

# Who's Who

## in Green Home Building for 2017



### **Laura Archuleta, President, Jamboree Housing Corporation**

Since 1999, Laura has focused Jamboree Housing Corporation on the relentless pursuit of quality housing that people can afford. She's guided Jamboree from a small, Irvine, CA-based nonprofit developer of affordable and workforce housing with 750 homes into a leading statewide provider of more than 7,500 homes in more than 75 communities.



### **Adam Artunian, Vice President, Consulting, John Burns Real Estate Consulting, LLC**

A veteran of both research and consulting departments, Adam provides unique insight for apartment and home building consulting clients. He has also co-authored several white papers for clients, including research on foreclosure laws at the start of the housing crisis.



### **Cassy Aoyagi, President, FormLA Landscaping**

Cassy Aoyagi infuses FormLA Landscaping with her passion for sustainability and her commitment to developing distinctively beautiful landscapes. This commitment is evident in her frequent contributions to the Los Angeles Times Southern California Garden Clinic, Houzz, and the USGBC's Green Home Guide.



### **David Auld, Chairman of the Board, D.R. Horton**

Mr. Horton has been executive Chairman of the Board of D.R. Horton since it was formed in July 1991, and he was President and CEO from July 1991 until November 1998. He was the founder, sole or principal stockholder, director and president of each of D.R. Horton's predecessor companies since their respective organization, which date from 1978 to 1990.



### **Katherine Austin, AIA Architect**

Austin is on the Board of the Southwest Oregon Chapter of the AIA. She serves on the City of Bend's Affordable Housing Committee as well. She established her firm in January 1995 to focus on affordable housing, providing attractive, dignified homes for individuals and families of modest means.



### **Edward Bacome, CEO/Director, Epcon Franchising**

Garnering 40 years of experience in property management, construction, operations, and development. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees from The Ohio State University. He is a licensed real estate broker. Mr. Bacome supports many non-profit organizations within the community including the Columbus Foundation and The Ohio State University.



### **Nadia Balint, Content Developer, The RENTCafé Blog**

Nadia Balint is an online content developer and creative writer for RENTCafé, trusted source of information on everything apartment-related. She loves writing and reading about real estate, lifestyle and travel. She finds joy and inspiration in the little things in life.



### **Douglas Bauer, CEO, TRI Pointe Group**

Doug has over 25 years of experience in the residential real estate industry and served as the COO and president of William Lyon Homes from 2007-2009. He later founded TRI Pointe Homes in 2010 and is involved in both legislative efforts and community enhancement programs for the California Building Industry Association and HomeAid Orange County.



### **Saeed Bekam, President & CEO, Gouvvis Engineering Consultant Group**

In practice with Gouvvis Engineering since 1980, Saeed has been a pioneer in bringing innovative ideas not only to Gouvvis Engineering but to the field of structural engineering as a whole. Since 1995, Saeed has been responsible for the technical, administrative and legal aspects of the firm.



### **Karen Benner, Director of Product Development, Thrive Home Builders**

Benner served as the senior director of architecture for The Neighborhoods of EYA. She relocated from D.C. to Denver in 2017 and is excited to be working for Thrive Home Builders - the only builder to win the Grand Award for Housing Innovation from the U.S. Department of Energy four years in a row!



## Jennifer Berthelot-Jelovic, CEO, A SustainAble Production

Jennifer Berthelot-Jelovic, LEED AP BD+C, LEED AP Homes, LEED Faculty, WELL AP, and WELL Faculty, is the President and CEO of A SustainAble Production, LLC (ASAP), a woman-owned sustainability and WELLness consulting firm. ASAP provides holistic consulting services.



## Douglas M. Bibby, President, National Multifamily Housing Council

Douglas M. Bibby is President of the (NMHC), a national organization of more than 1,200 member firms involved in the multifamily housing industry. NMHC represents the industry on Capitol Hill and before the regulatory agencies, promotes research and the exchange of information.



