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JONES and CORWIN Selected for 2016 Outstanding Achievement Awards



WAYNE E. JONES

WAYNES E. JONES Project Manager for Traylor Brothers, Inc., Evansville, Indiana, will receive The Moles Non-Member Award for Outstanding Achievement in Construction and **ARTHUR B. CORWIN** Chairman and CEO of Moretrench American Corporation will receive The Moles Member Award. The awards will be presented at The Moles Annual Award Dinner, to be held on Wednesday evening, January 27, 2016, at The New York Hilton Midtown.

WAYNE E. JONES was born in 1950 in Grenada, MS; attended Noxubee County High School in Macon, MS; and East Mississippi Jr. College. In 1975, Wayne earned a commission as a U.S. Army officer the same year he attended the USACE Officer's Basic Course and became an Engineer Officer in a Combat Heavy Engineer Battalion.

In 1978, Wayne began employment with Harbert Construction/Harbert International. His first project was the construction of two bridges across the Ten Tom Waterway in Amory, Mississippi.

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ARTHUR B. CORWIN

ARTHUR B. CORWIN was born in 1956, in Farmingdale, NY. After graduation from SUNY at Farmingdale, he went on to receive a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Polytechnic University of New York. He joined specialty geotechnical contractor Moretrench in 1978 as a project engineer and has dedicated his career to the growth of the company, serving progressively in various engineering and executive capacities including Chief Engineer, Executive Vice President, and Chief Operating Officer. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1988; appointed President and Chief Operating Officer in 2003; Chief Executive

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Award Chairman



KIRK D. JUNCO

This year's Award Committee Chairman is **KIRK D. JUNCO**, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of The Lane Construction Corporation, Cheshire, CT.

After earning his Civil Engineering Degree from Clarkson College in 1979, Kirk thereupon joined Lane as Job Engineer and as is typical of many Moles members, he proceeded through the ranks of Project Engineer, Superintendent and Project Manager.

Kirk has been involved in a variety of complex infrastructure projects throughout his career, including highway projects, mass transit and airport construction. Noteworthy projects include the West Approach to the Ft. McHenry Tunnel, Baltimore, MD; The Springfield Interchange in Northern VA; and the \$1.5 Bil I-495 Hot Lanes in VA, a JV with Fluor. He has also had the unique experience of managing Lane's asphalt and material operations as a Plant Manager and District Manager of Virginia Paving Company.

In his role as COO, Kirk works to ensure the company operations remain in alignment with financial, safety and environmental objectives. In addition to his current responsibilities at the parent company, Kirk is also the Director of Lane Worldwide, headquartered in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Kirk and his wife, Becky have two children, Ben and Kelley.

WAYNE E. JONES

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In 1981, and for the next several years, Wayne worked principally in Egypt and Central America on USAID and DOD projects. In 1985, Wayne returned to the U.S. and supervised the construction of the Biloxi I10 Highway 90 Bridge and Interchange, the first segmental precast bridge in Mississippi.

In 1995, Wayne moved to his present employer, Traylor Bros., Inc. ("TBI") where he began as Project Manager on the New Orleans Nashville Avenue Wharf. Upon its completion, Wayne relocated to New Bern, North Carolina, to manage the Neuse River Bridge, a \$119 million roadway/bridge project.

In 1999, the J.A. Jones/Traylor Bros. JV was selected to build the New Braddock Dam for the USACE on the Monongahela River in Braddock, PA. With the bankruptcy of J.A. Jones in late 2000, TBI assumed responsibility for the completion of the project, appointing Wayne as Project Manager.

After Hurricane Katrina hit the gulf coast in August 2005, the JV of Massman Construction, Traylor and Kiewit was awarded the design/build contract to replace the Ocean Springs Bridge and Wayne was assigned Construction Coordinator for the JV.

Subsequently, the JV team of TBI, Massman Construction Co. and Weeks Marine ("TMW") was formed and was awarded both flood wall construction contracts for the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Lock Replacement Project in New Orleans. Wayne served as Project Manager for this challenging project.

