

Minnesota Builders Exchange

Annual Meeting Recap



The newly implemented 2018 Annual Meeting sit-down dinner was hosted at the Edina Country Club on January 17, 2018, kicking off our 130th year celebration with a night of socializing, awards, and of course free drinks. The meeting convened with President Jake Bauer, Carciofini Company, detailing the success of MBEX during 2017 and continued with the official passing of the MBEX board presidential gavel from Bauer to 2018 MBEX president Malia Oesterreich, R M S Rentals. In addition, MBEX recognized the Volunteer of the Year and Distinguished Member.

Our main speaker for the event, Don Shelby, began his presentation with advice to all companies: look to the future, attain sustainability, and answer the needs of the future. Shelby then called upon his own special kinship to the construction industry, describing his experience as an apprentice and union carpenter. His interest in energy efficiency and construction led him to building his own LEED Platinum and MN GreenStar Gold certified home, the first new home in the state of Minnesota to achieve such ratings. Shelby noted that "sustainability does not always refer to the environment... it can also refer to a company or organization's ability to adapt to future technologies." He closed his remarks for the evening by calling upon us all to "keep your eye on what the future will bring you."

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