko and Richard M. Crockford

KENNETH W. ALDRIDGE is CEO of Aldridge Electric, Inc., Libertyville, Illinois. He earned a degree in Finance from the University of Wisconsin.

RICHARD M. CROCKFORD earned his Civil Engineering Degree from Loughborough University in the United Kingdom and is District Manager for Nicholson Construction Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A New Yorker by birth and education, having earned his C.E. degree from City College and an MSCE from Polytechnic Institute, JOHN M. DIONISIO spent his early career with Frederick R. Harris and now serves as CEO of AECOM, the largest transportation engineering company in the United States.

After earning his BS Degree in Geology from the University of Maryland, ERIC D. EISOLD spent a large part of his early career with Woodward-Clyde Consultants before joining Bradshaw Construction Corporation in 1999, where he

currently serves as Area Manager.

ROBERT G. KENT earned a degree in Construction Technology from NJIT and spent his career in the design of concrete formwork with Conesco Industries and Advanced Formwork Consultants. He is now with DOKA USA Ltd., the successor company to Conesco Industries.

With an undergraduate degree from Rutgers University and a JD from Boston College School of Law, JOEL LEWIN has concentrated his career in construction law with the Boston firm of Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP.

SCOTT S. LYNN had a long career with Flatiron Structures Company, where he served as CEO. In 2003, he joined Atkinson Construction as President and CEO. Scott earned his CE Degree from Colorado State University, and an MSCE and MBA from Stanford University.

RICHARD D. MC GRATH joined Yonkers Contracting Company in 1989 and after a number of field and

office assignments was named Vice President of Estimating in 2006. He earned a B.S. Degree in Construction Engineering Technology from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

After graduating with his CE Degree from the UC at Berkley, ROBERT F. MC TAVISH received his early training in construction with the Guy F. Atkinson Company, starting in 1976 as an Engineer trainee and rising to Vice President. In 2002, he joined Granite Construction Company, where he currently serves as Director of Construction and Engineering.

A Civil Engineering graduate of Virginia Tech, A. ROSS MYERS is the Chairman and CEO of American Infrastructure, Worcester, Pennsylvania, which is now a large mid-Atlantic construction company.

ROBERT A. NICHOLS, a Civil Engineering graduate of Bucknell University, is Senior Vice President of Estimating of Skanska USA Civil Northeast. His earlier career was with Thalle Construction Company, Briarcliff Manor, New York, a heavy and civil contractor.

TERRY P. POOLE is President of the Heavy Civil Division of Flatiron Construction Company. Prior to joining Flatiron, he worked for PCL Constructors, Inc. He is a graduate in Construction Engineering from Fanshawe College, London, Ontario.

A graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, JOHN E. ROE, JR., is a second generation member of The Moles. He succeeded his father, John Sr., as President and CEO of City Underwriting Agency, an insurance and bonding company for the construction industry.

MARK A. ROSEN is Senior Partner of the law firm McElroy, Deutsch,

The Moles Scholarship Fund

Thanks to our approximately 250 Moles members who made a voluntary contribution to The Moles Scholarship Fund with their dues payments.



Left to Right: Kenneth W. Aldridge, Robert Taikina, Robert A. Nichols, Joel Lewin, Robert F. McTavish, Terry P. Poole, John E. Roe, Jr., and Michael Viggiano

Mulvaney and Carpenter LLP. He earned his bachelor's degree from New York University and his law degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.

JOSEPH A. SOPKO is Midwest Regional Manager for Moretrench American Corporation and an expert in ground freezing. He earned Bachelor, Masters and Ph. D. degrees in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University.

A Civil Engineering graduate of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, ROBERT TAIKINA is President of John F. Picone, Inc., a heavy civil contractor in the New York Metropolitan area.

MICHAEL L. VIGGIANO, a Mechanical Engineering graduate of

Hofstra University, has had an 18 year career with Skanska USA Civil Northeast Inc. where he currently serves as Executive Vice President.

Zachry Construction Corporation, San Antonio, Texas, boasts two Moles Non Member Award Recipients: "Pat" Zachry in 1975 and "Bartell" Zachry in 1992. DAVID S. ZACHRY, son of Bartell Zachry, earned his CE degree from Texas A&M University and a Master of Business Education from the University of Texas. He serves as President and CEO of Zachry Construction Corporation.

Congratulations and Welcome to Our New Moles Members

UPDATE ON THE MOLES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Due to the generosity of our members, The Moles Scholarship Fund has a current value of \$4,427,700.00 (as of April 1, 2011). The Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee consists of the five most recent Presidents of the Moles. The Committee met in April and followed the generally accepted guideline of awarding scholarship grants based on a value of the fund over the past three years. Using this formula, \$172,000.00 was made available for such grants. Thus, seventeen \$9,000.00 scholarships were awarded to the non scholarship colleges and universities in our Education Committee program plus the annual President's and Arline Gallagher Scholarships of \$10,000.00 each.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**CLAMBAKE
TUESDAY
AUGUST 2, 2011
TRAVERS ISLAND**

**ANNUAL FALL
DINNER
WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 2, 2011
New York Hilton**

**AWARD DINNER
WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 25, 2012
New York Hilton**

**WINTER MEETING
MARCH 8 to
MARCH 11, 2012
Palm Beach, Florida**

**BUSINESS
MEETING
AND DINNER**

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CHANGED YOUR
AFFILIATION?**

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