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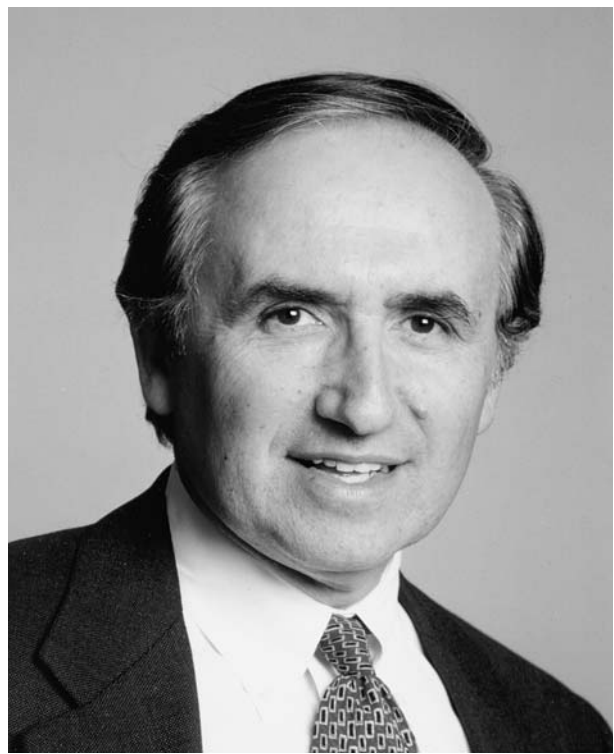
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NOVEMBER, 2007

## BOH and MANCINI Selected for 2008 Outstanding Achievement Awards



**ROBERT S. BOH**



**SALVATORE MANCINI**



ROBERT S. BOH, President and CEO of Boh Brothers Construction Co., LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana and SALVATORE MANCINI, President and CEO of Skanska USA Civil, Inc., Whitestone, New York, will receive The Moles Outstanding Achievement in Construction Awards at the Annual Award Dinner to be held on Wednesday evening, January 30, 2008 at The New York Hilton Hotel.

ROBERT S. BOH was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on November 23, 1958. He attended Jesuit High School in New Orleans, working during the summer as a surveyor's helper.

He went on to study civil engineering at Tulane University and by taking business courses to fulfill his elective requirements, he was able to earn both his B.S. in Civil Engineering and an MBA degree in five years.

During his first eight years with the company, Robert

SALVATORE MANCINI was born in a small town outside Rome, Italy on September 24, 1944 and came to the United States at age 13, where he joined his father who had emigrated three years earlier. His father worked as a construction laborer (member of local union 731). His mother joined the family, then living in the Bronx, in 1961.

Sal graduated from Evander Childs High School in the Bronx and immediately got into construction, working for his uncle who had a small construction company. After that, he joined Consulting Engineer, Goodkind & O'Dea, working

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## ***Award Chairman***



**KIRK SAMUELSON**

This year's Award Committee Chairman is KIRK SAMUELSON, Senior Vice President and Division Manager of Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc., Omaha, Nebraska.

Kirk has executive management responsibility for Kiewit's nationwide underground construction operations and leads Kiewit's nuclear group. He also serves as CEO of Kiewit Federal Group, a subsidiary dedicated to DOD, DOE and other opportunities in the U.S. Government procurement market.

Kirk joined Kiewit in 1979 after receiving his Civil Engineering degree from the University of Rhode Island. Early in his career, he managed subway, hydroelectric and bridge projects in the New England and Mid-Atlantic region. In 1990, he was recipient of the company's highest individual honor, the Peter Kiewit Award for Excellence in management, for his work on the Quinnipiac River Bridge in New Haven, Connecticut.

In 1992, Kirk was assigned to the massive Hurricane Andrew cleanup. After that work was completed, he was asked to stay and establish a new Florida Area Office. He was named Underground District Manager in 1977; Division Manager in 2001; and Senior Vice President in 2005. He was elected to the Board of Directors of Kiewit Corporation's parent company, Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc., in 2006.

Kirk and his wife, Rebecca, and family now reside in Omaha, Nebraska.

## **ROBERT S. BOH**

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Both served as a field project manager on three of the company's larger projects: a new container ship dock for the Port of New Orleans; a highway frontage road drainage and paving project for Louisiana DOTD; and a bridge approach and frontage road for the Mississippi River Bridge #2 in New Orleans. He then went on to serve as Vice President of the company from 1986 to 1994.