## Charles Bovet, VP of Operations, BONE Structure

Charles Bovet is the VP of Operations at BONE Structure. Bovet completed a Masters in Civil Engineering with a focus in Construction Engineering and Management from Stanford, and a BS in Structural Engineering from McGill University in Canada. BONE Structure has developed and patented a technology inspired from the car and aerospace industry.



## Kayla Boyce, Product Manager, LP® TechShield®

Kayla Boyce is the Product Manager for the LP® TechShield®, LP®. In her role, she focuses on value-added growth and increasing knowledge of building solutions that are energy efficient and code-compliant with Title 24. She is also involved with building strategic programs and educational information to enhance building professionals' knowledge of LP product lines.



## Louis Bretana, Associate/Senior Designer, Danielian Associates

Louis Bretana is an Associate/Senior Design at Danielian Associates. Danielian has been providing planning and architectural services in 44 states and 15 countries for nearly 50 years. Every Danielian-designed project connects places with people while uniquely reflecting the area's verve and vibrancy.



## Celis Brisbin, Director of Operations, USGBC Mass.

As the Director of Operations at the USGBC Massachusetts, Brisbin supports many roles, including supporting their educational programming, advocating for policy reform, supporting firms who use and would like to use USGBC tools to support sustainability or wellness. All of his roles demand a mastery of USGBC design systems and ability to effectively educate audiences.



## Mark Buckland, CEO, City Ventures

For more than 30 years, Mark Buckland has made urban housing development his driving concern. Mr. Buckland is President and co-founder of City Ventures, which focuses on urban housing opportunities in California. Today he is widely recognized as a leading industry authority on urban housing issues.



## William Bullock, Florida's Senior VP, Minto Communities

Bullock is the Senior Vice President for Minto Communities' Florida operations where he is responsible for the statewide oversight of land acquisition and development, community planning and theming, product development, pricing strategy and messaging.



## Richard F. Burns President, Chief Executive Officer & Trustee, The NHP Foundation

Richard Burns joined The NHP Foundation (NHPF) as trustee, president and chief executive officer in 2009. Since that time he has overseen the \$226 million acquisition of 28 properties representing over 8,000 units. In addition, Mr. Burns created a \$50 million predevelopment/acquisition fund.



## Joel Cesare, Sustainable Building Advisor, City of Santa Monica

Joel Cesare serves as the Sustainable Building Advisor for the City of Santa Monica, Calif. He provides expertise in building science, financial analysis and ecology to demonstrate high-performance green buildings are the only path to a sustainable development future, both economically and environmentally.



## Brant Chesson, President, Homes by Dickerson

President Brant Chesson leads the Homes By Dickerson team with a passion for green design backed by years of experience in construction, project management and drafting. In more than 10 years with Homes By Dickerson, his vision has been instrumental in product design and community building, resulting in multiple Gold and Silver Awards at the NAHB Nationals.



## Henry Cisneros, Founder/Chairman, CityView

Henry Cisneros co-founded CityView in 2000 and currently serves as the firm's chairman. He also sits on each of CityView's Investment Committees. In 1981, Cisneros became the first Hispanic-American mayor of a major U.S. city, San Antonio, Texas, where he was subsequently elected to four terms.



## Mary Cook, President, Mary Cook Associates

Mary Cook established Mary Cook Associates in 1986 to realize her vision of a firm that participates in all phases of the development and planning process. These stages range from the architectural groundwork seminal to a project's efficiency and versatility to its final design and installation. She is the author of "The Art of Space," a textbook that breaks interior design into seven fundamentals.



## Jillian Pritchard Cooke, Founder, Wellness Within Your Walls

Wellness Within Your Walls educates and certifies homes and products that meet a healthier living standard. She has been an interior designer for over 30 years. She has served on the NAHB Design Committee and Sales and Marketing Council, is a member of Professional Women in Building, and on the Sustainable Furnishings Council Board of Directors.



