

Distinguished Members

CLCA's recent successes in water management, legislation and member benefit programs are not the product of a liberal application of pixie dust, but the result of dedication and commitment by a special cadre of your colleagues. Each year, the association honors those who have made an exceptional impact on the association and the green industry. The 2020 awards were presented during the association's annual Leadership Conference, held online on January 13, 2021.

Allegiance Award Winners

In recognition of their years of service and leadership, the California Landscape Contractors Association presented Frank Niccoli and Tom Noonan (see page 6) with its Allegiance Award, the association's most prestigious honor.

The award, which is given only to a green industry professional who has been a member of the association for a minimum of 15 years and who has had a significant effect on the industry, was presented during the association's annual Leadership Conference, held on-line on January 13, 2021.

Each Allegiance Award winner has served on at least three of the association's committees, task forces or boards for a total of 10 years. They are the driving force of many of the association's most innovative and substantial programs and efforts.



Frank Niccoli

Frank served as CLCA's first-ever Director of Resource Management. During his four two-year terms, CLCA developed the CLCA Water Management Certification program. This EPA WaterSense recognized program received the prestigious Power of A award from the American Society of Association Executives.

Frank has also excelled in a variety of

chapter roles and served as CLCA's 2013 President. In 2018, he was named Member of the Year.

"By his peers, he is recognized as a longtime supporter of the industry, diligent and focused on the future of the CLCA's best interest," CLCA President Paul Hansen said.

He has devoted countless hours to the revision of the association's Landscape Data Manual and Landscape Standards Book.

At heart, Frank is a teacher. At Foothill College, where he is the Horticulture Department director, he founded the CLCA student club in 2002 to better connect students to industry. He also built a 25-module teaching center at Foothill College patterned after CLCA's Certified Landscape Technician program to teach students real-life hands-on skills. He is currently working with 12 other colleges interested in building their own learning centers.

Frank re-wrote and spearheaded CLCA's How to Make Money with Your Landscape Business series and has presented many other seminars, workshops and webinars. He draws rave reviews from students and green industry professionals for his practical "been there, built that" attitude.



East Bay Chapter Member Eric Santos, CLT Named CLCA's 2020 Member of the Year

The California Landscape Contractors Association named Eric Santos, CLT its 2020 Regular Member of the Year, honoring his professionalism and leadership.

The award, which is given annually to a contractor member who is involved with a significant project or accomplishment during the current year, was presented during the association's annual Leadership Conference on January 13, 2021.

Eric, the Vice President of Irrigation Services at BrightView Landscape Services, served as CLCA's 2020 Director of Membership. His work with the Membership Committee and Chair Sal Hernandez will benefit the association for years to come.

While presenting the award, CLCA 2021 President Paul Hansen praised Eric for his tremendous leadership on both the state and chapter level. Quoting those who nominated Eric for the recognition, Paul said that fellow members have recognized Eric as "extremely detailed and engaged. He has reinvigorated his leadership position and made a positive improvement for the association."

"I am grateful and proud to work alongside Eric and even more honored to present this award now," Paul said.

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president's message

Paul Wong, Imperial Sprinkler Supply

Ringing in the New Year

Goodbye 2020, HELLO 2021!!!! As we embark on another year for the CLCA East Bay Chapter I want to thank our 2020 board President- Leeanna Schoeder, Immediate Past President and Director of Membership Eric Santos, Secretary/Treasurer David Manlove, Director of Events Greg Wrenn, Associate Member Rep Damion Rosby, and of course the one who is trying to make sure we are steered in the right direction, our Executive Director Laura Leuer. You all have been phenomenal to work with, and once again I thank you.

With that being said I would like to introduce the CLCA East Bay Chapter Board of Directors for 2021.

Immediate Past President - The lovely Leeanna Schoeder with Roxy Designs who was so generous to do back to back terms as chapter president is finally off the hook! She has had great passion to be a part of this board, and I look forward to working with her again in 2021.

President Elect - Loren McIrvin, owner of Allied Landscape Services, is a huge add for the 2021 board. He brings extensive knowledge, many ideas on how we can help grow the chapter and how we can offer better support to our members.