Boh Bros. was founded prior to World War I by the brothers, Arthur and Henry Boh. Henry's son, Robert H. Boh, succeeded his father and uncle in managing the company, and in 1994, he in turn was succeeded by his son, Robert S. Boh as the company's President and CEO. The company performs heavy, highway, marine, water, sewer and industrial work principally in New Orleans and its surrounding area.

After Hurricane Katrina, Boh Bros. was awarded a \$31 Mil. contract for the reconstruction of the Interstate 10 Bridge over Lake Pontchartrain and opened both the eastbound and westbound lanes ahead of schedule, which lifted the spirits of the devastated City of New Orleans.

Other projects recently completed by Boh Bros. include the following: \$72 Mil. St. George Island Bridge, Florida; \$72 Mil. Runway Rehabilitation, Louis Armstrong International Airport, New Orleans; \$64 Mil. 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal Closure Structure, New Orleans; and a \$17 Mil. Modification to Citrus Bank Levee Floodwall.

Robert Boh is a Past President of the Louisiana Associated General Contractors; a Member of the Construction Industry Roundtable; a Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, New Orleans Branch; a Director and Past President, Boy Scouts of America, New Orleans Branch; a Member of the Advisory Board of Tulane University's School of Science and Engineering; and a Past Director, Louisiana Children's Museum.

He and his wife, Ann, have three children: Richard, Michael and Patricia.

## **SALVATORE MANCINI**

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in a survey party as an instrument man on a Staten Island rapid transit project. After two years, he joined Underpinning & Foundation Company in 1968, where he worked for seven years as a construction superintendent, before joining Slattery Construction Company.

During his early career with Slattery, he was on a myriad of projects: the Second Avenue Subway; the foundations for Co-op City; large water pollution projects in Syracuse, New York; and massive commuter tunnels and subways in Philadelphia. During this period, he attended college at night, ultimately earning his civil engineering degree at City College.

In 1988, he was promoted to Vice President, and in 1990 was elevated to Senior Vice President, responsible for all field operations. Soon afterwards, he became Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and in 2001 was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Skanska USA Civil, one of the four largest heavy civil contractors in the United States.

Recent projects performed by Skanska USA Civil are located all over the country: the Air Train at JFK Airport; the Cooper River Bridge in Charleston, South Carolina; Escambia Bridge in Pensacola, Florida; Prado Dam in Southern, California; the transportation Hub at the World Trade Center; and the recently awarded 2nd Avenue Subway project in New York City.

Sal has been honored by the Concrete Industry Board in 2001 with its *Leader of Industry Award* and by the New York Building Congress with its *Leadership Award in Construction* in 2006. He is a member of the Construction Round Table; The Beavers; and a long standing member and officer of The General Contractors Association.

Sal and his wife, Julie, reside in Armonk, New York and have three grown sons, Gregory, Christopher and Stephen. During his leisure time, Sal enjoys playing golf and spending time with his three grandchildren.

## **MAKE PLANS FOR THE AWARD DINNER NOW**

It may seem far away, but the 2008 Award Dinner on January 30th at the New York Hilton Hotel will be upon us quickly. **Act now.**

**SEATING LIST - Payment for tickets and names of attendees must be in The Moles office no later than Friday, January 4, 2008 in order to be included in the Seating List.** Your cooperation will be appreciated.

### **HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Hotel rooms will be available this year at two hotels:

New York Hilton Hotel: Standard Room—\$299.00; Executive level—\$319.00  
Call 212-586-7000 Code TMD

Warwick Hotel (Located across the street from the Hilton Hotel): Standard Room \$245.00; Deluxe Room \$275.00. Call 212-247-2700

### **SPOUSES' DINNER AND SHOW**

This makes for a great evening for spouses and friends. Dinner will be at the Etrusca Restaurant, conveniently located in the Hilton Hotel. Transportation will be provided to the show. This year's show is the very popular Broadway musical, "Legally Blonde". Then, back to the hotel just in time to join the attendees at the conclusion of the Award Dinner.

**FLORIDA WINTER MEETING:** The Moles will be returning to the La Playa Beach Resort in Naples, Florida for its Annual Winter Meeting from February 28 to March 2, 2008. Many attendees considered last year's meeting to be the best ever. The agenda will include an open Executive Committee meeting and some interesting and informative lectures. There will be ample time for relaxation and members are invited to bring guests. One can come early or stay later or do both. Naples is a wonderful location for golfing, water sports and shopping. Come relax, and enjoy.