## Michael Costa, President & CEO, Highridge Costa

Mr. Costa is responsible for overseeing all activities at Highridge Costa Housing Companies, which include Highridge Costa Housing Partners LLC ("HCHP") and Highridge Costa Investors LLC ("HCI"). The companies specialize in the development, financing, construction and asset management of affordable and mixed-income housing for families and seniors throughout the U.S.







## **Jose Cruz, Director of Virtual Design & Construction, UA Builders Group**

Cruz is the Director of Virtual Design and Construction at UA Builders Group. Founded in 2004, UA Builders Group has become a leader in the construction industry by building quality projects and generating interest and excitement for its valued clients.



## **Arthur C. Danielian, President, Danielian Associates**

Art is an Honors Graduate from USC's School of Architecture. He is an active member of the AIA Orange County Chapter, and Urban Land Institute. In 2002, Art was inducted into the California Building Industry Foundation Hall of Fame for his many contributions to the industry.



## **John Danielian, Principal, Danielian Associates**

John plays an active role allocating resources and developing project management systems to facilitate on-time and within budget project delivery. His strong understanding of the full range of architectural services was acquired during his years of hands-on project involvement. Prior to joining Danielian, John worked for Johnson Fain Pereira acquiring expertise in high-rise commercial architecture.



## **Lad Dawson, CEO, Managing Partner, GUERDON Modular Buildings**

When Lad Dawson founded Guerdon in 2001, he did it with the vision of bringing commercial modular construction into the mainstream. Positioning Guerdon on a strong course, Lad officially retired at a private company event attended by the Guerdon board and staff on August 4, 2017.



## **Diane De Felice, Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck**

Diane De Felice's experience includes both state and federal litigation and being lead counsel on complex groundwater matters, master-planned communities, and other types of development involving specialized environmental and regulatory practices.



## **Mary DeWalt, President, Mary DeWalt Design Group**

DeWalt, CMP, MIRM has been working in the homebuilding industry with builders and developers since 1983; in that time she has won many awards for Interior Merchandising Excellence. She is widely known for speaking at prominent home industry events such as the International Builders Show and other regional events.



## **David Drees, President/CEO, Drees Homes**

Drees Homes continues to flourish after more than 85 years in business and is now the nation's 14th largest privately-owned homebuilder, and the 32nd largest over all. While the values of excellence and integrity continue to serve our company well, David Drees, our President and CEO since 2000, has also integrated 21st-century technology and the efficiencies it provides.



## **Ann Edminster, Founder/Principal, Design AVenues LLC**

Ann Edminster is a leading international expert on zero energy, efficient green homes. Founder and principal of Design AVenues LLC, Ann consults with builders, developers, homeowners, supply chain clients, design firms, investors, utilities, public agencies, and nonprofits — from local to international organizations.



## **Rob Elliott, President, Insight Homes**

Rob Elliott is the President of Insight Homes, one of Delaware's leading homebuilders. They specialize in building green homes throughout the southern Delaware market that are in the nation's top one percent for energy efficiency.



## **Sharon Ellis, President/CEO, Habitat for Humanity, OC**

Sharon Ellis has provided leadership and direction to Habitat OC for 12 years. She became President and CEO because she believes that simple, decent homes transform children's lives. She is an expert on the subject of poverty housing in Orange County.



## **Marla Esser Cloos, Green Home Coach**

Cloos inspires and educates about what makes a green home green and how to do it. Cloos founded and co-hosts the Green Gab Podcast, on iTunes, 2 Guys Talking Podcast Network and GreenHomeCoach.com. She blogs on Green Home Coach and Proud Green Home. She is the author of Living Green Effortlessly: Simple Choices to a Better Home from NAHB BuilderBooks.



## **Tricia Esser, CEO, KTGy**

Tricia Esser is the Chief Executive Officer of KTGy Architecture + Planning, one of the nation's leading full-service architectural and planning firms. KTGy currently has more than 350 professional team members working in seven offices: Chicago, Denver, Irvine, Los Angeles, Oakland, Tysons, and Pune.



