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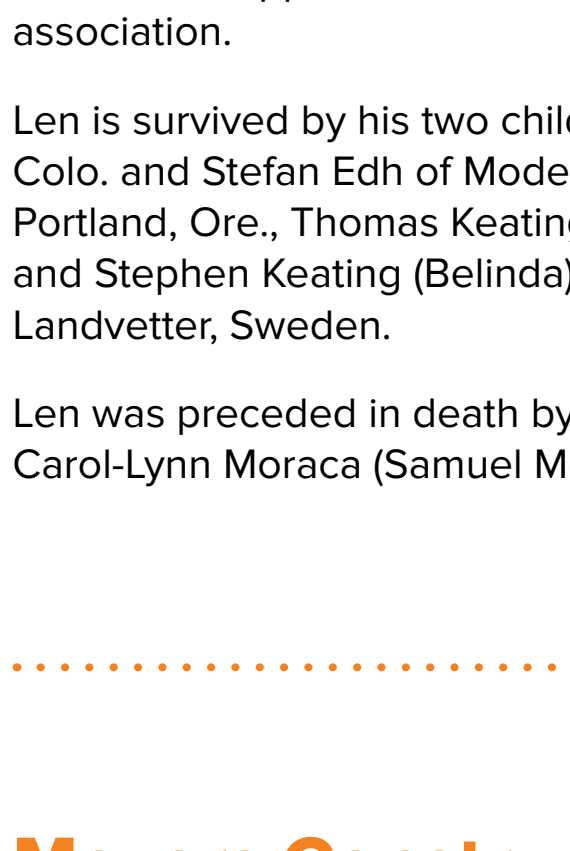
2023



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- [Blueline Associates, Inc.](#)
- [Valley Construction Services, Inc.](#)
- [2023 New Members](#)

Your support to ABC's Northern CA chapter is greatly appreciated!



Remembering Len Edh, Owner of Walther Electric Co.

One of ABC's longtime members Len Edh passed away on October 23, 2023, at the age of 89.

In 1973, Len purchased a small electrical construction company, Walther Electric Co., based in the Central Valley. As the business owner of a growing company, Len became more involved in the construction industry, and began attending Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC) meetings.

Len focused on developing his employees and, after many years in the court system (Walther Electric Company Joint Apprenticeship Committee v. California Apprenticeship Council), he was able to establish the first non-union certified apprenticeship program in the country. This court victory was later chronicled in the Wall Street Journal. As a result of this landmark case, non-union workers are now free to apprentice and become journeymen in the building trades—free of union association.

Len is survived by his two children, Maria Lena Edh (Christopher Sparkes) of Monument Colo. and Stefan Edh of Modesto; four stepchildren, Christine Keating (Jay Mullins) of Portland, Ore., Thomas Keating (Starr) of Rescue, Timothy Keating (Janice) of Modesto and Stephen Keating (Belinda) of Boise, Idaho; and his older brother, Bengt Edh of Landvetter, Sweden.

Len was preceded in death by wife Barbara Keating-Edh in 2021, and stepdaughter Carol-Lynn Moraca (Samuel Moraca).

Meyers Constructors, Inc. Has a New Location!



Meyers Constructors Inc. made the move from Fresno to Madera! Their new office is located at 40488 Brickyard Drive, Madera, CA 93636!



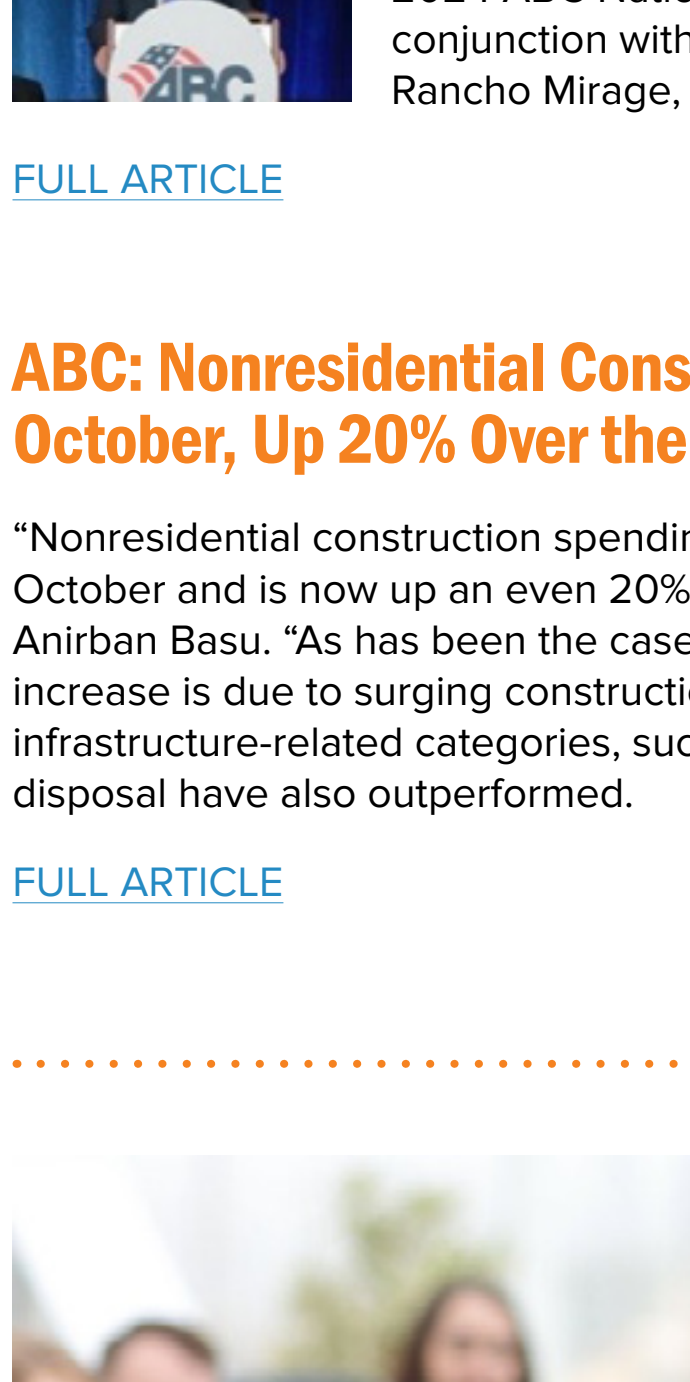
ABC NorCal's John Robinson with Meyers Constructors Inc. Emily Bettencourt.