## **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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## **Tuchman and McGuinness To Present Awards**

**JANICE L. TUCHMAN**, editor of Engineering News Record will present the Non Member Award to Robert S. Boh.

**WILLIAM V. MC GUINNESS**, of Skanska USA Civil, will present the Member Award to Salvatore Mancini.

## **OTHER EVENTS AT THE TIME OF THE AWARD DINNER**

**The Underground Construction Association** will hold its George A. Fox New York Construction Conference on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at the Graduate Center, City University of New York (34th St. and 5th Avenue). Call 612-825-8933; e-mail: [ccm@mcg.net](mailto:ccm@mcg.net).

**The Construction Institute (CI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers** will hold its Annual Regional Forum at the Warwick Hotel on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 29 and 30, 2008. Call 703-295-6390 or e-mail: [ci@asce.org](mailto:ci@asce.org).

### **Upcoming 2008 Events**

**Award Dinner  
January 30th**

**Florida Meeting  
February 28th to March 2nd**

**Annual Business Meeting  
May 7th**

**Clambake  
August 5th**

**Members Dinner  
November 5th**

# 25-YEAR MEMBERS

**DONALD G. ARMSTRONG**, who spent his career with Raymond International, retiring as Senior Vice President and Director, continues to make his home in Houston, Texas. He recalls his involvement in major construction projects in Liberia, Jamaica, Saudi Arabia and closer to home, the bridge across the Mississippi at Vicksburg. From 1981 till recently, he was active as a consultant with Interface Consulting International. His principal hobby is family history and genealogy.

**CLAES G. BJORK** was born and educated in Sweden and was sent by Skanska to the U.S. in 1972 on assignment to McLean Grove Company on the construction of the 63rd Street Subway tunnel. Starting as a field engineer, he progressed to superintendent and project manager. In 1982, he became head of Skanska's U.S. operations, which subsequently acquired Slattery Associates, Karl Koch Erecting Company, Tidewater Construction Company and several other large U.S. contractors. In 1997, he was promoted to President and CEO of Skanska AB. He elected to take an early retirement to return to his home in Connecticut.

A New Zealander by birth and education, **WARREN M. BULLOCK** went to work in the early 1970's for Guy F. Atkinson Company on the Botany Bay project in Australia. Upon its completion, he was transferred to the U.S., initially assigned to Walsh Construction Company and then back to Atkinson, where he served as a key executive in the Heavy Construction Division. Upon retirement, he became active serving on Dispute Resolution Boards, and he continues to serve on a number of such boards in California.

**JOHN A. CHIAVERINI** went to work for the Perini Corporation in 1950 and continues to maintain a relationship with the company to the current day. After involvement with many heavy construction projects in the U.S. and

Canada, and South America, he was made Senior Vice President of Western Operations. He continues to make his home in northern California and is active on arbitration and Dispute Review Boards.

Since retiring from Tidewater Construction Company in 1985, **JOHN W. FOWLER** has been in private practice providing engineering and construction consulting services to all sectors of the construction industry. Some of his more notable projects include a new harbor installation in Iceland; the second parallel crossing of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Crossing; work on the Big Dig in Boston; a railroad tunnel in Denmark and several dry-docks, floating piers and other marine projects. John and his wife, Carol, live in Virginia Beach, VA and he manages to fit in a weekly game of golf despite his busy schedule.

**RICHARD E. HALL** writes from Berkley, California: "I am retired. I have fond memories of my years as a Mole during which I served as President and CEO of Underground Construction Company and as President of AGC of California, AGC of America and CICA. I am also a long time member of The Beavers, as well as being a strong supporter of the University of California and the Golden Bears."

**DONALD S. MINER** has spent the majority of his career in field construction on such projects as the Mass Turnpike Extension in downtown Boston, the Atlantic City Expressway, the New Jersey Turnpike, the Thames River Bridge, New York City's Second Avenue Subway and MARTA projects in Atlanta as well as many others. He currently is serving as Construction Manager on the \$7 Bill. New Jersey Transit Tunnel project, which will cross under the Palisades, the Hudson River and NYC's west side to an expanded Penn Station.