From the ranks of the Top 25 Newsmakers of 2013, the editors of ENR selected Wayne as the winner of *The Award of Excellence* because of his essential contribution to hardening storm protection around New Orleans.

Wayne and his wife of 41 years, Debra Wilkins Jones reside in Newburgh, IN and have two grown children and one grandchild.

ARTHUR B. CORWIN

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Officer in 2007, and Chairman of the Board in 2010.

In addition to continuing to provide the dynamic leadership that has placed Moretrench in the forefront of the industry, Art is active in the wider construction and engineering communities. He is Treasurer of the General Contractors Association of New York and serves on the Board of Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey. He is also a director on the boards of several companies in the heavy construction industry and sits on the Industrial Advisory Committee at Columbia University. He has shared his knowledge and experience through presentations at industry seminars, and is co-author of *Construction Dewatering and Groundwater Control, 3rd Edition* (2007), acknowledged as a definitive text.

During his tenure as President and CEO, Art has guided Moretrench in the successful resolution of complex geotechnical issues for a number of milestone projects. For New York City Water Tunnel #3, ground freezing provided both groundwater control and excavation support for multiple deep shafts. When storm surge from Hurricane Sandy hit New York, Moretrench mobilized emergency response teams to pump more than 250 million gallons of water from PATH tubes, the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel and the World Trade Center. For the Northern Boulevard Crossing of the East Side Access project, acknowledged as the most challenging aspect of the entire megaproject, multiple techniques were required under different contracts to facilitate SEM tunnel mining, including jet grouting as well as compaction and compensation grouting in conjunction with ground freezing. Since that time, Art has guided the expansion of Moretrench's ground freezing operations into Canada and South America.

Art and his wife Ann reside in Morristown, New Jersey. They have three grown children: Christopher, Mark and Leann.

2016 AWARD DINNER

January 27, 2016—New York Hilton Hotel

PRESENTERS OF AWARDS

Colonel Robert A. Sinkler, USACE Retired, will present the 2016 Non-Member Award to **WAYNE E. JONES** and **SALVATORE MANCINI**, 2007 President of The Moles and Recipient of 2008 Moles Member Award, will present the Moles 2016 Member Award to **ARTHUR B. CORWIN**.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

New York Hilton Hotel: Standard Room - \$279.00; Premier Level - \$309.00. Call 212-586-7000 Code **MOLE16**. Reservations must be made by January 4, 2016, to qualify for these very attractive rates.

SPOUSES' DINNER AND SHOW

The Spouse Dinner and Show makes for a great evening for spouses and guests. Dinner will be at the nearby Remi Restaurant. Transportation will be provided to the new Broadway show, *An American in Paris*. Then, back to the hotel just in time to join the attendees at the conclusion of the Award Dinner.

SEATING LISTS

Payment for tickets and names of attendees must be in The Moles office no later than **Thursday, December 31, 2015**, in order names to be included in the Seating List. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

The Moles Award Dinner is considered to be the most prestigious event within the U. S. construction industry. Come to the BIG APPLE and enjoy visiting with your friends and colleagues in a most enjoyable setting.

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 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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PRINCIPAL SPEAKER



General John M. Paxton, Jr.

General Paxton will feel right at home at The Moles Annual Award Dinner, for like a large number of the attendees, he also is a civil engineer, having earned both Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees in Civil Engineering (from Cornell University). He was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 1974.

Starting as a Platoon Commander and progressing through Company Commander and various other assignments including Battalion Commander, in support of operations in Bosnia and Somalia, and Commander of the 1st Marine Regiment, General Paxton was promoted to General and assumed the duties of Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps on December 15, 2012.

General Paxton is a graduate of U.S. Army Infantry Officer Advanced Course and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. He has also served as a Commandant's Fellow at the Brookings Institute as well as at the Council on Foreign Relations.

We are thankful to Moles member, **MALCOLM McLAREN**, a classmate of General Paxton at Cornell University, for enlisting the General to be the Principal Speaker at the 2016 Moles Award Dinner.

