



## **ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Our Associate Member of the Year Award goes to an associate member who keeps on giving! In fact, he was named “Associate Member of the Year” two years ago.

I worry about this guy – I keep asking him to slow down, but he keeps coming up with new ideas for the association – ideas that turn out to be very successful!

He pretty much single-handedly launched one of the most popular and successful programs in the association’s history - to educate our local Realtors about the value of new homes compared with resale homes – the Realtor Train N Tour program.

As if that wasn’t enough, he put together one of the most unusual, innovative trade shows in the country – he brought together homebuilders, realtors, and potential homebuyers for the 1<sup>st</sup> Real Estate Expo Las Vegas last spring at Cashman Center.

The Expo was so successful that he’s doing it again, but bigger and better at the Orleans Arena next year.

Our office continues to get phone calls from HBAs around the country asking us about the TrainNTour program and the Expo.

This member, as an individual, has done more to help our builder members than anyone else I can think of in recent memory.

So, the Associate Member of the Year Award goes to Mike Sweeney of Finance of America Mortgage Company.