**JOHN W. MORRIS**, a 1942 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, had a 37 year career in the Army, retiring as Chief of the Corps of Engineers. He thereupon embarked on a long career in the civilian sector, only recently retiring. He lives in Washington, D.C.

**ROBERT L. POLVI** writes from Salem, Oregon that he is now fully retired after spending a long career with the Bechtel Group, serving as a Director and President of Bechtel Civil Company. Much of his career was devoted to the construction of large dams, in this country and abroad. In the 1980's he served as President of the U.S. Committee on Large Dams. He spends time on his farm and is a sports enthusiast, being particularly interested in NASCAR.

**VICTOR J. SCARAVILLI** is a Mole in the true sense of the word. He has spent his career in tunneling work, principally with S&M Constructors, a tunnel contracting company, where he served as President and CEO. The firm also owned JARVA, a leading manufacturer of tunnel boring machines. He a Civil Engineering graduate of Case Western Reserve University and continues to live in Solon, Ohio.

**BART SPOTA** serves as President of J.C. MacElroy Company, a firm specializing in providing fabricated products to the marine, heavy construction and power industries, much of the business being worldwide. He makes his home in Scotch Plains, New Jersey and enjoys traveling and spending time with his eleven grandchildren.

**DOMINIC A. ZARRELLA** earned his Civil Engineering degree from Manhattan College and spent his career in structural design with Mueser Rutledge, retiring in 1987 as a Partner in the firm. He continues to live in Marlboro, New Jersey.

# May They Rest In Peace

## Former Moles President and Award Recipient Irving R. Huie



**IRVING R. HUIE**

From the Boston Globe, 8/7/07: *Before he turned 35, Irving R. Huie had led the construction of the Calahan Tunnel and the Weston-to-Boston extension of the Massachusetts Turnpike. Over the rest of his 40 year career with Framingham construction company Perini Corp, Mr. Huie hardly slowed down, going on to lead projects including the construction of a huge New York City sewage treatment plant, locks and dams from Ohio to Texas, and the MBTA Red Line Extension from Harvard Square to Alewife.*

*I have known few individuals more technically capable nor anyone who better fit the leadership principle of "walk the walk and talk the talk", David B. Perini, former chief executive and chairman emeritus of Perini Corp. said of Mr. Huie in a May speech to a Boston Industry association.*

Irv, a Civil Engineering graduate of RPI, retired in 1988 as Senior Vice President. He died on August 6, 2007, at the age of 78. Irv's father, Irving V. A. Huie, was the President of the NYC Board of Water Supply and his bother, Bob, and son, Mike, are members of The Moles.

## Daniel J. Rago Former Treasurer of the Moles

**DANIEL J. RAGO** died on October 3, 2007 at the age of 78. He was a Civil Engineering graduate of Manhattan College and spent the last 25 years of his career with Yonkers Contracting Company, retiring in 1997 as Vice President of Estimating. Prior to joining Yonkers, he had worked for Mt. Vernon Contracting Corp. for 22 years. Dan served as Treasurer of the Moles from 1992 to 1994.

**ALFRED MUSCARI** died on September 28, 2007 at the age of 80. He earned Bachelor and Master Degrees in Civil Engineering from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. He started his career with the Arthur A. Johnson Corp., a then prominent New York City subway and heavy construction contractor. The company was subsequently purchased by Kiewit and AI continued with them until his retirement in 1983. He served as East Coast District Manager and during his career was involved in such projects as the anchorages of the Verranzano-Narrows Bridge, the Washington Metro and the Toronto Subway.

**AL MATHEWS**, credited by many as the principal founder of the Dispute Review Board process, died on August 17, 2007 at the age of 92.

**FRANCIS X. MURPHY**, a member of the Moles since 1962, died on December 30, 2006 at the age of 88. He was a graduate of Columbia University and spent much of his career on overseas assignments.

**NELSON CREWS**, a civil engineering graduate of Tulane University and a long time executive with Raymond International died on April 8, 2007 at the age of 83.

