AWCI’s 70th Annual Convention was a success in every sense of the word. As expected, attendance surpassed all previous records with 2,258 registrations. The world famous Superdome provided a suitable setting for our sold-out Exhibit Hall.

Opening the Convention were some outstanding keynote speakers, including: Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT); Dr. Richard Lesher, President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and Mr. Lou Davis, Executive Director of the Building Industries Federation of South Africa.

With industry experts heading up our educational programs, the sessions were packed with information and participants. But as usual, this Convention
wasn’t *all* business—gala social events filled the evenings.

The Pinnacle Award

Bill C. Carroll of Carroll Ventures, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico, was honored with one of the industry’s most coveted awards, the Pinnacle Award. Recipients of the Pinnacle Award, and its predecessor the E.F. Venzie Award, become lifetime members of AWCI’s prestigious Circle of Leadership.

More outstanding individuals honored . . .

“UNSUNG HERO” AWARD

David Kelly
Kelly Plastering Co.
South Holland, Illinois

OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Michael R. Boyd
Ray Boyd Construction Systems Co.
Garland, Texas
Chairman, Task Force on Committees

Nelson King
Nelson Ring Company, Inc.
Birmingham, Alabama
Chairman, Technical Committee

OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEMBER
David Spinazzolo
Spinazzolo Systems, Inc.
Hampton, Virginia

OUTSTANDING REGIONAL CHAIRMAN
T. Gilley Hickman
Hickman Painting Co.
Dallas, Texas

OUTSTANDING INDUSTRY EMPLOYEE
Edward E. Charles
Northwest Wall and Ceiling Contractors Association

OUTSTANDING SUPPLIER MEMBER
Howard P. Tiemann
Tiemann Sales Co.
Dallas, Texas
Donald Mehrer, of Mehrer Drywall, Inc., Seattle, Washington, walked . . . better yet . . . drove away from the AWCI Convention with more than just memories. Mr. Mehrer was the 1987 winner of the 4th Annual WAC/PAC Automobile giveaway—he won the van. The drawing for the luxurious, fully optioned custom van, valued at over $28,000, took place at the Final Night Dinner/Dance. In the “Close, But No Cigar” category were: Bob Whittle taking first runner up and $1,000; Tom Stanton won $500; Johnny Crane won $300; and Tatyane Alexandrome won $200. Congratulations to all the WAC/PAC winners! Thanks to all of you who contributed to the Wall and Ceiling Political Action Committee the interests of your industry will be well represented in Washington.
Largest Bid Ever Contributes to Most Successful Auction

Auction, held Friday, March 6, was the highest income producing event in the history of the Foundation. When bidding on a bronze sculpture, Howard Walker of Pierce Enterprises, Fresno, California set a record for the single highest bid on any auction item. With the help of T. Gilley Hickman, Auction Chairman, and the Foundation’s Board of Directors, the 1987 Auction grossed $78,500. The 1985 Auction now takes second place in the record book with a total of $74,000 in sales. Our thanks go out to all those who contributed, one way or another, and made this year’s Auction such a tremendous success.