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2023 CFMA “Build Chicago” Awards Program

5:30 to 6:30	Cocktail Reception
6:30	Dinner
7:00	Program
	Welcome & Chapter President’s Message John Metz, Independent Contractor
	CFMA President and CEO Message Kevin Foley, CFMA
	Awards Presentation <i>Associate Members of the Year</i> Renee Koehler and Stephanie Dinkel, Koehler Dinkel LLC
	<i>General Member of the Year</i> Natalie Dienethal, Executive Construction
	<i>Contractor of the Year</i> Kelso-Burnett
8:00 to 9:30	Entertainment & Networking
	Entertainment provided by: Greg Hoover DJ’s for You

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Contractor of the Year

Kelso-Burnett



Kelso-Burnett has been a leader in providing high-quality electrical services to businesses in the commercial industry. Their distinguished reputation has given rise to many commercialized projects within the Midwest. Whether engaged in designing and building a new

corporate headquarters or installations and modernizations for an existing facility, they have the expertise necessary to carry out your vision while providing unique and valuable benefits along the way.

Their roots run deep. In 1908, James Kelso and Oliver Burnett decided to start a two-man electrical contracting business in the city of Chicago. By 1932, they decided to take a loan out to do electrical work at the Century of Progress International Exposition, also known as the Chicago World’s Fair. Moving forward to 1942 and Kelso–Burnett were entrusted with critical electrical services such as power plants, switch houses and electrical substations for Northern Illinois primary electric delivery service, Commonwealth Edison.

What truly distinguishes them is their status as the first employee-owned electrical contractor in the Chicagoland area. In 1978, they officially started their Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), offering employees an ownership interest in the organization. This plan creates a direct connection between the success of Kelso-Burnett and the employee’s financial benefit.

Beyond their outstanding professional achievements, Kelso–Burnett and its employees are dedicated to making a positive impact on their community. They actively contribute to organizations such as Women in Construction Habitat for Humanity, Hard Hats for Hearts, CRASH (Contractors Rallied Around Servicing & Helping), Aspire Chicago (supporting the special needs community in the Chicagoland area) and the Irish American Partnership (providing support to underprivileged children in rural Ireland).

Furthermore, their dedication to CFMA is unparalleled. Their executive team have been active members both locally and nationally through regular conference participation. Jim Smith has been a member since 2016 and Dan Keller a member since 2018 and is set to serve on the 2024 Chicago Board of Directors.



Associate Members of the Year

Renee Koehler and Stephanie Dinkel, Koehler | Dinkel LLC

Renee Koehler and Stephanie Dinkel have not only established a strong partnership

themselves, but they have also cultivated a strong connection with the Construction Industry. In early 2000, Renee partnered with F.E. Moran to handle employment law matters and then went on to work with Kenny Construction a few years later. Working with these two major construction clients provided Renee with extensive credibility in the industry and from there, Renee created a construction industry niche within her practice.

Stephanie began her legal career alongside of Renee in 2007. By 2019, it became clear that Koehler Dinkel was an exceptional partnership and from there Stephanie became a named partner. They both take immense pride in being owners of a thriving, female-owned law firm, which concentrates in construction.

Renee and Stephanie, longtime supporters of CFMA, provided membership with continued education in various HR related areas. CFMA also provides them with the opportunity to foster solid friendships and on-going collaboration with experts in the construction field.

Beyond their legal pursuits, Renee and Stephanie enjoy spending time with their families. While their family dynamics are diverse, Renee is a mother of two college graduate sons, both pursuing careers in the construction industry and her youngest son is considering following in her footsteps as an attorney. Renee's husband, Jay, is also an attorney with a Chicago law firm.

In contrast, Stephanie's family includes 3 young school-aged children, ages 8 to 13, two boys and a girl. Her eldest is an avid hockey player, the middle son is engrossed in video games and the youngest, her daughter, enjoys art. Stephanie's husband, Joe, is a mechanical engineer focusing on the management of water infrastructure with a Chicago consulting firm.

CONGRATULATIONS

2023 "Build Chicago" Award Recipients Kelso-Burnette Co. & Natalie Dienethal

CFMA – Thank you for the nomination as co-associate members of the year. We are honored to accept this award!

Koehler | Dinkel

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General Member of the Year

Natalie Dienethal Executive Construction, Inc.

Natalie's career in construction accounting started in an unexpected way. After college, she was working on a golf course when Executive Construction came in for a company outing. During the event, one of the executives from ECI handed her his business card, mentioning he may be looking for an accountant. This encounter led to Natalie's first job in construction accounting.

Over the years, Natalie has worked with several firms, but full circle, she is back with Executive Construction as their controller. She attributes her success and growth to several people, but is especially thankful to Adam Sandefur, Dave Anderskow, Mary Davolt, and Glenn Jendra.

Natalie's favorite aspect of working in construction is seeing how projects evolve from mere concepts into beautiful, functional spaces. One of the highlights of her career was spending three months in Germany, where she had the opportunity to work on the historic renovation of the US Consulate in Berlin. Not only was she able to see the project's transformation, but was also able to explore Europe.

