



New Co-Chairs Pledge to Uphold CDBI's

On March 23rd in Toronto, the members of the Canadian Design-Build Institute elected two new Co-Chairs for a two-year term. Barrie Fordham of Buttcon in Etobicoke and David Morgan of Dunlop Farrow Architects Inc in Toronto accepted the challenge with enthusiasm and are very keen at undertaking their new role within the Institute.

During their inaugural address both Co-Chairs pledged to make the Institute the forum where owners, consultants, contractors and providers of allied services can continue to actively debate design-build issues in Canada. This is CDBI's mandate and strength. To bring together a number of participants from diverging sectors to agree on issues of importance for the industry. The result is industry-wide agreed practices translated into documents, guides, policy statements and manuals for the benefit of the industry.

The annual meeting provided an opportunity to present a newly developed business plan for the institute which calls for 1) an increase in membership to meet an aggressive production schedule (more resources are required); 2) the establishment of an activity program with specific timelines so that the Institute can immediately start delivering a core group of services.

Of these activities, the following are being recommended as priority items:

- development of a matrix for owners to use in determining the procurement process for their projects;
- development of a standard format for Request for Proposals;
- development of specific wording for the purpose of defining performance in specifications;
- identification of risks that are characteristic of the design-build procurement method and commentaries on how to deal with them;
- development of policy statements on honoraria and copyright;
- publication of the series 100 and 200 of the Design-Build Practice Manual (Spring 2000);
- development of the series 300 of the Design-Build Practice Manual (Fall 2000);
- development of a Preliminary Agreement between Design-Builders and Consultants;
- development of a Partnering/Confidentiality Agreement Between Design-Builder and Trade Contractor;
- development of a series of workshops and seminars to be held across Canada on specific design-build issues.

The members took the opportunity to thank Alex Rankin and John Westeinde for the formidable amount of work they accomplished during their term as Co-Chairs. To create, structure and make such an organization operational was not an easy task and their devoted efforts made CDBI a reality.

A new CDBI Council was also elected at the meeting and Terms of Reference were approved. Information is available on the CDBI Web site concerning these developments and other issues at www.cdbi.org.

The Institute counts on your continued support and looks forward to your active participation in our proposed workshops and seminars.