25-YEAR MEMBERS



25-Year Members present at the November Dinner, pictured left to right: Richard J. Raczynski, Paul A. Karas, Arthur B. Corwin, Peter S. Schneidkraut, John E. Eckart and Richard Raab

JOHN E. CHRISTIE's early career was with Morrison-Knudsen and S.J. Groves and Sons, Company. He joined Yonkers Contracting Company in the early 1980s and rose to the position of Vice President of Construction. He retired to Florida in 1998, and now resides in Falls-Church, Virginia.

A C.E. graduate of Northeastern University, **ROBERT B. COLPITTS** spent his career in the steel industry: first with U.S. Steel and concluding with Harsco, where he served as President. Since his retirement, Bob has lived in West Pam Beach, Florida.

ARTHUR B. CORWIN needs no introduction. He has spent his entire career with Moretrench American Corporation, of which he currently serves as President and CEO. Art is a Past President of The Moles and will be the Recipient of The Moles Member Award in January 2016.

JOHN E. ECKERT has worked for some of the finest Moles companies: Mueser Rutledge; Spencer White and Prentis; Kerr Construction, and Spearin, Preston and Burrows and is currently Vice President and Chief Engineer of Trevcon Construction Company. He plans to retire at the end of this year.

After a 15 year career with Blount Brothers, Montgomery, Alabama, where he served as President, **PETER C. FORSTER** joined Jim Clark in 1987 at The George Hyman Construction Company as President and COO, and subsequently was named CEO. In 1996, at the time of the Hyman and OMNI merger to form Clark Construction Group, he became Chairman and CEO of that newly formed company. In 2013, he transitioned from CEO into his current role as a Director of the company.

A nice note from **THOMAS J. HENDRICKSON**, part of the Hendrickson family which owned and operated the long predominate Long Island contractor, Hendrickson Bros., Inc., "I am currently the Priest of 'The Historic Church of the Epiphany' in the [Episcopal] diocese of South Carolina and have been ordained eleven years now."

A Notre Dame C.E. graduate, **PAUL A. KARAS** started his career with the Chicago office of Greeley and Hansen designing large waste water treatment plants in Westchester County, NY and Alexandria, VA. He was subsequently named Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Chicago. He then came east and joined the Port Authority of NY&NJ as Director of J.F.K. Airport Redevelopment Pro-

gram. In 1995, he returned to Chicago and has since utilized his expertise on large airport projects, both domestic and international. He is now with the consulting firm of RS&H, where he continues his airport focus.

Starting with Yonkers Contracting Company, Inc., in 1975 as a sales manager for its quarry operations, **THEODORE M. MITCHELL, JR.** moved on to become Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the company's subsidiary, Plaza Materials Company. He writes, "my wife and I are really enjoying our retirement in South Carolina the last 25 years."

In September 2015, **RICHARD RAAB** became President of the American Pile and Foundation Company LLC, Somerville, NJ. Prior to joining American Pile and Foundation, he spent 22 years as Regional Manager and then President of underground contractor, Frontier Kemper, located in New York. Prior to that position, Rich served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Engineer of Grow Tunneling Corporation. He earned his C.E. degree from Manhattan College; an M.S. in Soil Mechanics from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and a Juris Doctorate from St. John's University of Law.

RICHARD J. RACZYNSKI spent his initial career with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and was in charge of the construction of its tunnels, bridges, bus terminals and PATH. In 2001, he left the Port Authority and became Chief Engineer of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. Subsequently, he took on the added position of Chief Engineer of the Garden State Parkway Authority. He retired in 2013, and now keeps active with his consulting practice.