Natalie is currently a CFMA board member and chairs the Next Gen Committee. She enjoys seeing the committee members grow in their careers and becoming more involved in the organization. She finds being involved in CFMA has been beneficial to her own career, crediting the educational sessions that keep her updated in accounting topics. She also enjoys experiencing interesting and fun events like brewery and architectural tours, packing food at GCFD, home renovations with Rebuilding Together, and even kayaking the Chicago River.

While not working or participating in CFMA activities, she spends time with her family and gets to be the goofy aunt of her 6 nieces and nephews. She loves spoiling her dog, Lola, and giving her way too many treats, toys, and snuggles. Natalie has a passion for traveling and has visited thirteen countries and counting.





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Natalie Dienethal, Executive Construction Inc.

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Associate Member of the Year, **Catrina Payne**

2021 – Contractor of the Year, **C.J. Erickson Plumbing Co.**
General Member of the Year, **Lori Swisher**
Associate Member of the Year, **Kirk Liskiewitz**

2019 – Contractor of the Year, **Power Construction Company**
General Member of the Year, **Jen Haub**
Associate Member of the Year, **Joel Dziedzic**

2018 – Contractor of the Year, **Pepper Construction Company**
General Member of the Year, **Beth Swanson**
Associate Member of the Year, **Alex Warner**
President's Award, **David Sauerma**

2017 – Contractor of the Year, **FCL Builders**
General Member of the Year, **John Metz**
Associate Member of the Year, **Michael Pohl**

2016 – Contractor of the Year, **IHC Construction**
General Member of the Year, **Courtney Hartnett**
Associate Member of the Year, **Michael Harris**

2015 – Contractor of the Year, **Aldridge Electric**
General Member of the Year, **Tamara Kilty**
Associate Member of the Year, **James Bianchi**

2014 – Construction Executive of the Year, **George Weinold**
General Member of the Year, **Jim Demos**
Associate Member of the Year, **Jon Schroeder**

2013 – Construction Executive of the Year, **Ed Swietek**
General Member of the Year, **Jill Zizzo**
Associate Member of the Year, **Mary Davolt**

2012 – Construction Executive of the Year, **Joseph Skender**
General Member of the Year, **Shawn Erickson**
Associate Member of the Year, **Jason Vanden Bosch**

2011 – Construction Executive of the Year, **John E. Kenny, Jr.**
General Member of the Year, **Chris Budris**
Associate Member of the Year, **Jeff Tyner**
President's Award, **Bill Reidinger**

2010 – Construction Executive of the Year, **Anne Bigane Wilson**
General Member of the Year, **Tracey Fenolio**
Associate Member of the Year, **Ryan Hiss**
President's Award, **Kathy Cole**

Inaugural Award Year

2009 – Construction Executive of the Year, **John Blacketor & John Reynolds**
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President's Award, **Patrick Gregoire**

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 appreciate you, Kelso-Burnett, Natalie Dienethal,
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2023 Chicago CFMA Programs & Events

January 2023

- **Holiday Social:** Morton Arboretum Illumination
- **Program:** Recession Proofing Your Business

February 2023

- **Program:** 360 Degrees of Prequalification

March 2023

- **Program:** Behavioral Health – the Intersection between Human Capital and Financial Risk Management
- **Program:** Hot Legal Topics in Construction + Annual Meeting & Board Elections
- **Next Gen Social:** Puttshack

April 2023

- **Program:** Strategies for Hiring & Retaining Talent
- **Community Outreach:** National Rebuild Day

May 2023

- **Program:** Cybersecurity – Are you Covered?

June 2023

- **Summer Social:** River Bar

July 2023

- **CFMA Annual Conference** – Denver, CO

August 2023

- **Next Gen Social:** Kayak Adventure
- **Annual Golf Outing:** Maple Meadows

September 2023

- **Program:** The One Minute Manager – Roundtable Discussion
- **Great Lakes Regional Conference** – Grand Rapids, MI
- **Education:** Advanced Enterprise Budgeting and Forecasting

October 2023

- **Program:** Economic Update with Anirban Basu

November 2023

- “Build Chicago” Awards

Upcoming Programs – Mark Your Calendars!

December 6, 2023

- **Program:** Industry Tax Update

December 12, 2023

- **Community Outreach Event:** Greater Chicago Food Depository

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Past Presidents

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- January:** Fraud Prevention
Casino Night - CFMA Chicago 40th Anniversary Party
- February:** AI Trends in the Construction Industry
Financial Management for Non-Financial Managers & Project Cash Flow
- March:** DEI - The many faces of construction and how to motivate the next generation.
- April:** Make Your Conversations Memorable with Anthony Huey
Rebuilding Together Volunteer Day
- May:** Social - Next Gen
- June:** Succession Planning - What are my Options?
- July:** Summer Social: Lake MI Boat Cruise - 40th Anniversary Party Part II
Social - Interns and Next Gen
- August:** Annual Golf Outing
- September:** CPE Day - A full day of programming and education.
- October:** Annual Economic Forecast
Community Outreach Event
- November:** “Build Chicago” Awards Celebration
Corporate Governance - Best Practices
- December:** Tax & Accounting Update

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