## **Rick Fedrizzi, Chairman, International WELL Building Institute (IWBI)**

Fedrizzi assumed the position of Chairman and CEO role on November 4, 2016, adding his executive leadership to the IWBI team full-time after he steps back from USGBC. In addition to the IWBI Board of Directors, IWBI will continue to rely on the deep subject matter expertise of its Advisory Council.



## **Carmel Ford, Research Associate, NAHB**

Ford's responsibilities include the preparation and analysis of quarterly and monthly surveys. She also monitors and analyzes economic data related to the housing industry. Prior to joining NAHB, Carmel was a research analyst at the Connecticut Economic Resource Center. Carmel earned a master's degree in international economics and finance from Brandeis University in 2012.



## **Eric Corey Freed, Founding Principal, organicARCHITECT**

Eric Corey Freed is Founding Principal of organicARCHITECT, a visionary design leader in biophilic and regenerative design. As a licensed architect, Eric brings over 20 years of experience in helping architects, builders and homeowners use sustainability to improve the design and operational savings for thousands of buildings around the country.



**Patricia Gaylor, Interior Designer, Patricia Gaylor Interior Design**

Patricia Gaylor has practiced as an interior designer in the Northeast for more than two decades.

Recognized as one of the early 'mavericks' of green design, Pat's expertise and design savvy has been showcased throughout the country.



**Barry Giles, CEO, BREEAM USA**

Based on his iconic status in the green building industry and his expertise as the first BREEAM In-Use assessor in the US, Barry was appointed CEO of BREEAM USA in May of 2016. Barry's passion, innovative thinking, and candor make him a highly sought after speaker, consultant and teacher.



**Marshall Gobuty, Managing Partner at Koral & Gobuty Developments LLC**

Gobuty is Mirabella's developer, an award-winning community that is an innovatively designed, LEED Platinum certified eco-conscious neighborhood of 160 paired villas designed for active adults. Mirabella was named 2017 Power Builder by the USGBC and won 'Best Overall Development' in our category in the 2017 Parade of Homes.



**Manny Gonzalez, Principal/Board of Directors, KTGy**

Manny Gonzalez is the managing principal for KTGy's Los Angeles office. He is responsible for the design, land planning and production of residential and mixed-use developments throughout the U.S., including active adult and affordable multi-family communities as well as mixed-use residential, office and/or hotel/hospitality with retail.



**Dominique Hargreaves, Executive Director, USGBC LA**

Dominique Hargreaves is the Executive Director of the U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles Chapter. She also serves as the LA Metro Sustainability Council's 1st Vice Chair and Chair of the Council's subcommittee Metro27, and on the UCLA Advanced Energy Communities Technical Advisory.



**CR Herro, VP of Environmental Affairs, Meritage Homes**

Meritage Homes is the 7th largest home builder in the U.S. CR leads their Energy and Innovation Program, which combines design, energy efficiency, water management, sustainability, and new technologies to establish a new standard in home building that provides better comfort and healthier air as well as less cost to own and operate.



**Steven J. Hilton, CEO, Meritage Homes**

Mr. Hilton was co-chairman and co-chief executive officer of Meritage Homes Corporation from 1997 to May 2006. In May 2006, Mr. Hilton was named the Company's chairman and chief executive officer. In 1985, Mr. Hilton cofounded Arizona-based Monterey Homes, the predecessor company to Meritage Homes Corporation.



**Justin Hime, Sales & Marketing Director, Beacon Street Development Company**

As a passionate, intentional, and creative hard worker, Hime has played a very utilitarian part in 4 distinct start-up companies (all owned by the same family) over the last 7 years. He fills holes and creates restorative solutions that care for people and keep things moving.



**Derek Holt, President, K4Connect**

Derek Holt, a previous member of the founding executive team at Startup America Partnership, a public-private partnership with the White House focused on accelerating entrepreneurship nationwide, is President of K4Connect, an IoT software company focused on creating solutions that serve and empower older adults and individuals living with disabilities.



