



COBA Names Builder of the Year, New President

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Hayden Homes Honored as Builder of the Year



“2019 was a remarkable year for Hayden Homes. We celebrated our 30th anniversary, we were recognized as the #1 Best Place to Work in both Oregon and Washington, and our chairman, Hayden Watson, was honored by Builder magazine with the Hearthstone Humanitarian Award for his philanthropic efforts.” —Geoff Harris, Regional Director, Hayden Homes

The statistics are impressive:

- 215 homes built in Central Oregon in 2019, 3,000 since inception in 1989
- 10 active communities in Central Oregon
- Largest private homebuilder in the Pacific Northwest
- Currently building in 35 different cities in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho
- 18,000 homes built companywide since 1989
- \$3.7 billion to local economies
- More than 67,000 jobs created since the company’s founding

For all these reasons and more, COBA is proud to honor Hayden Homes as its 2019 Builder of the Year. The 2019 Excellence Awards ceremony was held at Bend Golf Club on Thursday evening, and an excellent time was had by all.

“We are grateful for our over 3,000 homeowners who live in Central Oregon, and as we move into 2020, we are excited to continue our Give as You Go commitment to building a strong community. Hayden Homes supports philanthropic efforts in the communities we serve and has contributed more than \$23 million in charitable donations with the flagship of our giving through the 501(c)(3) nonprofit First Story. To date, First Story has provided 84 deserving and capable families throughout the Pacific Northwest with a safe, healthy, and affordable home and a first step toward financial freedom,” said Harris.



Welcome 2020 President Mike Arnett



“We are excited to welcome Mike as our 2020 COBA president. He is passionate about the industry and brings state and local association experience.” —Tim Knopp, Executive Vice President, COBA

Mike Arnett of Lifestyle Homes seems to have been destined for the building trade. A second-generation homebuilder, Arnett worked for his father through college doing everything from carpentry to construction supervision to project management. But after studying advertising and PR at the University of Oregon, Arnett struck out on his own, moving to Chicago and a Fortune 500 firm to put his degree to use.

“I learned a lot about being a small-volume custom builder from my family, but I didn’t think I wanted to do that. I was always listening to my dad talk and asking questions, but that was my dad’s job. But after five years in advertising, I wasn’t finding the motivation that I’d had in the beginning,” said Arnett.

Returning home to Portland, Arnett started Lifestyle Homes and became a certified Master Builder. Over the past three decades, the custom homebuilder has won acclaim, awards, and respect in the industry for high-quality craftsmanship and outstanding collaboration with clients.

Arnett, who was also named COBA’s Volunteer of the Year, is excited to advocate for the local building industry as president.

“The community of builders here are tremendous people. At COBA, we have members to take care of and promote. We want to showcase building in different areas and price ranges. Obviously we want to foster the building industry in Central Oregon and address the myriad issues we face: the transportation bond, for example. Fire hardening—the state is wanting us to take a look at our building codes to avoid the kind of mass destruction that’s happened in California. Energy-efficiency codes. The new zoning codes that went into effect this year. Work on single-family zones to increase the clearly needed housing supply. Land supply, labor, materials, planning, zoning—COBA does a great job of taking the pulse of all those issues and we look forward to working with local government this election year,” Arnett said.

2019 COBA Excellence Award Winners

Commercial Builder of the Year	Kirby Nagelhout Construction	Lifetime Achievement	Jim Norman, Norman Building & Design
Green Builder of the Year	SolAire Homebuilders	Associate of the Year	Technology Design Associates
Remodeler of the Year	Sierra James Construction	Realtor of the Year	Brent Landels & Angie Mombert, the Cascadia Group, Re/Max
Green Remodeler of the Year	Bend Build & Remodel	Developer of the Year	Stone Bridge Homes NW
Green Commercial Builder of the Year	R & H Construction	New Member of the Year	Tongue & Groove Tiny Homes
Subcontractor of the Year	LandEscapes	Nonprofit Partner of the Year	First Story
Builder of the Year	Hayden Homes	Volunteer of the Year	Mike Arnett, Lifestyle Homes
President’s Award	Deborah Flagan, Hayden Homes	Committee Member of the Year	Kelly Stewart, Pennbrook Management & Leasing
Public Official of the Year	Chris Piper, Bend City Council	People’s Choice Award	Deborah Flagan, Hayden Homes
Architect of the Year	Steele Associates Architects	Gary Bunger Industry Loyalty Award	Knife River
Home Designer of the Year	Muddy River Designs		
Material Supplier of the Year	Brian’s Cabinets		