## Louis G. Silano Dies at Age 80



**LOUIS G. SILANO**

From ENR, 8/1/07: *The Board of Directors, officers and staff of PB mourn the passing of Louis G. Silano, Senior Vice President and Technical Director for Structures. Lou passed away on July 24, at the age of 80. He served on many notable bridges and tunnels in the United States; his engineering acumen was recognized by the American Society of Civil Engineers, which honored him with its Lifetime Achievement Award in Design in 2005; Lou served in the US Coast Guard during World War II and held both bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from Columbia University. He joined PB in 1951 and retired in January 2007 after 55 years as the longest serving employee in PB history. He was truly one a kind and his passing leaves a void that no one can fill. Thomas J. O'Neill, Chairman and CEO PB.*

**ROBERT J. RONAYNE** died on June 15, 2007 at the age of 64. He was a Civil Engineering graduate of Newark College of Engineering and spent the bulk of his career with the NYC Department of Transportation, where he served as Chief Engineer Bridge and Roadway Design and Construction.

## ***Additional Contributors To The Moles Scholarship Fund***

**J.F. White Contracting Company**  
\$100,000.00

**PB (Parsons Brinckerhoff)**  
an additional \$50,000.00 to make them a \$100,000.00 contributor.

**Urban Foundation/Engineering, LLC**  
\$50,000.00

## **Moles Members World Trade Center Site Tour**

On Wednesday morning, November 7th (the day of the Moles Members Dinner), approximately 50 Moles members gathered at the offices of Phoenix (WTC's Construction Manager), where Tom Groark (The Port Authority), Joe Malandro (E.E. Cruz), and Arturo Ressi and Paul Beljan (Kiewit) gave presentations of what was to be observed during the ensuing site tour.

Those attending were unanimous in their praise of what was seen and learned. Thanks to Education Committee Chairman Mike McHugh (Moretrench) and Gary Winsper (Phoenix/Skanska) for putting this event together.

In June 2000, a similar tour was held on the Boston Central Artery project. Thoughts as to projects on which other tours might be held, are welcome.

## **RECIPIENTS OF THE 2008 GOLDEN BEAVER AWARDS**

The Beavers will be presenting their 2008 Golden Beaver Awards to the following persons at their Award Dinner on January 18, 2008 in the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles.

Management Award - **Thomas W. Traylor**  
Traylor Brothers

Supervision Award—**Jay E. Carlson**  
Obayashi Corporation

Engineering Award—**Ronald E. Heuer**  
Consultant

Service/Supply Award—**Robert E. Pope, Sr.**  
Mining Equipment Ltd.

Former star football player and former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Jack Kemp, will be the Principal Speaker.

## **How To Nominate a Person for Membership In The Moles**

The number of active Moles members is limited to 538 members. There are four categories of membership: Heavy Construction (397 members); Engineering (80 members); Sales Representatives (42 members); and Associated Occupations (19 members).\*

Candidates for membership must be nominated by a Moles member. This is accomplished by submitting Form No. 1 (which can be obtained at the Moles website) and arranging for five letters of recommendation from other Moles members, who have knowledge of the candidate's work history and character. The application package then goes to the Membership Committee, which classifies the application into one of the four categories of membership. Each member of the Committee then rates the candidate on a scale of 1 to 10. Those receiving the higher ratings are then sent to the Executive Committee for rating by the members of that body. Those receiving the highest ratings by the Executive Committee are admitted to membership in April of each year, based on the number of openings then existing. As one can see, the membership process is rigorous, but one which is necessary in order to maintain the standards and stature of The Moles.

**All Moles members are encouraged to nominate well qualified persons in the construction industry for membership in The Moles.**

\* There is not a limit on the number of Emeritus, Life and Honorary Members. Currently there are 210 Emeritus members, 27 Life Emeritus members (40 year members), 13 Life members (40 year dues paying members) and 38 Honorary members (Non Member Award Recipients and Speakers at the Annual Award Dinner).

## **News of Members**

After retiring four years ago from selling machines for Manitowoc Cranes, Inc., **STEVE PIRIGYI** has accepted a position with H&F Equipment Services-Crane Division searching for used lattice boom cranes.

Congratulations to Moles members **Tom Traylor** and **Jay Carlson** on being selected as Recipients of 2008 Golden Beaver Awards (see adjacent article).

***The Moles Website—www.themoles.info***

# NOVEMBER 7, 2007 MEMBERS DINNER

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## LECTURE—DRILLED SHAFTS



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**STUDENTS AND FACULTY WELCOMED**  
Following the practice of many years, recipients of The Moles Student Awards and Moles Scholarships, along with faculty members, were invited to a special reception hosted by The Moles Education Committee and all stayed on for the ensuing Lecture, Reception and Dinner.



Student Award Recipients present at Dinner



Scholarship Recipients present at Dinner



Faculty Members present at Dinner

