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### **BIAW Announces 2018 Builder/Associate/Remodeler of the Year Winners**

The Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW) is proud to announce its 2018 Builder/Associate/Remodeler of the Year winners. The B/A/R awards program recognizes outstanding leaders in the home building industry.

The awards were handed out during the fall awards ceremony held Nov. 14, 2018, at the BIAW fall board meeting in at the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Nominations were submitted by local home builders associations across the state and selected by a blind panel for each category.

#### **BUILDER OF THE YEAR**

Kevin Russell is a home builder and owner of Kevin Russell Construction. Russell has been an active supporter of the home building industry through his involvement in his local association, the North Peninsula Building Association (NPBA), BIAW and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

As an involved and engaged member of NPBA, Kevin has taken a leadership role in both government affairs and membership and recruiting arenas and served as NPBA president twice. Russell was also named NPBA Builder of the Year.

For more than a decade, Russell has participated on numerous BIAW committees and councils and currently serves as 2018 BIAW president. He has been a vocal advocate for BIAW and the industry, visiting NAHB and Washington, D.C. on many occasions. Russell continues to be a leader in green building, serving as the charter chair of Built Green of Clallam County and a charter member of the committee to help develop Built Green of Washington.

In addition, Russell volunteers in his community, supporting nonprofit projects for the food bank, veterans and low-income families, and is a member of the business association in Port Angeles.

#### **ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR**

Steve Cory of Fidelity National Title has been a strong supporter of his local association, the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties (MBAKS). As a member, he has served in MBAKS leadership roles, on committees and councils and as a state director.

His involvement with BIAW includes sitting on the Membership Committee and Associate Advisory Council. In addition to his leadership experience, perhaps most impressive is his ability to recruit new members. Cory has been a BIAW Top 10 recruiter since 2007.

In recognition for his support of the industry, Cory received a BIAW Associate Appreciation award in 2017.

### **REMODELER OF THE YEAR**

Nick Scheel, owner of Arrow Contracting Services, Inc., has worked toward enhancing the home building industry at every level. As a member of the Spokane Home Builders Association (SHBA), Scheel served as president in 2016 and was honored as SHBA Remodeler of the Year twice, as well as SHBA Volunteer of the Year in 2017. His current efforts have been focused on establishing SHBA NEXT: Young Professionals, a group to grow new leaders within his local association.

Scheel has been actively involved in BIAW, sitting on several committees and councils and currently serves as BIAW Remodelers chair.

In addition, Scheel serves on the NAHB Remodelers Council and various subcommittees and was recently named as NAHB Remodeler of the Month.

Over and above his service to the home building industry, Scheel is dedicated to giving back to his community. He has been active with Habitat for Humanity, building decks and ramps to assist individuals with disabilities and in school fundraising.

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*Known as the “champions of affordable housing,” the Building Industry Association of Washington is the largest trade association in Washington state representing nearly 8,000 member companies involved in the home building industry.*