

ACEC/CO Names Board Officers And New Board Members

American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado announced its 2006 – 2007 board officers on May 31. Stuart Monical, MKK Consulting Engineers Inc., will serve as president; Brien Gidlow, HDR, as vice president; and Lauren Evans, Pinyon Environmental Engineering, as secretary/treasurer.

Also, Scott Beck, Anderson & Hastings; Gregory Fischer, Shannon & Wilson Inc.; Thomas Hartmann, TW Hartmann Inc.; and Michael Saylor, Bishop-Brogden Associates Inc., were named to ACEC/CO's board of directors, which also includes immediate past President Dave Adams, Kleinfelder Inc.; Bruce Berends, Kumar & Associates Inc.; John Cunningham, Burke Associates Inc.; Mark Hamouz, LONCO Inc.,



New president of ACEC/CO's board of directors is Stuart D. Monical, P.E., president of Greenwood Village-based MKK Consulting Engineers Inc.

national director; and Charles Keyes, Martin/Martin Inc.

ACEC/CO is the business association of 251 member firms employing more than 8,890 employees in the independent private practice of consulting engineering. ACEC/CO is founder of the national organization, the American Council of Engineering Companies, headquartered in Washington, D.C. ACEC has 5,500 member firms employing 300,000. ●



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ACEC/CO Celebrates 50 Years, Raises \$38,960 For Gardens

Celebrating its 50th anniversary at Denver Botanic Gardens, American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado raised \$38,960 to help restore a Denver area landmark and engineering icon – the Boettcher Tropical Conservatory.

Stuart Monical, president of ACEC/CO's board of directors, along with presenting sponsor Don Ulrich, senior client service manager, CH2M Hill, and grand sponsors Ralph Christie, CEO, Merrick & Company and Mike Branigan, account manager, McGraw-Hill Construction, presented Denver Botanic Gardens CEO John Scully with a \$35,000 check to restore the Conservatory. Funds were raised through event sponsor support and a donation of \$20 from each ticket sold. The total amount donated was \$38,960 following the silent auction.

"Our organization has some special ties to Denver Botanic Gardens," said Monical to the more than 300 engineering industry attendees on hand to celebrate the Council's milestone anniversary. "Last year the Council recognized Colorado's most notable buildings and building systems based on engineering innovations since the 1950s and the Boettcher Tropical Conservatory was on that list. It was

during our research that we became aware of the restoration needs of the structure, which ultimately led the framework for our anniversary event and our gift this evening.

"The Boettcher Tropical Conservatory and the magnificent surrounding gardens are truly community assets," he continued. "On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado, we are honored to host a benefit that will contribute to the restoration of this uniquely engineered structure. It is a special and meaningful way to top off our first 50 years."

In addition to the check for \$35,000, engineers Ken Wright, Wright Water Engineers Inc. and Bill Taggart, ASCG Inc. of Colorado, presented Scully with an added gift on behalf of the Colorado engineering community – a complete set of the 1970 construction drawings and specifications for Denver Botanic Gardens. Wright was retained in 1970 to plan and design the civil engineering infrastructure aspects for the Gardens, which included hydraulics, fountains, lakes, sidewalks, grading and drainage.

Scully thanked ACEC/CO for its generosity and "its tremendous initiative to lend not only financial

resources, but efforts to raise awareness of what is needed to bring the conservatory to appropriate working conditions.

"This is a signature building for the Garden and we are caretakers for the building on behalf of the community," he added.

Scully estimated that \$9 million is needed to restore the Conservatory and that it will take time to generate the resources needed. ●



"Living Bronze" sculptures by Robert Wick were on display at ACEC/CO's 50th anniversary celebration at the Denver Botanic Gardens.



ACEC/CO's 50th Anniversary sponsors Mike Branigan, account manager, McGraw-Hill Construction; Ralph Christie, CEO, Merrick & Co.; and Don Ulrich, senior client service manager, CH2M Hill, join ACEC/CO President Stuart Monical, MKK Consulting Engineers, in presenting a check for \$35,000 to Denver Botanic Gardens CEO John Scully to help restore the Boettcher Tropical Conservatory. In picture at right, Bill Taggart, ASCG Inc. of Colorado, Ken Wright, Wright Water Engineers, Inc., and Monical present an original set of construction drawings and specifications for the Gardens to Scully.