Secretary/Treasurer - David Manlove, owner of Indian Rock Landscapes, will be holding on to his roll as Secretary/Treasurer. He has been a great board member for the past two years. He always comes ready to help with suggestions to make our programs better for our members. Very excited to have David back in this leadership role.

Director of Membership - Damion Rosby of Golden Gate Truck Center. Damion will be joining us for a second straight year as he was new to the industry when he came to our first board meeting. You wouldn't have thought that though, because Damion has been very valuable to the CLCA Easy Bay Chapter with his ideas. Thank you, Damion, for moving up and tackling the important position of Director of Membership.

Director of Events - Barry Sacher, owner of Rock, Paper, Scissors Landscape, has been an advocate of the CLCA East Bay Chapter for a long time. We finally get to have her as a board member. We are excited to have her voice and enthusiasm on the board. We all look forward to working with Barry in 2021.

Associate Member Representative - Douglas Anthony of Urban Farmer Store will also be joining the board for the first time. We look forward to working with Doug and getting his insight, not just on what is going on in the landscape industry, but what new products and other materials we might look forward to having in 2021.

Say hello to your CLCA East Bay Chapter 2021 board. Just like me they all strive to be the next President of the CLCA East Bay Chapter! I think.....LOL

Please don't forget to visit our new revised web site http://clcaeastbay.org, which was beautifully done by Jerrie Beard. The website features upcoming events and news that might be going on in the land-scape industry.

We are ever hopeful that we can hold some events this year in person or as a group. Last year was challenging for all. To the members and sponsors of our chapter THANK YOU for your support and willingness to work together as we as an industry continue to grow and better our communities.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Let's all have the best year in the landscape industry.

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Employee Handbook Distribution

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A landscaper from Michigan called me to talk about her company's employee hand-book. While revising the employee hand-book was straightforward and successful, the landscaper took a cavalier approach to its distribution and more importantly, the process associated with receiving the signed Handbook Acknowledgment Form from every employee. Her approach was to simply distribute the employee handbooks as part of an ongoing event (e.g., safety tailgate meeting) and then have the employees drop off the signed acknowledgment forms to the main office sometime afterward.

In place of that haphazard plan, here is the annual employee handbook distribution process I proposed:

- 1. Employee Handbooks are distributed through the management team to all employees. Given that managers are responsible for supervising their staff and holding them accountable for policy compliance, it must be the managers, not the office staff, who hand deliver the employee handbook to each of their employees.
- 2. Each Manager receives a payroll roster of his/her employees. The Payroll Department must generate a roster of each Manager's direct and indirect subordinates, based on the organizational chart, to alert each Manager of the number of employee handbooks that must be distributed and to whom. As the employee handbooks are distributed, the Manager must put the date when each employee received the employee handbook, on that roster, next

- to the employee's name, for documentation purposes.
- 3. At the time of distribution, the Manager must inform each subordinate that the signed Employee Handbook Acknowledgement Forms must be returned to the Manager within one week.
- 4. Each name on employee roster is exhausted to ensure 100% return rate. Using the same roster as previously-mentioned in Step 2, the Manager documents the date the employee returns the Employee Handbook Acknowledgment Form to the Manager. The Manager must not deliver the Employee Handbook Acknowledgment Forms to the main office until every one of the names on his/her roster has returned the Employee Handbook Acknowledgment Form.
- 5. All signed Acknowledgment Forms are returned to the office for compliance check. Once received from the Manager, the office confirms that each employee has submitted a signed and dated, Employee Handbook Acknowledgment Form.
- The office then scans and files Handbook Acknowledgment Forms in every employee's personnel file.

In much of the country, this process should be completed on all current employees by January 20th each year. By the same token, those companies which close for the snow season should have this process completed on all returning employees within one week of beginning the landscape season.

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Watersavers has been greening the way for landscape contractors and gardeners since 1988 with a commitment to water management, water conservation, quality service, and providing professional grade irrigation supplies and landscape products. Watersavers is the one-stop shop for all your gardening and landscaping needs such as sprinkler systems, landscape tools, erosion control products, outdoor lighting, fertilizers, sod, and water conserving drip irrigation.

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Watersavers' One-Stop shopping gives you access to all the best irrigation and landscape products and everything else you need to complete all of your landscape projects. Watersavers guaranteed inventory availability assures you that their shelves are always fully stocked with the products you need right now. You can shop for landscape and irrigation supplies by visiting any one of six California locations or by visiting the Online Store at watersaversinc.com.