**Glenn C. Hourahan, Sr. VP, Air Conditioning Contractors of America**

Mr. Hourahan is a licensed professional engineer. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Connecticut, a Master of Environmental Science from John Hopkins University, and a Masters of Business Administration from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



**Ara K. Hovnanian, CEO and President, K. Hovnanian Homes**

Hovnanian joined the company in 1979 after completion of his joint undergraduate and graduate work at The Wharton School in Philadelphia. He graduated summa cum laude with degrees in accounting, finance, and real estate. Mr. Hovnanian serves as a member of the Advisory Council of PNC Bank.



**John Johnson, CEO, David Weekley**

John Johnson began his career with David Weekley Homes in 1990 after a distinguished career with a large national home builder. During John's tenure with David Weekley Homes, he has been instrumental in the company's expansion, a guiding force behind its introduction of new product lines, and has also helped the company achieve record-setting Customer Satisfaction scores.



**Stephen Jones, Sr. Director, Industry Insights & Research, Dodge Data & Analytics**

In addition to hundreds of speaking engagements globally and numerous articles in industry publications, he authors many of the SmartMarket Reports on key industry trends, which are read by millions worldwide and frequently cited as authoritative references.



**Dustin Karami, VP, SDK Atelier**

As Vice President, Dustin Karami oversees SDK's day-to-day operations. He collaborates with all departments to ensure client's needs are met by delivering innovative designs and exceptional service. Introduced to architectural design from an early age, his enduring passion for architecture has grown and is translated through his vision for design, project management, and strategy.



**Sean Kelleher, President, Austin Atlantic Asset Management Co.**

Sean is currently the President of Austin Atlantic Asset Management Co., a registered investment advisor headquartered in Coral Gables, Fla. which advises community banks and credit unions on balance sheet and investment strategies.





## Jessie Kim, Owner, Ms. Feng Shui

Hyun Jung "Jessie" Kim is a 3rd-generation certified Feng Shui consultant and experienced real estate investor. She often works with home builders on new residential development projects, but also with a spectrum of clients from individuals looking for advice for their homes to hotel chains, real estate investors, commercial developers, agents, brokers, and Fortune 500 corporations.



## Scott Larson, Executive Director, HomeAid OC

Mr. Larson is the Executive Director of HomeAid Orange County. Larson has more than 29 years of professional experience in the non-profit and building industries. He has received an M.B.A. from the University of Phoenix, a bachelor's degree from Biola University and certificate in fundraising from the UCI.



## Sharon Lee, Executive Director, Low Income Housing Institute

Lee is the founding (1991) Executive Director of the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI), a non-profit organization based in Seattle. LIHI develops and operates housing for low-income and homeless people, and also provides a range of supportive service programs to assist tenants in maintaining stable housing and increasing self-sufficiency.



## Axel Lerche, CEO, EcoSmart Solution

Axel Lerche is CEO of EcoSmart Solution, a subsidiary of Taurus Investment Holdings, the developer of the \$2 billion Whisper Valley project in Austin, Texas. For more than 40 years, Taurus has been involved in successful residential and commercial ventures across the globe.



## Granger MacDonald, 2017 Chairman of the Board, NAHB

Granger MacDonald, a Kerrville, Texas-based builder and developer with 40 years of experience in the home building industry, is NAHB's 2017 Chairman of the Board of Directors. MacDonald is president of the MacDonald Companies, a diverse development, construction and management firm that has completed more than 35 neighborhoods throughout Texas.



## Ryan Marshall, President/CEO, PulteGroup

In September 2016, Ryan R. Marshall was promoted to President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of PulteGroup, Inc., among the nation's most geographically and product-diverse homebuilders with operations in 26 states. The Company serves all major consumer groups through its family of national brands.



## Matthew Meier, Partner, HHL Architects

Matt brings over 30 years of experience and leadership to the HHL Architects team. He became a New York State registered architect in 1990. Eight years prior, he received an AAS in Architectural Technology from Erie Community College (ECC), followed by a BPS in Architecture from the University at Buffalo, School of Architecture and Planning in 1988.



