A Family Photo Album
AWCI's 69th Annual Convention

February 16-20, 1986
Disneyland Hotel
Anaheim, California
CONVENTION REGISTRATION TOPS 2,000!

For the first time in AWCI’s history, total official convention registrations surpassed the 2,000 level at the 1986 Wall and Ceiling Industry Convention and Exposition, held last February at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California.

Including on-site registration counts compiled by AWCI’s meetings department, total registration for the 1986 Wall and Ceiling Convention and Exposition was **2,063**. This figure compares to 1,817 last year in Kansas City. Of the 2,063, a full **879** were contractor/distributor registrations, well above the 638 last year. Of the total record number of registrations, 972 were received in advance, and 729 on-site. The remaining registrations, which took total attendance past the 2,000 mark, were spouses.

A record number of one-day exhibit hall passes—265—as issued on Wednesday, February 19 as AWCI hosted “California Day” for local contractors, distributors and architects. Several booth personnel commented that this special promotion—the result of targeted direct mail efforts and special advertising in California construction publications—produced the most traffic in the exhibit hall that they had ever seen at an AWCI show.
Mike McCain of Clearwater, Florida, accepting his Outstanding Supplier Member Award from Bill Marek, Chairman of AWCI's Awards Committee at the "Breakfast of Champions" Awards Breakfast.

Jim Walton of Epping, New Hampshire accepting his J.D. McNulty Award for industry-related research and development. The award is sponsored by Allied Structural Industries, Inc.

William Bell of Lexington, Kentucky accepting his Outstanding Regional Chairman Award. Bill is Chairman of the Southeast Conference. Carmen Paterniti of Far Hills, New Jersey accepting his Outstanding Regional Chairman Award. Carmen is Chairman of the Northeast Conference. Steve Watkins of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida accepting his award for being AWCI's Outstanding Committee Chairman.

After receiving his Outstanding Young Member Award from Bill Marek, Gerald Lee of Honolulu, Hawaii is also presented with a lei from Frank Morsilli, President of Dryvit Systems, Inc., host of the annual awards breakfast.

Paul Finucan accepting the “Unsung Hero” Award on behalf of Edwin Tussett of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jim Rose of Los Angeles accepting his Honorary Lifetime Membership Award.

AWCI's Technical Director, Gene Erwin, accepting his Outstanding Industry Employee Award.

Joe Baker accepting Jeremiah Burn's Honorary Lifetime Membership Award.

Jim Biddle from Buffalo, New York, and his wife Janet, shown accepting his Pinnacle Award from Vern Raymer. The Pinnacle Award is the highest honor AWCI can bestow upon a member.

Jim Biddle is inducted into AWCI's Circle of Leadership. Shown here with Jim are other Circle of Leadership members present at the Awards Breakfast. L-R: Bob Watkins, Biddle, Jim Rose and Joe Feldner.

New officers and board members gather near the stage: Seated L-R: Burt Fisher, Harry Vernetti, Carmen Paterniti, and Bill Scott. Standing L-R are: Bill Bell, Tom McCartney, Jimmie Crane, Ken Hampshire and Gerald Lee.
President Harry J. Vernetti presents President-Elect Jimmie U. Crane with his official gavel.

Eighteen of the current 22 AWCI Lifetime Members shown at the special reception held in their honor during the Anaheim convention.

The President's Welcoming Reception was sponsored again by the Gypsum Association. Pictured are A. Victor Abnee of the Gypsum Association and William G. Lees of Celotex Corporation.

Exhibit hall grand prize winner Gabe Reitter (R) accepts his Eagle Lift from Richard Marler (L) of MTA, Inc.

Exhibit hall grand prize winner Robert Delahoussaye (L) accepts his Essick mixer from George Embling (R) of Essick Manufacturing.