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Irrigation Assoication Leadership Summit

During the Irrigation Association's Leadership Summit on Wednesday, February 10, we will discuss insights to help current business executives build skills for success in leading projects, teams and organizations. We will also identify the common traps that many business leaders fall into, and learn how to build positive, lasting change in your company — all through the lens of irrigation. This opportunity is open to both seasoned and future leaders of our industry.

Cost

Member \$119 | Nonmember \$149

Registration

Register online at https://bit.ly/39lEaBX

Schedule

Times and schedule are subject to change. 8:00 a.m.

Welcome & Keynote: Kelly Schulz, Maryland Secretary of Commerce

8:30 a.m.

CEO Roundtable – Leadership & Resilience

- •Greg Hunter, Hunter Industries Inc.
- •Doug York, Ewing Irrigation Learn leadership strategies that have worked for CEOs and their businesses. 9:15 a.m.

Cutting Through the Noise: Communication Strategies

- David Almacy, Founder, CapitalGig, LLC (former White House Internet and E-communications Director for George W. Bush)
- Johanna Maska, host of Pod is a Woman and CEO of the Global Situation Room communications firm (former Director of White House Press Advance for Obama) This session will focus on the best strategies to build your business through sound communication.

10:00 a.m. | Break

10:15 a.m.

Leadership in the Irrigation Industry

- Kurtis Kammerer, Senior Director, SolutionView
- Phil Stephens, General Manager, Horizon

Learn what leadership means to these leaders in the green industry.

10:45a.m.

Technology & the Future of Global Business

- Tim Day, Principal, Calfee Strategic Solutions (former Director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Technology Engagement Center)
- Karen Hildebrand, Head, Solutions Agriculture, Amazon Web Services
- Julie Bushell, President, Paige Wireless This panel of experts will talk about global technology development and what we can expect in the future.

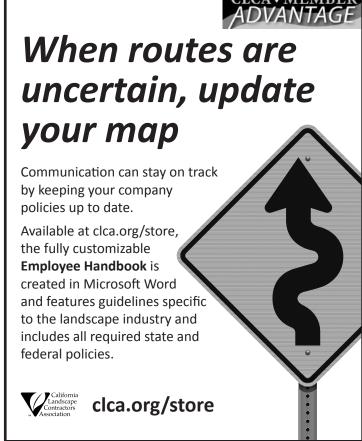
11:45 a.m.

Strategies for Success in a Post-Pandemic World

- Tina May, VP, Rural Services and Chief of Staff to the CEO, Land O' Lakes
- Joel Lipsitch, VP, Product Management and Marketing, Sound Agriculture This panel will discuss topics such as employee engagement, work-life balance and diversity and inclusion. They will also address any questions from the attendees relating to success strategies for leaders.







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East Bay Chapter Monthly Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. (some exceptions). Check the calendar for locations

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2021 CLCA State Executive Board

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Past CLCA State Presidents from the East Bay Chapter

2018	Aaron Huxley
2017	Tim Hendricks
1996	John Redmond Jr
1986	Roger D. Fiske
1978	Joe Tanouye

East Bay Past Chapter Presidents

2019-2020	Leeanna Schoeder
2018	Eric Santos
2017	Roxy Wolosenko
2016	Calvin Craig
2014-15	Peter Rosen
2012-13	Tim Hendricks
2011	DeeAnn Schuttish
2009-10	Nate Silin
2007-08	Barry Minor
2006	Gregory Wrenn,
	Rick Martens, CLT
2005	Dennis Brewer
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1983	Don Young
1982	David Gutru
1981	Joe Tanouye
1979-80	J. Warren Thurston
1979	Peter Rumore
1978	Pat Nichols
1977	Joe Korematsu
1976	Chuck Rich

East Bay Chapter Life Members

Congratulations and Thank You to the following CLCA East Bay Chapter Members for their continued support for over 25 years.