## Alan P. Merrill, President/CEO, Beazer Homes

Mr. Allan P. Merrill is President, Chief Executive Officer, Director of Beazer Homes USA Inc. Mr. Merrill, joined the Company in May 2007 as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and currently serves as our President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Merrill was previously with Move, Inc. where he served as Executive Vice President of Corporate Development and Strategy.



## Andrew Michler, Owner, Baosol Design

Andrew Michler is a Certified Passive House Consultant and building designer and author of The Hyperlocalization of Architecture which was published in 2015. He has lived off grid in the Colorado Rockies for 20 years.



## Stuart Miller, CEO, Lennar

Mr. Stuart A. Miller has been the Chief Executive Officer of Lennar Corporation since April 1997. Mr. Miller serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Lennar Homes of California Inc. He serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Fidelity Guaranty and Acceptance Corp. He served as the President of Lennar Corporation from April 1997 to April 2011.



## John Morton, Superintendent, D.R. Horton

Morton has worked in the residential new construction industry since 2001 where he managed all aspects of the homebuilding process from design development through construction. He currently serves as a superintendent for D.R. Horton who for over 30 years has consistently delivered top-quality new homes to homebuyers across the nation.



## Gregory Mutz, Chairman/CEO, AMLI Residential

Mr. Mutz is the Chairman & CEO of AMLI Residential, which he co-founded in 1980. He received a B.A. from DePauw University in 1967 and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1973. Mr. Mutz served as an infantry lieutenant in Vietnam (1968-69).



## Gene Myers, Founder/CEO, Thrive Home Builders

Myers is the founder and CEO of Thrive Home Builders, a Denver-based builder of award-winning, DOE Certified Zero Energy and Zero Energy homes available throughout Denver and its suburbs. Myers is recognized as a pioneer in zero energy building, and leads the homebuilding industry into the next frontier by building well-crafted homes that promote both energy-efficiency and homeowners' wellness.



## Don Neff, President, LJP

Construction quality expert Don Neff founded La Jolla Pacific, Ltd. in 1993 (dba LJP Construction Services), based on his own innovative risk management strategies and previous experience as a homebuilder. Since then he has been in the forefront of the construction quality movement. He has over 25 years of experience covering all aspects of planning, acquisitions, development, construction, and management.



## Ron Nestor, Sr. Principal, William Hezmalhalch Architects

His work includes historic rehabilitations, resort planning, commercial retail and office buildings, tenant improvements and interiors, a diverse spectrum of residential projects, as well as significant redevelopment and large-scale master planned communities throughout California and the West.



## Larry Nicholson, CEO, CalAtlantic Homes

Mr. Larry T. Nicholson has been the Chief Executive Officer and President of CalAtlantic Group, Inc. since October 1, 2015. Mr. Nicholson served as the Chief Executive Officer of Ryland Group Inc. since May 29, 2009 and its President since October 1 2008. He served as the Chief Operating Officer of Ryland Group Inc. from June 13, 2007 to May 29, 2009.



## Sheryl Palmer, Chairman, President & CEO, Taylor Morrison

Sheryl Palmer is the chairman, president and chief executive officer of Taylor Morrison Home Corporation, a leading national homebuilder and developer based in Scottsdale, Arizona. Since 2007, Ms. Palmer has overseen a highly experienced leadership team in several key national homebuilding markets.



## Allison Paul, CIRB Lead Analyst / Media Specialist, California Homebuilding Foundation

Allison is a graduate of UC Davis with two Bachelor's degrees in English and Communication. She joined the Foundation in April 2013 with a background in legislative history research and freelance editing. Allison directs the operations of CHF's CIRB Report and facilitates all media and public relations for both CIRB and the Foundation.