THANK YOU for Your Membership!

As 2023 comes to a close, we are happy to report an increase in chapter membership with a total of 467 members, which includes 47 new members—and a successful member retention rate of 91%.

Safety and STEP continue to be a strong focus for both our current and new members. The Chapter has been more engaged than ever with construction companies in performing prevailing wage and public works—through our contractor connection events and support of the chapter's Government Relations team.

ABC NorCal will continue to support your business efforts, including compliance, training of specialized apprentices and aiding in political actions that support merit shops. We hope to grow with you by assisting you in winning projects ethically and safely.



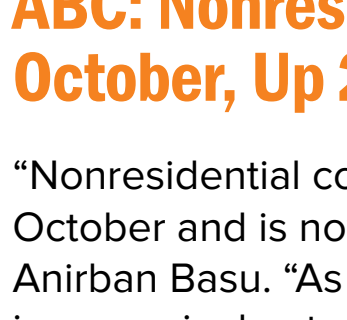
We look forward to a strong 2024 for chapter growth and member engagement, and will continue to fight for the [merit shop philosophy](#), which fuels our mission statement.

Renewal Deadline Is Approaching – December 31!!

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News Releases

ABC Announces 2024 National Chair, Executive Committee



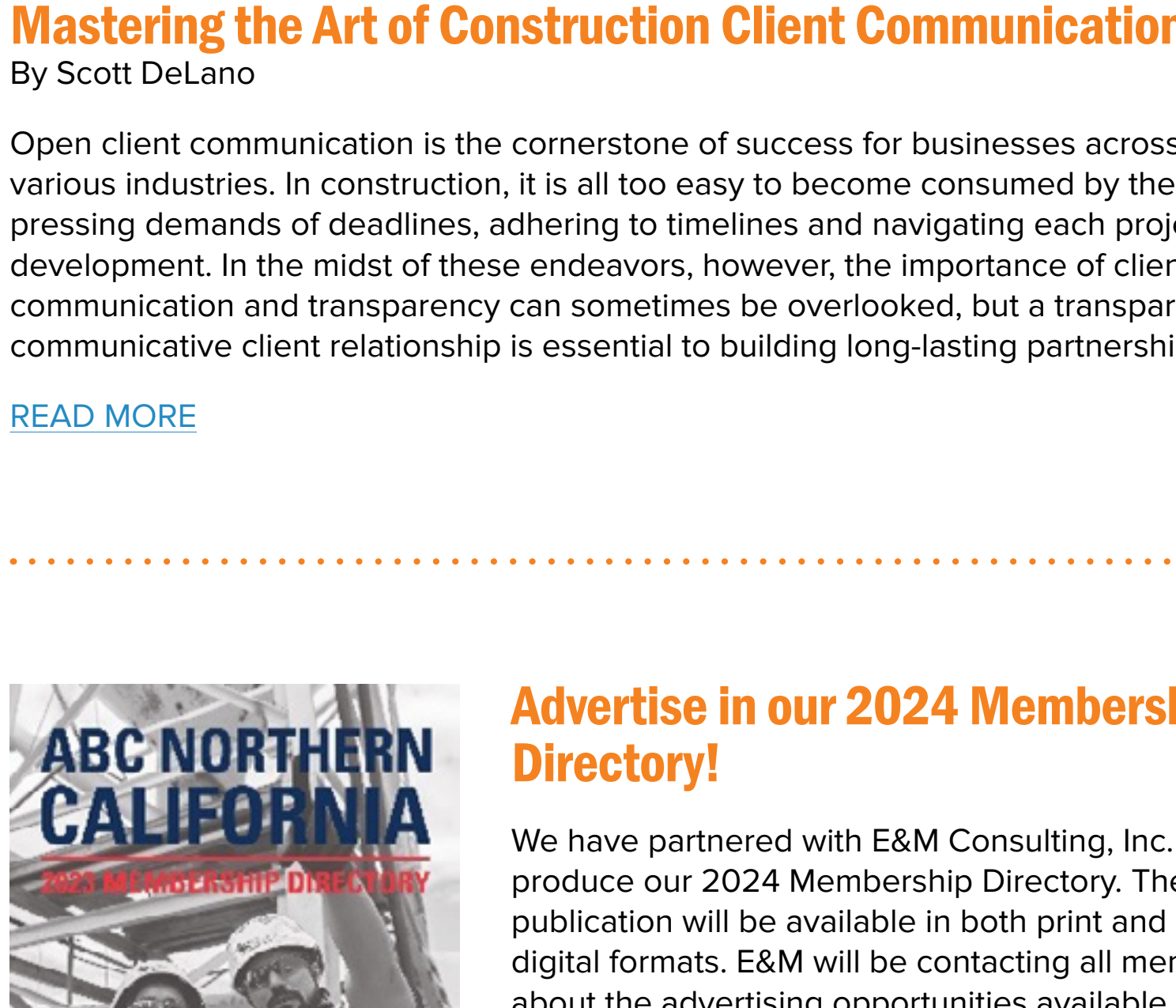
ABC announced that Buddy Henley, President of Henley Construction Co. Inc., Gaithersburg, Maryland, was elected the 2024 ABC National Chair at a board of directors meeting held in conjunction with the association's annual Leadership Institute in Rancho Mirage, California.