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25 Year Members

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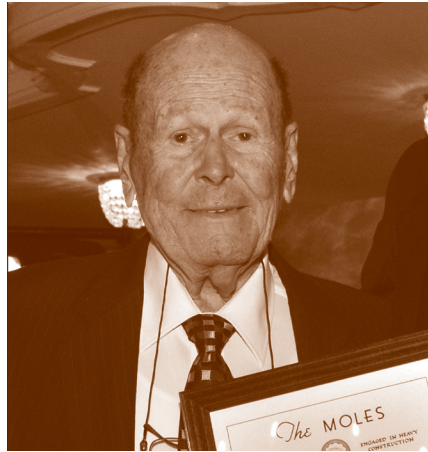
PETER S. SCHNEIDKRAUT, a former President of The Moles, received his C.E. degree from Lehigh University and upon graduation in 1975, joined Thomas Crimmins Contracting Company on the 63rd ST. subway project. In 1978, he joined Grow Construction Company, where he learned the tunneling and construction business from the legendary George Fox. When Grow was sold to Peter Kiewit Sons, Inc., in 1988, he became President of Kiewit Constructor, Inc. Upon retirement in 2001, he formed the Schneidkraut Consulting Group where has kept very active as a construction consultant.

DOMINICK M. SERVEDIO joined Seelye Stevenson Value & Knecht (the predecessor company to STV) in 1977, after an earlier career with the NYC Metropolitan Transit Authority. He was appointed President and COO in 1993; CEO and Chairman in 2001, and Executive Chairman in 2011. Among other honors, he received an Honorary Doctor of Engineering degree from Manhattan College in May 2014.

A C.E. graduate of Villanova University, and after a 19 year career with Moretrench American Corporation, **H. ROBERT SEYBOLD** formed B & B Drilling Corporation in 1990, a position he continues to hold.

The Moles received a nice note from **RONALD N. TUTOR**. When he became a member of The Moles 25 year ago, he was CEO/President of Tutor-Saliba Corporation, Sylmar, CA, a modest sized California construction company. Since that time, the company has experienced tremendous growth, merging with Perini Corporation and acquiring Frontier Kemper. It now ranks 14th on ENR's list of Top 400 Contractors, with revenues of \$4.5 Bil.

May They Rest In Peace



JOSEPH D. D'ANNUNZIO

Despite poor health, **JOSEPH D. D'ANNUNZIO** traveled from Florida to NYC this past May to receive his 40 Year Membership Certificate. *Little Joe*, as he known by family and close friends, died on November 3, 2015, at the age of 86. A 1950 C.E. graduate of MIT, Joe worked for Brewster Construction Co; then joined MK and traveled to Morocco to construct airfields and railroads. In 1956, he joined his father's small construction business and subsequently formed D'Annunzio and Sons, Inc., and grew the company to a major utility and heavy construction contractor. The company continues, headed by his son, **MICHAEL**, a Moles member currently serving on the Moles Executive Committee.

A highly decorated World War II naval aviator, **WILLIAM H. HAZLEHURST SR.** died on August 23, 2015, at the age of 91. After earning his C.E. degree from John Hopkins University, in 1949, he joined the then prominent Baltimore construction company, C. J. Langanfelder, building major heavy construction projects around the country. He retired in 1992.

EDWIN MC LAUGHLIN II died on September 29, 2015, at the age of 80. After earning his C.E. degree from Penn State and M.S. from Purdue University, he joined the Navy in 1959, served in the Civil Engineering Corps and retired as a Captain in 1982. Thereupon, he joined Tidewater Construction Company and rose to be President of the company, retiring in 2007. During his tenure, the company, among other projects, constructed the Coleman Bridge in Yorktown, VA and the Copper River Bridge in Charleston, S.C.

Still very actively employed by Hermitage Explosives Corp. (for over three decades), **JOHN W. LOVIZA** passed away unexpectedly in Nashville, TN, on September 27, 2015, at the age of 84. His early career was with the Corps of Engineers and Hercules Powder Co.

MOLES 2016 WINTER MEETING Westin Hotel - Grand Cayman Island February 25 – 28, 2016

Last year was the first year The Moles Winter Meeting was held at the Westin Hotel on Grand Cayman Island. At the end of the event, the attendees were polled as to where they would like the 2016 Winter Meeting to be held. Almost unanimously, they responded they would like to return to The Westin Seven Mile Beach Resort and Spa in Grand Cayman.