## Rick Perry, Secretary, US Department of Energy

Rick Perry currently serves as the 14th United States Secretary of Energy. He leads an agency tasked with maintaining a safe, secure and effective nuclear deterrent and reducing the threat of nuclear proliferation, overseeing the United States' energy supply, carrying out the environmental clean-up from the Cold War nuclear mission, and managing the 17 National Laboratories, home to the country's best.



## Scott Pruitt, Secretary, US EPA

On February 17, 2017, the United States Senate confirmed Scott Pruitt as the 14th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Administrator Pruitt believes that promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is among the lifeblood priorities of the government, and that EPA is vital to that mission.



## Mahesh Ramanujam, President/CEO, USGBC

Few things energize Mahesh Ramanujam more than driving consensus, innovative business strategies, and authentic thought-leadership. A charismatic public speaker and skilled negotiator with a solutions-focused and people-centric approach to leadership, Mahesh has a clear vision of the green building and sustainability movement.



## Sam Rashkin, Chief Architect, Building Technologies Office, U.S. Department of Energy

During his 20-plus years as a licensed architect, Rashkin specialized in energy-efficient design and completed over 100 residential projects. He has served on the national Steering Committees for USGBC's LEED for Homes, NAHB's Green Builder Guidelines, and EPA's Water Sense label.



## Lorenz Reibling, Chairman/Founding Partner, Taurus Investment Holdings

Lorenz Reibling is focused on the development and nourishment of international relationships with investors and product sources predominantly in Taurus' non-US related businesses. He is a frequent speaker at real estate conferences, and an advisor to the renowned MIT/CRE Center of Real Estate in Cambridge, MA.



## Vic Remmers, Owner & President, Everett Custom Homes

Portland Native, Owner & President Vic Remmers discovered his passion for homebuilding by working alongside his father Walter for several years. His experience, knowledge and passion to build communities where families can build their lives is the foundation of Everett Custom Homes.



## Glenn Renner, CEO, HomeSphere

Glenn Renner is chief executive officer of HomeSphere, the homebuilding industry's only B2B digital lead generation and customer retention platform, connecting more than 80 preferred building product manufacturer brands across 23 product categories with more than 17,000 local and regional homebuilders.



## Molly Rettig, Communications Manager, Cold Climate Housing Research Center

Molly Rettig is communications manager at the Cold Climate Housing Research Center. She writes about science and technology for various publications, including Alaska magazine and Alaska Business Monthly.



## Shilpa Sankaran, Founder, Alpha Group SF

Sankaran is a social entrepreneur who has provided communications, strategy, and technology advisory services for global brands, start-ups, and Fortune Global 1000 companies. She is an established industry expert in driving adoption of off-site construction and net zero energy building technologies.



## Gina Scott, Director of Community Engagement, HomeAid OC

Scott is responsible for community engagement for HomeAid's Orange County organization that builds new lives for homeless families and individuals through housing and community outreach. With the purpose to end homelessness, HomeAid focuses on three areas of advocacy, development and service.



## Gary L. Seider, Engineering Manager, Hubbell Power

Gary L. Seider, P.E., is engineering manager of CHANCE® Civil and Utility Helical Products. Hubbell Power Systems, Inc. manufactures a wide array of transmission, distribution, substation, OEM, and telecommunication products used by utilities.



## Sarah Simmerman, Marketing Director, Dorn Homes

Sarah Simmerman is the Marketing Director for Dorn Homes, recent recipients of the Nationals Gold Award for Best Marketing of a Green Program. She joined the Dorn team in May of 2013. Her favorite part of the job is the people! "Every one truly cares about the company and the homes that we create."







## **Peter Simons, CEO, HomeAid America**

Peter H. Simons is CEO of HomeAid America (HAA), a leading national provider of housing for homeless families and individuals. Founded by the building industry in 1989, HomeAid has grown across the country and currently has chapters in 15 markets in 10 states.



## **Dominic Sims, CEO, ICC**

Dominic Sims, CBO, is the Chief Executive Officer of the International Code Council. He was appointed to the position in 2012. As CEO, Sims is responsible for the overall activities and financial performance of the association, including its three subsidiaries.



