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The HBA of Colorado Springs Recognizes Members for Their Distinguished Service at the Annual Awards Ceremony

COLORADO SPRINGS – February 14, 2018 – The Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs (CSHBA) held its Annual Awards Ceremony on Saturday, February 10, at Cheyenne Mountain Resort. Members were honored in four different categories for their distinguished service to the Association, the building industry and the community in 2017.

The reception was presided over by Mike DeGrant, 2018 CSHBA President and owner of DeGrant Consulting. City Council members, local elected officials, and nearly 200 CSHBA members were in attendance.

Brian Rief, owner of Independent Construction & Remodel, Inc., was awarded Remodeler of the Year. In 2017, Brian co-chaired the HBA Remodelers Council and stepped into the role of chair for 2018. He has served on the HBA Cares Board of Directors, currently participates in the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Remodeler 20 Club and is a U.S. Green Building council member.

Andrea Barlow, co-owner of N.E.S., Inc., was awarded Associate Member of the Year. She volunteered more than 100 hours for the HBA in 2017 through the Land Use Committee, Political Action Committee, Leadership Development Committee and the Board of Directors. Andrea has also represented the HBA in key capacities such as the City of Colorado Springs' Code Scrub Committee and the City's Affordable Housing Task Force.



Eric Hunter, who was recently named Vice President of Operations at Keller Homes, received the Builder Member of the Year award. He has served on the CSHBA Board of Directors since 2015 – the same year he graduated from the Emerging Leaders program. Eric volunteered more than 150 hours for the HBA in 2017 through his participation in the Leadership Development, Code Review and Executive committees, as well as on the Board.

Skip Howes, President of Scott Homes, Ltd., was awarded Industry Person of the Year. A member of CSHBA since 1985, Skip has held countless roles with the local, state and national associations. He also holds an impressive number of professional builder and Realtor designations. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Better Business Bureau of Southern Colorado and currently serves on CSHBA Board of Directors.

Special recognition was given to George Fellows, city manager of Colorado Springs from 1966–1985, who was presented with the Lifetime of Community Achievement Award.

About the Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs

Homes are a cornerstone of the American dream and a major driver of our economy. The Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs was founded in 1950 as the voice of the homebuilding community and associated trades. We advance best practices, advocate for affordable housing, contribute expertise to regional development issues and serve our community through our workforce initiatives and HBA Cares programs. Find out how we're helping to build a better Colorado Springs at cshba.com and hbacares.org.

