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# YEARBOOK

CMAA SOCIAL YEARBOOK  
SECOND EDITION

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# PRESIDENT'S *Message*



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## **EDGAR ZELAYA**

**CMAA SoCal Chapter President**

"As we begin this new chapter year, I'm honored to serve as Chapter President. I look forward to working with our 2025-2026 Board of Directors to build on the strong foundation laid by previous boards. Together, we'll focus on advancing the construction management profession through impactful programs, developing emerging leaders, and supporting our Foundation's scholarship and internship initiatives.

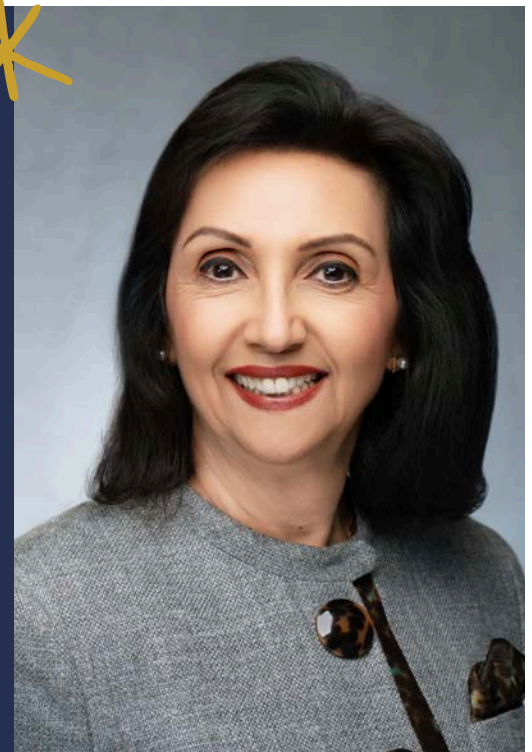
We have an outstanding board committed to providing exceptional leadership and driving these goals forward. Collaboration will be key, and I'm excited for what we'll accomplish together. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events!"

## **JINOUS SAMII-SAREMI**

**CMAA SoCal Chapter  
Immediate Past President**

"It has been an incredible honor and truly rewarding experience to serve as President of the CMAA Southern California Chapter this past year. As my term came to a close in October 2025, I am deeply proud of all we have accomplished together in service to our members and public Owners, our students and emerging leaders, and the communities we serve.

I am sincerely grateful for your trust, support, and commitment. Together, we have built a strong foundation for the year ahead. Please don't hesitate to share your ideas on how CMAA can continue to serve you and our profession."



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**Edgar Zelaya**  
**President**



**David Pintar**  
**Vice President**



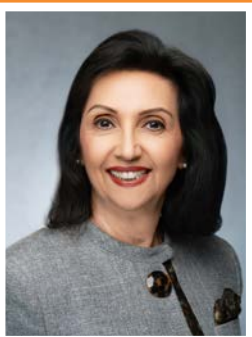
**Heather King**  
**Treasurer**



**Ryan Gales**  
**Secretary**



**Amin Salari**  
**Foundation Chair**



**Jinous Samii-Saremi**  
**Past President**



**Anthony Niccoli**  
**Legal & Legislative  
Co-Chair**



**Michael Baker**  
**Legal & Legislative  
Co-Chair**



**Cory Harris**  
**CORE  
Committee Chair**



**Farrah Farzaneh**  
**Sustainability  
Committee Chair**



**Hussain Agah**  
**National Liaison**



**Janeen Obeid**  
**Programs  
Committee Chair**



**Raul Carlos**  
**Education  
Committee Chair**



**Jeff Bowling**  
**Events & Awards  
Committee Chair**



**Jesse Urquidi**  
**Membership  
Committee Chair**



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**Legislative &  
Advocacy Chair**



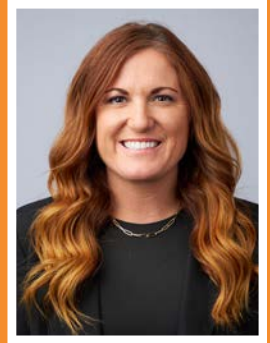
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**PR & Social  
Media Chair**



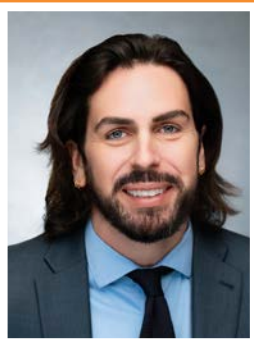
Peter Loeb  
**Student Outreach**



Anh Case  
**CCM  
Committee Chair**



Jenae Decker  
**CMIT & Emerging  
Leaders Chair**



Robert Gilliam  
**Owners  
Commitee Chair**



Farzad Tasbihgoo  
**Ex-Officio**



Jeyoung Woo  
**Director-at-Large**



Lauren Weiss  
**Director-at-Large**



Matt Antonelli  
**Director-at-Large**



Young-Gi Harabedian  
**Director-at-Large**



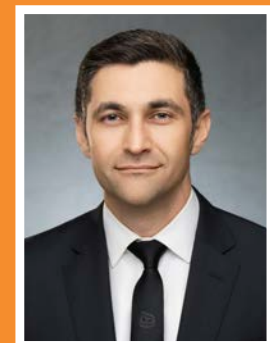
Danielle Holguin  
**Director-at-Large**