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ABC: Nonresidential Construction Spending Inches Higher in October, Up 20% Over the Past Year

"Nonresidential construction spending increased for the 16th consecutive month in October and is now up an even 20% over the past year," said ABC Chief Economist Anirban Basu. "As has been the case, more than 45% of that year-over-year increase is due to surging construction activity in the manufacturing sector, although infrastructure-related categories, such as highway and street, and sewage and waste disposal have also outperformed."

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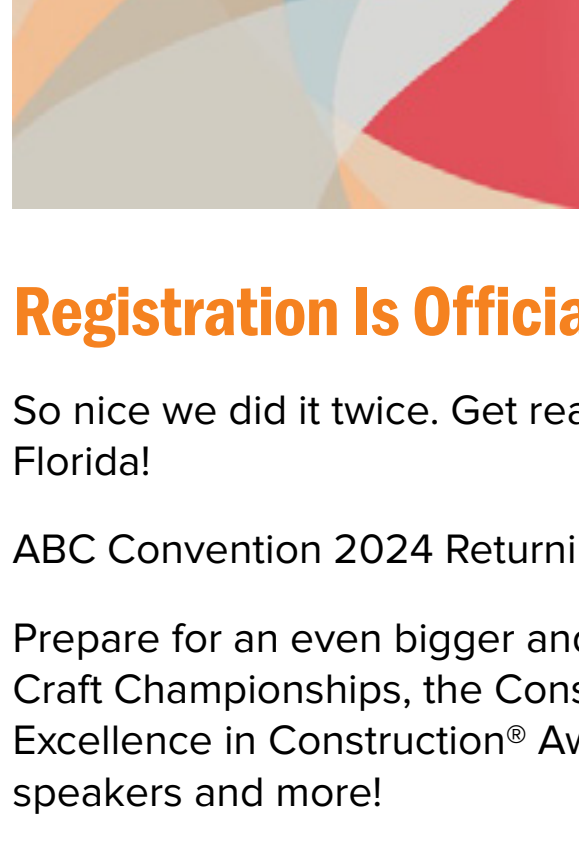


Mastering the Art of Construction Client Communication

By Scott DeLano

Open client communication is the cornerstone of success for businesses across various industries. In construction, it is all too easy to become consumed by the pressing demands of deadlines, adhering to timelines and navigating each project's development. In the midst of these endeavors, however, the importance of client communication and transparency can sometimes be overlooked, but a transparent and communicative client relationship is essential to building long-lasting partnerships.

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We have partnered with E&M Consulting, Inc. to produce our 2024 Membership Directory. The publication will be available in both print and digital formats. E&M will be contacting all members about the advertising opportunities available. The publication will be mailed to every member – a great opportunity to promote and give your company additional exposure.

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Registration Is Officially Open!

So nice we did it twice. Get ready to celebrate ABC magic all over again in Kissimmee, Florida!

ABC Convention 2024 Returning to the Gaylord Palms, March 13-15.

Prepare for an even bigger and better merit shop celebration featuring the National Craft Championships, the Construction Management Competition, the National Excellence in Construction® Awards, Construction Workforce Awards, dynamic speakers and more!

[Register Today!](#)

Happy December Anniversary to the ABC NorCal members

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