Our original room block has already been exceeded! Island View rooms are still available at \$359/night and can be reserved via our weblink available on The Moles website, www.themoles.net, under Calendar Event: Moles Winter Meeting.

News of Members

V.B. (Benny) DI GORGIO was honored by the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens as a *Pillar of the Construction Industry* at their Annual Dinner in Queens on October 15, 2015. Ben is a founding partner of Urban Foundation/Engineering, LLC, overseeing all of Urban's field operations.

ERIC D. EISOLD was recently named Vice President of Bradshaw Construction Corporation, Eldersburg, MD. After earning a B.S. in Geology from the University of Maryland, he spent his early career as a geologist, joining Bradshaw in 1999.

RAYMOND W. HENN has had a 45 year career in heavy and underground construction and has been honored with many awards, including ASCE's *2002 Roebling Award in Construction Engineering* and the Underground Construction Association's (of SME) *Outstanding Individual Award*. He recently left Brierley Associates to form his own company, RW Henn LLC, in Denver, CO.

After serving many years as a Principal and Manager of the Boston office of Weidlinger Associates, Inc., **MINHAJ A. KIRMANI** has taken on similar responsibilities in Boston for Thornton Tomasetti.

After a 10 year career with E.E. Cruz & Company, Inc., most recently serving as Senior Project Manager on its 2nd Avenue Subway 96th Street Station Project, **GUS LJJO** has joined CCA Civil, Inc., in a similar capacity as Senior Project Manager. Gus earned his C.E. Degree from Lehigh University and his Master's C.E. degree from NJIT.

CHARLES J. MONTALBANO has joined CCA Civil, Inc. as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Most recently he has been the Director of Labor Relations for The General Contractors Association of NY. Before that, he had a 28 year career with E.E. Cruz, where he served as Senior Vice President. He is a 1984 C.E. graduate of Rutgers University and earned an MBA from the NYU Stern School of Business.

After a 15 year career at Schiavone Construction Co., and 2 years with Railroad Construction Company, **PATRICK J. ROONEY** has joined The Walsh Group, in its New Jersey office, as Regional Manager, NY/NJ. Pat earned his C.E. degree from CCNY.

After a short interlude with Schiavone Construction Company, **VINCENT A. SAMBRATO** has returned to Fron-

tier-Kemper Constructors as Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Northeast Division. Vince is a 1975 C.E. graduate of Manhattan College.

GEOFFREY (Geoff) SEARLE has joined Bechtel Infrastructure Corporation as General Manager of Transportation and will be located in their Reston, VA office. Geoff had been with Granite Construction Company for the past dozen years and most recently was Business Development Manager, Large Projects Group.

JACK TOBIN, a C.E. graduate of NJIT, joined Railroad Construction Company as Vice President, after a 12 year career with E.E. Cruz & Company, Inc., where he also served as Vice President.

After earning his C.E. Degree from Manhattan Col-



RICHARD N. WEEKS

(With his most recent great grandchild,
Eleanor Weeks Owens)

RICHARD N. (Dick) WEEKS was honored by his alma mater, Rutgers University, with its *Medal of Excellence Award* on October 15, 2015, at a dinner at the University. *The Medal of Excellence Award, established in 2006, recognizes graduates of Rutgers University School of Engineering who have distinguished themselves professionally since graduation in industry, academia, government research and businesses.*

Dick was honored with The Moles Member Award in 2001, for founding Weeks Marine and establishing the company as one of the nation's leading marine construction and dredging companies.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of THE MOLES



THOMAS J. GROARK

After receiving his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Manhattan College and an M.S.C.E. from Columbia University, Tom Groark started his career in heavy construction with Morrison Knudsen Co. in the 70's working on Washington Metro tunnel work and also in Chicago on the "Deep Tunnel" Project. Subsequently he returned to Washington D.C to join Slattery Associates and again worked on D.C. Subway underground concrete projects and rail installation contracts. He was transferred to New York for MTA projects in the mid-eighties. In 1985 a GC/CM project at Exchange Place for the Port Authority resulted in a position working directly for the PA in 1988. He was assigned to PATH, JFK, Newark, LGA Airports and the World Trade Center. He participated on such iconic projects as the EWR Monorail, the JFK AirTran and the Reconstruction of the Vista Hotel. Retiring in 2000, he worked for Yonkers Contracting. Immediately following the WTC collapse, Tom returned to the Port Authority to head the Path Restoration contract and subsequently become the Deputy Chief Engineer for Construction. Tom acted as the "Owner Host" for several Moles Student Day Tours at these construction sites.