Justin Fornelli  
**Director-at-Large**



Josue Vaglienty  
**Director-at-Large**



Amir Zavichi  
**Director-at-Large**



# CMAA SOCIAL FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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**Amin Salari**  
**Chair**



**Bruce Risley**  
**Vice Chair**



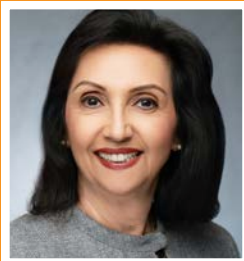
**Farzad Tasbihgoo**  
**Treasurer/Secretary**



**Brandon Dekker**  
**Past Chair**



**Edgar Zelaya**  
**Chapter President**



**Jinous Samii-Saremi**  
**Past Chapter President**



**Tony Chemali**  
**Fundraising**



**Bonni Enwia**  
**PR & Social Media**



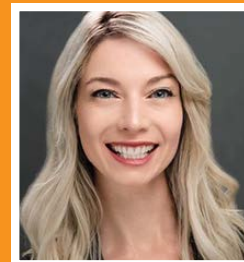
**Dino D'Emelia**  
**Scholarship**



**Lisa Sachs**  
**Workforce Development**



**Michael Boomsma**  
**Internship**



**Suzie Bravo**  
**Special Events**



**Yashar Hooshvar**  
**Director Ad-Hoc**



**Ashish Rajmane**  
**Director Ad-Hoc**



**Michelle Quinn**  
**Director Ad-Hoc**



**Darrin Lambrigger**  
**Director Ad-Hoc**



**Omoné O. Livingston**  
**Director Ad-Hoc**



**Michael Baker**  
**Director Ad-Hoc**





# FOUNDATION ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS



## Scholarships + cmX Programs Snapshot

As of  
October  
2025

### CMAA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER FOUNDATION

**2011**  
Established

**\$2M\***  
Total Funds Distributed

\*Total includes all additional Foundation Scholarships distributed to the ACE Mentor Program & Hiring Fairs/Rising CM Conferences

Supports paid summer internships for CMAA student members in partnership with sponsors.

Offers students of CMAA SoCal student chapters scholarships ranging from \$1.25K to \$7.5K

Supports students in Architecture, Engineering & Construction programs in our region.

### FOUNDATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**2013**  
Established

2013 to 2022  
**110**  
Recipients

2023  
**27**  
Recipients

2024  
**38**  
Recipients

2025  
**30**  
Recipients

**\$1.8M\***  
Distributed

### FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**2011**  
Established

2013 to 2022  
**60**  
Recipients

2023  
**9**  
Recipients

2024  
**19**  
Recipients

2025  
**16**  
Recipients

**\$304.5K**  
Distributed

### CORPORATE SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS

**2016**  
Established

2013 to 2022  
**18**  
Recipients

2023  
**4**  
Recipients

2024  
**3**  
Recipients

2025  
**3**  
Recipients

**\$144.5K**  
Distributed





*“Being part of CMAA has empowered me as an owner by connecting me with best practices, project delivery strategies, and a network of professionals who share a commitment to excellence. The resources and free educational opportunities have directly supported the strategic success of my team and strengthened our professional development. CMAA continues to be an incredible catalyst for growth and collaboration across our industry.”*

*Rob Gilliam, San Bernardino County  
CMAA Owner Chair*







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# LACMTA C-LINE

January 22, 2025







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# MANAGING MINDSETS

February 4, 2025



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# SUPPORTING

## *The Next Generation of Leaders*

**Hear from the  
remarkable participants  
of our CMAA SoCal cmX  
Internship Program**



### **CHRISTOPHER CALDERON**

"I discovered for myself that this is a career I am interested in pursuing. I appreciate the opportunity of being chosen to take part in this internship program!"

### **KINELETI MALUIA**

"Learn by doing. Be involved. Using the modules to guide me, it's easier to see how a construction project progresses. It guided me to ask more questions and pursue parts of a project that really interested me."

### **ANA SOTO**

"I now have an understanding of how collaborative efforts and well-structured project controls ensure the successful delivery of projects."



**Internship Company Recognition:** Christopher Calderon (AECOM); Kineleti Maluia (POLB); Ana Soto (O2EPCM); Aidan Ortega (ZTC); Sasha Belledo (Metrolink); Pablo Lares (Pinner); Ryan Tobar (Accenture); James Broughton (Arduarra); Rosely Casas (Metrolink); Shawn Waltman (Metrolink); Celeste Robles (PMCS); Abdul Nawaz Khan (S2); Jeremy Chicas (Swinerton); and Sophia Miller (PMA).

