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Kevin Russell Leading BIAW in 2018

Kevin Russell of Kevin Russell Construction is the new President of the Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW) for 2018. Russell will begin serving his term in January.

Throughout the year, Russell will represent home builders and be a voice on the major issues they face in their local areas as well as across the state, including water availability, skilled labor shortages, and a lack of developable land for home building, among other issues.

Involved in the building industry for more than 10 years in Washington state, Russell has been a committed leader and advocate in his local home builders association, the North Peninsula Building Association (NPBA), as well as BIAW.

Over the years, Russell has participated in numerous BIAW committees and councils, served in leadership roles with NPBA and advocated on behalf of the home building industry in Washington, D.C.

Russell has also been a leader in the green building industry in his community and the state. He was the charter chair of Built Green of Clallam County and built the first dual-certified Built Green and Energy Star homes in his area. At the state level, he served as a charter member of the committee to help develop Built Green of Washington. He has continued to pursue high standards in green building along the way, earning the MCGP (Master Certified Green Professional) designation.

In addition to his strong commitment to the home building profession, Russell has been involved in several community projects in Clallam County. He has been active in NPBA's Future Builders Program and helped develop a multi-home site using Low Impact Development (LID) practices that are models for other programs.

For his outstanding work and contributions to the industry, he has been nominated twice by his local association for BIAW's Associate Advisory Council's Builder Appreciation Award.

Russell was installed as President at the BIAW Fall Board of Directors meeting in November at Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine. In addition to Russell, other BIAW Officers installed for 2018 include: First Vice President Rick Hjelm of Phase II General Contractors; Second Vice President Debby Boyd of Naberly Solutions; Treasurer Sherry Schwab of HCS Construction Services Company; Secretary Chris Lockhart of AAA Kartak Glass & Closet; and Immediate Past President Ted Clifton of Zero Energy Plans.

Known as the "champion of affordable housing," the Building Industry Association of Washington is the largest trade association in Washington State and represents nearly 8,000 member companies involved in the home building business.

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