Retired from the PA since 2008, and having kept active within the industry, Tom is looking forward to his new position as the Executive Director of The Moles. He has been a Moles member for 25 years and now will have the opportunity to offer his talents and experience to this unique organization. He spends his spare time in Sag Harbor, New York on his boat or at the beach with his wife Kathy, his children and two grandsons.

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Former Executive Director, **GERARD (Gerry) CARTY**, who served in that position since 1993, has been appointed Executive Director Emeritus. He will continue to be located in The Moles Office and will be available to The Moles for advice and counsel, as needed.

MOLES MEMBERS BEAVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

2016 Golden Beaver Awards will be presented at the organization's 61st Annual Awards Dinner to be held Friday, January 22, 2016, at the J. W. Marriott Hotel, at LA Live in Los Angeles, California.

Two members of the Moles are among the four who will be honored. *The Golden Beaver Management Award* Recipient is **BRUCE E. GREWCOCK**, Chairman and CEO of Peter Kiewit Sons, Inc., Omaha, NE, who was the Recipient of The Moles Non Member Award in 2013.

MICHAEL F. DONNINO will be honored with the *Golden Beaver Award for Supervision*. Mike is Senior Vice President and Large Projects Manager of Granite Construction Company and has been with the company since earning his C.E. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1976. He has been a member of The Moles since 2002.

The other Golden Beaver Award Recipients are Randall J. Essex, Executive Vice President for Hatch Mott MacDonald who will receive the *Engineering Award* and Susan Hecker, Executive Vice President and National Director for Gallagher Construction Services, who will be the Recipient of the *Service & Supply Award*.

GATEWAY TUNNEL POSSIBLE GOOD NEWS

A release by *Cushman & Wakefield and DTZ* harbors encouraging news for Moles members active in tunnel construction:

Now that the federal government and Amtrak have agreed to split the tab for a new cross Hudson rail tunnel with New York and New Jersey, the next question is how the two states will split their half of the roughly \$20 billion cost.

A bi-state corporation...will be governed by two members of the Port Authority, a representative from Federal DOT and a representative of Amtrak. It will be called the Gateway Development Corporation.

The fate of the project will also depend on the next President.

Standby for further updates.

NOVEMBER 4, 2015 - EDUCATION PROGRAM LECTURE - RECEPTION and DINNER

LECTURE

The subject of the Lecture was the Design and Construction of the New Rondout Shafts and Aqueduct. The 85 mile aqueduct, built between 1939 and 1994 crosses under the Hudson River and the portion of the tunnel under the river has been leaking for some time. After a long period of investigation, it was decided to replace the leaking tunnel.

Schiavone Construction Co. LLC secured the contract for the construction of the two shafts, (each approximately 700 ft. deep), one on each side of the river. That contract is nearing completion.

Earlier this year, the JV of Kiewit-Shea secured the \$706 Mil. contract for the construction of the new tunnel.

The audience's interest was evidenced by the number of questions asked about the design and construction of the project.



Program Committee Chairman David Plotkin



Presenters: Ted Downey, the Design Manager for the NYCDEP, flanked by Dave Dorfman and Dan Peterson, General Superintendent and Project Manager, respectively, of Schiavone Construction Co. LLC.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE PROGRAM

What started in 2004 with a total of 30 students and faculty in attendance, has now swelled in 2015 with 48 students and 20 faculty members present with all attending the Student Education Committee Reception, followed by the Lecture, Reception and Dinner.



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