Roger Fiske Ken Gerlack
Jeffrey Jones Joe Korematsu
George Sunayama Jack Rydman
Thomas Raeth Kevin Berndt

CLCA East Bay Chapter Contractor's Honor Code

The CLCA East Bay Chapter exists to support Contractor's AND their employees. To successfully meet this objective, and encourage the involvement of all levels of the landscape industry, the Board of Directors is committed to supporting the following Contractor's Honor Code:

The solicitation, recruitment of, or attempt to hire another Contractor's employees while attending any CLCA function is strictly prohibited.

Tom Noonan Receives Allegiance Award

Tom served as the association's Associate Member Director in 2010-11 and was a dedicated member of the Landscape Industry Show Committee until the show sunset after the 2019 event. He continues to represent CLCA on the NorCal Landscape and Nursery Show steering committee.



"By his peers, he is recognized as a 'faithful, supportive participant of our industry trade shows and resource management.' He is always praised for this "activism for CLCA's efforts in water use efficiency," CLCA President Paul Hansen said. One member has said that Tom's "tenure in the volunteer leadership has given voice to representing CLCA in the best possible light and professionalism."

He chaired the Resource Management Committee and later served as Director of Resource Management as CLCA grew the Water Management Certification Program. This EPA WaterSense recognized program received the prestigious Power of A award from the American Society of Association Executives.

Tom is a Water Management Specialist at Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply, and his passion and expertise for the efficient use of water has been of immense benefit to CLCA's programs. He also maintains certifications from the Irrigation Association as both a Landscape Irrigation Auditor and Irrigation Designer.

Bronwyn Miller Named Associate Member of Year

The California Landscape Contractors Association named Bronwyn Miller its 2020 Associate Member of the Year, honoring her enthu-

siasm and efforts to inform and promote California's green industry.

The award, which is given annually to an Associate Member who is involved with a significant project or accomplishment during the current year, was presented during the association's annual Leadership Conference, which has held online January 13, 2021.

While presenting the award, CLCA 2021 President Paul Hansen praised Bron-

wyn for her dedication to CLCA's Trophy Awards and Events Committee. Quoting those who nominated her for the recognition, Paul said that fellow members have recognized Bronwyn as "dedicated, always extending a hand to help and producing fantastic content."

"I have had the honor of serving alongside Bronwyn at both the state and chapter level leadership," Paul said. "I have consistently been amazed at her creativity, capabilities and integrity. I am honored and delighted to present this award."

Bronwyn is the founder and owner of Eyescapes, a graphic design agency that focuses on California's green industry.

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Member Standings

30+ Year Members

Joe Korematsu (1956)

Roger Fiske (1962)

Cagwin & Dorward (1963)

Ken Gerlack (1966)

Lafayette Tree & LS (1967)

Horizon (1970)

Ewing Irrigation (1973)

BrightView Tree Co. (1973)

SiteOne Landscape Supply (1974)

Professional LS Mngmt (1980)

Delta Bluegrass Co. (1980)

Landscape Care Co. (1985)

LandPlan's LS Inc. (1982)

Village Nurseries (1983)

L.H. Voss Materials (1987)

P.J. McNamara (1987)

Suma Landscaping Inc. (1988)

Berndt Landscape & Garden Maint (1988)

Trimacs Maint. & LS Const, Inc. (1988)

Diamond K Supply Ltd. (1990)

Tony Franchetto (1991)

Life Members

George Sunayama, Joe Korematsu, Roger Fiske, Paul Schultz, Ken Gerlack, William Rogers, Thomas Raeth, Dan Berger, Robert Battinich, Kevin Berndt, Stephen Lambert, Calvin Craig

15 Year Members

Susan Royter, Landtech Design Inc.

13 Year Members

John Serviss, Devil Mountain Nursery Adan Rodriguez, Vision Recycling

11 Year Members

Leeanna Schoeder, Roxy Designs Roxy Wolosenko, Roxy Designs

6 Year Members

Stephen Carmassi, Interwest Ins. Srvc.

4 Year Members

Joshua Fookes, Deborah Fookes, Josh Hughes, Nick Smith - Bee Green Recycling and Supply

Sai Duhamel, Home Grown Gardens

2 Year Members

Mathew McGrath, Farallon Gardens

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- Free Admission to Two Dinner Meetings of your choice during the year.





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- •Company Name recognition at every event, logo on table-tents or event fliers, Company logo on the chapter website and event announcements.

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