We Built Chicago

Friday, June 5th
5:00 - 8:00 pm
School of the Art Institute Ballroom
112 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago







This event is free and open to the public.

5ICCH would like to thank the Builders Association of Chicago for sponsoring the event, and the School of the Art Institute's Historic Preservation Program for donating space.

5th International Congress on Construction History
Palmer House Hilton Hotel
Chicago, IL
3-7 June 2015

An Event organized in conjunction with the 5th International Congress on Construction History and sponsored by the Builders Association of Chicago

Like many American cities, Chicago witnessed a burst of construction activity following the end of the Civil War. This activity saw the creation of numerous firms devoted to building of all kinds. Most of these began as family entities and many have survived to this day. **We Built Chicago** honors these pioneers by reviewing their history, how they survived events such as the Great Depression and the changes their companies have witnessed in building practices.

Welcome

Dan McLaughlin, Executive Director, The Builders Association of Chicago

General Comments

Dave Pepper, Chairman and CEO, The Pepper Companies (1927)

Building in Chicago: The Story of Builders and Contractors Over the Last 100 Years

Marvin J. Levine, Levine Companies, Winnetka, IL Paper presentation highlighting multigenerational Chicago companies

Contractor and Supplier Panel

Moderated by Mary Brush, Brush Architects

Fred Berglund, President, Berglund Constructin (1911)
Martin Ozinga IV, Ozinga Concrete Company (1928)
Bruce E. Lake, James McHugh Construction Company (1897)
R. Philip Stupp, Jr., Stupp Bros., Inc (1856)



J. David Pepper Chairman, Pepper Construction Group

Dave Pepper is responsible for overseeing the financial and operational success of the company. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Iowa State University. Dave is very active in local community and industry organizations and currently serves The Associated General Contractors of America as Vice Chairman of the Building Division committee and as a member of the Executive Board. In early 2006, Dave was elected President of the AGC Education and Research Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to improving the science of construction. Since 1968, the AGC Foundation has provided significant funding for educational/research projects of importance to the construction industry and has awarded nearly 2,600 scholarships worth over \$7.7 million to undergraduate and graduate students from over 80 universities through its annual scholarship competition. He is now an Emeritus Trustee. Dave's affiliations include the National AGC - Member; Executive Board; Vice Chairman, Building Division Committee; Builders Association - Member; Providence St. Mel School - Board of Trustees; The Economic Club of Chicago - Member; Junior Achievement of Chicago - BOD/Executive Committee; The Chicago Club - Member; Dominican University - Board of Trustees; Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation - Member; Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters - Employee Trustee; and The Commercial Club of Chicago - member.



Fred Berglund
President, Berglund Construction Company

Berglund Construction is a 104 year old Chicago based firm with expertise in new construction, renovation and historical preservation. Fred has been with the company for over 30 years and is responsible for the overall strategy and operations of the firm. The company has been recognized with numerous awards for its efforts in new construction and preservation. Berglund Construction is a Top 400 National Firm as recognized by Engineering News Record (ENR).



Bruce E. Lake
President, James McHugh Construction Company

President of Chicago-based James McHugh Construction Co since 1997, Bruce E. Lake has demonstrated leader-ship in engineering, community involvement and business management. As an engineer, Mr. Lake has earned the respect of the industry with innovative designs and solutions for projects such as the much-lauded Battle Stations 21 training simulator at Great Lakes Naval Station; Park Tower on the Magnificent Mile; the Chicago Board of Trade expansion, Arlington Park, and the segments of the Deep Tunnel. He has led McHugh to its greatest revenues ever while improving construction practices and owner service by spearheading an industry-leading quality control program and a far-reaching estimating cost data bank. McHugh completed a new headquarters for the Chicago Youth Program, working as pro bono general contractor and leading efforts to have subcontractors donate their goods and services as well. Mr. Lake has been the recipient of the Majority Contractor of the Year award by the Coalition for United Community Labor Force, and the Coalition for Community Action (CUCA) named McHugh Chicago contractor of the year.



Marty Ozinga IV President, Ozinga Bros, Inc.

Ozinga Bros, Inc, a fourth generation family business, is best known for its red and white striped concrete mixer trucks. With over 1,200 employees, Ozinga Bros. has operations in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. Ozinga was recently named a Chicago Tribune Top Workplace. Marty took the reins of running the family business from his father, Marty Ozinga III in 2012, who continues to serve as Chairman of the Board. Marty is joined by his five brothers and one cousin in the fourth generation of ownership. Marty has a BA in Economics and Business from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA and an MS in Communications from Northwestern University. He has served on numerous boards of not-for-profit organizations, in particular Daystar School where he served as President of the Board from 2008-2014.



R. Philip Stupp, Jr. President, Stupp Bros. Inc.

R. Philip Stupp, Jr. is the President of the Fabrication Segment of Stupp Bros. Inc and President of Hammert's Iron Works, Inc., a subsidiary of Stupp Brothers. Family owned and managed since its founding in 1856, Stupp Bros. is a leader in the application, fabrication and production of structural steel components and steel piping for the transportation, commercial, manufacturing and energy sectors. The firm's mission is to support America's goal of energy independence by responsibly producing high integrity pipe and services for the safe transportation of oil, gas and associated products. R. Philip Stupp has a degree in Engineering Construction Management and serves as a Board member of many civic and professional organizations. He and his wife Judith reside in Webster Groves, Missouri and have three children.



Mary Brush Principal, Brush Architects, LLC

Mary Brush has 18 years of experience as a preservation leader and building envelope specialist and is the Principal of Brush Architects, LLC. Her professional evolution includes creating and leading the preservation and building envelope departments of several leading architecture and engineering firms in Chicago. She is well known for rappelling down the outside of skyscrapers to inspect building conditions. Mary comes from a long line of architects, including her great-grand uncles George and C.W. Rapp and her grandfather, Dan'l Brush, who managed the second generation of the Rapp & Rapp architects firm. She was chosen as the 2005 laureate of the Richard Morris Hunt fellowship, which facilitates licensed architects to work with leading French preservation architects.



Marvin J. Levine President, Levine Companies

After completing his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering in 1970, Mr. Levine served and was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps in 1972. Over the course of his forty plus years in the construction industry, Mr. Levine has served in many capacities: surveyor, field engineer, estimator, project manager, general contractor, and consultant. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the states of Illinois and California, and was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers in 2005 (F.ASCE), and has served on the Builders Association of Greater Chicago's Legal Affairs Committee as well as participated in seminars and lectured throughout his career. For each project he undertakes, Mr. Levine brings his technical expertise, ingenuity, and practical, handson approach.



Dan McLaughlin Executive Director, Builders Association AGC Chicago chapter

Dan spent twenty one years as Executive Director of the Plumbing Contractors Association of Chicago. Prior to that he co-owned and operated a small family paving company. In addition, Dan has served as Mayor of southwest suburban Orland Park since 1993.