Raymer Elected AWCI President During 64th Annual Convention

Vernon L. Raymer, president of Delta Dry Wall, Inc., Denver, Colorado, was elected President of AWCI at the Association’s Annual Meeting held during the 64th Annual Convention in Washington. He will officially assume his duties beginning with the AWCI fiscal year, July 1, 1981.

Other newly elected officers are: James E. Biddle, Mader Construction Company, Buffalo, First Vice President; Donald S. Little, Donalco Services, Inc., Scarborough, Ontario, Second Vice President; Robert L. Whittle, Niehaus Construction Services, St. Louis, Treasurer; and Williams A. Marek, Marek Brothers Company, Houston, Secretary.

During acceptance remarks, Raymer explained plans for his tenure as President: “Immediately after President Reagan unveiled his plans for the economic recovery of our nation, AWCI invited all other construction industry associations to join us in a coalition supporting the entire Reagan program without reservation. I plan to continue this program of total support for our President’s efforts to stabilize the U.S. economy.

“In today’s marketplace, unstable interest rates, federal overregulation, declining productivity and the lack of skilled labor are all factors which make it difficult for a small business operator to succeed in the construction industry. During the past several years, AWCI has increased its emphasis on the educational and technical services we provide our members who are engaged in this struggle to survive.

“I firmly believe that these important services help the contractors, distributors, suppliers and manufacturers who are our members grow and remain competitive. Their success is also ours, and this improvement benefits the entire industry. In the long run, it also benefits our economy and even our nation.

“It is also important to note that most of our members are volunteers who are active in the affairs of their local communities. Through their membership in AWCI, they make a similar citizenship contribution to the construction industry. Challenge and opportunity lie ahead; we face them optimistically.”

Raymer is also an active member of the Rocky Mountain Drywall Contractors’ Association in Denver and is a past president of that organization. His company is a diversified contracting firm which deals in acoustical, demountable partitions and drywall products and services.