## **J. Walker Smith, Executive Chairman, Kantar Futures**

J. Walker Smith is Executive Chairman of Kantar Futures, the leading global foresights and futures research consultancy, that is part of the Kantar Group of WPP, with a core purpose of helping clients "Profit From Change." Walker has been described by Fortune magazine as "one of America's leading analysts on consumer trends," and he consults with clients globally.



## **Scott Starkey, Principal, Starkey Communications**

Scott is a veteran public affairs and communications strategist. He founded Starkey Communications, LLC after a decade-long career providing communications services to private and public sector clients in the real estate, utility, transportation, and energy sectors.



## **Andy Stauffer, President, Stauffer & Sons**

Originally from Bakersfield, California, Andy has over 21 years of experience in residential construction and has a passion for building and remodeling. Andy is licensed in both residential and commercial construction, and over the years, has worked on a wide variety of projects.



## **Ellen Strickland, Consultant, BuildingHealthMatters**

Ellen Strickland founded and co-owned the former Livingreen retail and online stores which specialized in green products and construction materials. Now, as a consultant with BuildingHealthMatters, Ellen works with both homeowners and the design/build trades throughout Southern California to bring the healthiest green practices and materials to their projects.



## **Robert Style, Principal/COO, Core Structure**

Robert has over 18+ years of experience in the building industry working for a variety of firms including, structural & MEP, architectural, and building supplies. As a previous custom home builder, Robert has a working knowledge with architects, subcontractors, building officials, budgets and timelines.



## **Joseph S. Tavarez Jr., Senior Vice President, First American Title Insurance Co.**

With more than 25 years of experience working in the homebuilding industry, Tavarez is responsible for developing and managing all First American homebuilder business nationwide, including administrating service levels, overseeing all sales and production of new business and products.



## **Todd Usher, Founder/President, Addison Homes**

Todd is all about the big picture, growing Addison Homes into the leading Greenville SC builder of Healthy, High Performance Homes. Todd earned a bachelor's degree in Packaging Science as well as an MBA from Clemson University. Before building his own company, he worked in technology development and sales in the Chemical Division of Milliken & Company.



## **Bruce Ward, CEO, Alliance Residential Company**

Mr. Ward is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Alliance Residential Company overseeing acquisition, development and property management efforts. Alliance Residential has been one of the top leading apartment builders in the United States for the each of the last ten years.



## **Andy P. Warren, President, Maracay Homes**

Andrew (Andy) Warren joined Maracay Homes as President and CEO in 2009 based in Phoenix. Previously, he served as Partner and Chief Operating Officer of EYA, LLC. He also spent 16 years with Winchester Homes, ultimately serving as the company's Executive Vice President.



## **Michael Waters, CEO, The Minto Group**

Michael Waters is Chief Executive Officer of The Minto Group. As CEO, Michael has spearheaded the transformation and growth of Minto from a wholly-owned family venture into a world-class, fully-integrated real estate investment management company.



## **Megan Wild, Blogger, Your Wild Home**

Megan Wild writes about the residential home sector on her Blog, Your Wild Home, a home improvement blog dedicated to helping the modern millennial figure out all the aspects of buying, owning, and selling a home. When she's not writing, you can find her in the midst of her workshop trying to fix-up old furniture.



## **Kate Williams, Research Team, ConsumerAffairs**

Kate Williams, Ph.D. is a member of the ConsumerAffairs Research Team and believes everyone deserves easy access to accurate and comprehensive information on products and businesses before they make a purchase. She researches companies and industries to make sure consumers have all the information they need to make smart, informed buying decisions.



## **John Winniford, President/CEO, Gehan Homes**

John Winniford replaced Timothy Gehan as president and CEO. Winniford has more than 20 years of experience in the home building industry and previously served as the division president for Gehan's Dallas Gehan has offices in Dallas, Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and Scottsdale, Ariz.

