

CIRT Conference Report

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CIRT members gathered at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel at Pentagon City (*just across the river from Washington, DC*) for CIRT's Spring Conference during which policymakers, academics, industry management consultants and a Brigadier General addressed important issues impacting the design and construction industry. More than 60 member CEOs and invited guests gained valuable information, and had ample time to network with other industry leaders. Here you will get a glimpse of all that occurred.



Tom Downs (Eno Transportation Group); Bob Poole (Reason Public Policy Institute); and Ron Utt (The Heritage Foundation); participated in an informative and lively panel discussion led by Tom O'Neill (Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.).



Emily DeRocco, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training, U.S. Department of Labor, provided an update on the progress being made with the Skills to Build initiative of which CIRT is a partner. A video being used as a PSA was shown to attendees providing them with a concrete example of how the Department of Labor and CIRT are accomplishing their objectives.



Below: One of the more spirited sessions involved Tyler Duvall, Acting Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation, where he evoked a great deal of interest and reaction in the members to the Administration's views.



Deputy Secretary of Labor, Steven J. Law, gave the keynote address at CIRT's dinner, where he provided members with insights into a number of key labor issues that will affect their businesses in the future.



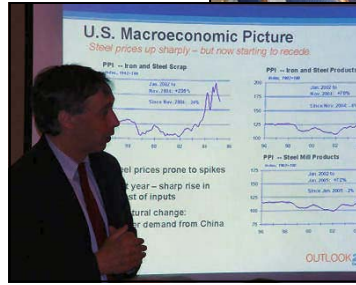
Program Highlights



Linda Figg (**Figg Engineering Group**) introduces Nathan Hayward, III (Secretary of the Delaware Department of Transportation) who provided members with an overview of Delaware's infrastructure needs.



Bob Murray (Vice President of Economic Affairs, McGraw Hill Construction) gives members the latest economic information concerning the construction industry. If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of Bob's presentation, please contact Jane Bonvillain.



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Brig. Gen. Pat Burns (The Civil Engineer, Air Force Combat Command) and Dennis Firman (Chief of Construction, Air Force Combat Command) led a discussion of the "Red Zone" approach they implemented which has turned around the AFCC's performance record at the same time reducing project costs. For more information about this session, contact Jane Bonvillain.



Mark Bridgers and Ron Magnus (FMI Corp.) introduced and facilitated a session on Strategy Implementation where members separated into small groups to discuss and share the challenges and changes they see ahead in the design and construction industry. For more information about this session, contact Jane Bonvillain.



Conference Highlights

CIRT Names Pruitt as New Chairman



Newly-elected CIRT Chairman

J. Doug Pruitt
Chairman & CEO
Sundt Construction, Inc.

J. Doug Pruitt, Chairman & CEO of Sundt Construction, Inc., was elected on April 27th by the CIRT membership to ascend to the Chairmanship for a one-year term. After more than a century of operation, Sundt has emerged as a highly diversified construction company, consistently ranked in the top 100 firms by ENR magazine. The projects completed have taken Sundt into 21 states and 11 foreign countries. Doug, who has been a proud employee of Sundt since 1966, has also served as CIRT's Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Government Relations chair in previous years since becoming an active member of the Round Table in 1992.

Commenting on his election, Pruitt said, "It's a privilege for me to have the opportunity to serve as the Chairman of CIRT. Sundt was one of the founding companies of its predecessor organization the Presidents Forum. I have found our membership to be very beneficial to me and our company. I have learned from my peers, met new friends that our company has had many successful joint ventures with and have always felt that through the efforts of CIRT that we have had a constructive influence on the design and construction industry."

Joining Doug on the Executive Committee are **Ron Drnevich** (Gannett Fleming, Inc.) as Vice Chair; **Scott Lynn** (Atkinson Construction) as Treasurer; and **Tom O'Neill** (Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.), who will stay-on as the Immediate Past Chairman.

Newly elected Board of Director members include: **Bob Alger** (The Lane Construction Corp.); **Steve Blake** (ARCADIS G&M); **Linda Figg** (Figg Engineering Group); and **Steve Halverson** (The Haskell Co.).

CIRT wishes to thank the following members who retired from the Executive Committee and Board: **Pete Vigue** (Cianbro Corp) as immediate Past Chairman; **Dick Bell** (HDR, Inc.); **Dave Evans** (David Evans and Associates); and **Gerry Kenny** (Kenny Construction).

CIRT meetings provide a place where members can deal exclusively with true peers in a setting that is conducive to the exchange of timely information while being relaxed enough to build personal contacts. We were very pleased to have the following first-time attendees and guests join us:

- Bob Fee, President & CEO
Hunter Roberts Construction Group, New York, NY
- Mike Fratianni, EVP & Division Manager
Hunt Construction Group, Indianapolis, IN
- Thomas F. Gilbane, Jr., Chairman & CEO
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- Bruce E. Grewcock, President & CEO
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- Greg Hodgkinson, Chairman
Arup Americas, New York, NY
- Matti Jaekel, President & CEO
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- Thomas M. Keckeis, President
Messer Construction, Cincinnati, OH
- David J. Nash, President
BE&K Government Group, Birmingham, AL
- Michael C. Peterson, President & CEO
Adolfson & Peterson Construction, Aurora, CO
- Robert Van Cleave, Chairman & CEO
Centex Construction Group, Dallas, TX
- Alan W. "Bud" Wendorf, Chairman & CEO
Sargent & Lundy, Chicago, IL

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Chuck Thomsen (**3D/International**) makes a point during a breakout session.



L to R: Jim Simmons (**The Weitz Co.**); Darren Woody (**C.F. Jordan, LP**); Matti Jaekel (**Fru-Con Construction Corp.**); and Robert Van Cleave (**Centex Construction Group**) participate in the Gen-Group session for the younger CEO members.



Charlie Thornton (**Thornton Tomasetti Group**) pictured here with Tom Keckeis (**Messer Construction**) discuss one of the topics in the "Strategy Implementation" breakout.



New CIRT Chairman, Doug Pruitt (**Sundt Construction**) poses for the camera with the surprise dinner guest, President George W. Bush. Really, it was Brent Mendenhall, a "W" look-alike, who entertained guests with a humorous impersonation of the President.



CIRT President Mark Casso presents Ron Drnevich (**Gannett Fleming, Inc.**) with a memento of his time as CIRT Treasurer.



David Nash (**President, BE&K Government Group**), left, and Past Chair Tom O'Neill (**Parsons Brinckerhoff**) have a chance to talk during a break.



Patrick MacLeamy (**HOK Architects**), left, chats with Irv Richter (**Hill International**).



Matti Jaekel (**Fru-Con Construction**) and Dave Evans (**David Evans and Associates**).



Jerry Morgensen (**Hensel Phelps**), right, talks with Ron Skaggs (**HKS, Inc.**) while Robert Van Cleave (**Centex**), center, talks with Ken Stinson (**Peter Kiewit & Sons**).

Bob Alger (**Lane Construction Corp.**) facilitated the GenGroup session which is held before the full conference begins. Also pictured is Linda Figg (**Figg Engineering Group**). Both Bob & Linda have been elected to CIRT's Board of Directors.



New member Michael Peterson (**Adolfson Peterson Construction**), pictured right, gets acquainted with Steven Halverson (**The Haskell Co.**), left; and Jerry Morgensen (**Hensel Phelps Construction**), center, during one of the breaks.