### **AIDAN ORTEGA**

"Not only have I gotten to experience QA, but seen how a company can foster growth, teamwork, and independence."

### **SASHA BELLEDO**

"How collaboration and communication lead public infrastructure projects."

### **PABLO LARES**

"Time is the most crucial aspect in a construction project."

### **RYAN TOBAR**

"Going the extra mile to show the client and others that you are trustworthy and reliable."





# ONTARIO AIRPORT MIXER

February 5, 2025







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# CITY OF LONG BEACH

February 12, 2025





# LA OWNERS

MARCH 27, 2025





# OWNERS' NIGHT

APRIL 08, 2025





# CMAA IN ACTION

## Group Photos



**CHAPTER DONATES \$100,000 TO ITS  
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**



"I want to acknowledge the incredible dedication and impact of this chapter, and we should take immense pride in all that we continue to accomplish. Being on the Board of Directors and now the Executive Committee - I have truly seen the depth and significance of what we do. It's a reminder of the value we bring and the lasting difference we make.

Here's to making a difference!!"

-Heather King  
CMAA SoCal Treasurer

## CMAA SOCAL TEAM TAKE ON NASHVILLE FOR CMAA NATIONAL





# FIRESIDE CHATS





# RCCD & SBCCD

April 9, 2025





# SUPPORTING

## *The Next Generation of Leaders*



### **ABDUL NAWAZ KHAN**

"This internship pushed me to grow beyond technical knowledge. I improved my collaboration skills."

### **JAMES BROUGHTON**

"I've learned the importance of teamwork and collaboration. I couldn't have grown in my understanding without asking the questions and receiving the responses and criticism I received."

### **SHAWN WALTMAN**

"In the real world, pre-planning and communication are the biggest forces in engineering and are important for projects to succeed."

### **JEREMY CHICAS**

"Learning to communicate with others. This helped me improve my communication skills, build more confidence, and create better connections with others. I also asked a lot of questions, and that is how I learned a lot."

### **ROSELY CASAS**

"I gained experience with public speaking by presenting in front of my direct supervisor and the program delivery staff."

### **CELESTE ROBLES**

"Going into this industry takes a lot of curiosity. You can't just sit around and have people tell you what to do or what to learn. If you want to make the most of this experience, you have to ask questions and seek information."

### **SOPHIA MILLER**

"This internship was an incredibly rewarding experience. I had the opportunity to explore different aspects of civil engineering, from design review to construction documentation to field coordination, and gained a much clearer understanding of how complex infrastructure projects come together."







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# CMIT EMERGING LEADERS MIXER

April 15, 2025





# RCTC, RCTD, SBCTA PROGRAM

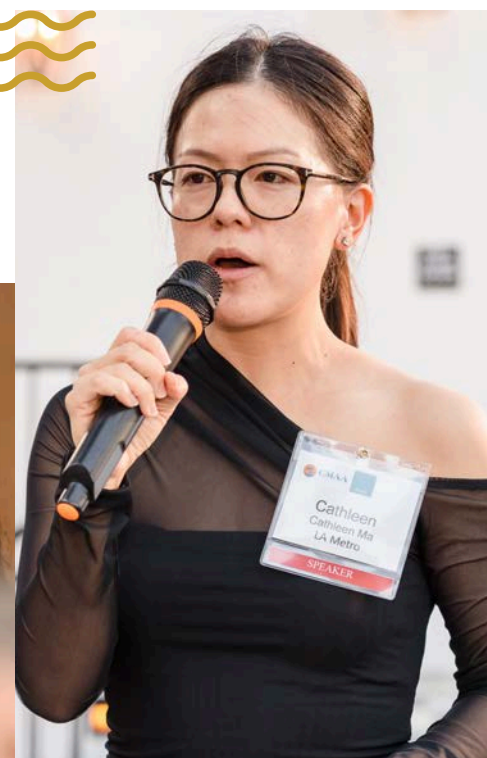
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# FIRESIDE CHATS





# ANNUAL AWARDS GALA

JUNE 18, 2025





“One of my fondest memories from last year was attending the 32nd Annual Project Awards Gala. The energy and enthusiasm of nearly 750 industry professionals reminded me why this community is so special. Celebrating excellence in project delivery and innovation showcased the passion, collaboration, and commitment that define CMAA Southern California. We were also honored to hear from our keynote speaker, Colonel Eric R. Swenson, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who shared his inspiring leadership during the L.A. County wildfire recovery efforts, an event that deeply affected many in our community. His message of resilience and service resonated strongly with all of us.”

-Jinous Samii-Saremi







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# ANNUAL AWARDS GALA

June 18, 2025





# FIRESIDE CHAT EMERGING LEADERS

June 24, 2025







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# MEMBERSHIP TOP GOLF

August 7, 2025





# MEET OWNERS & PRIMES NIGHT

August 13, 2025







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# LACMTA MIXER

August 26, 2025





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# BUILDING RESILIENCE

September 3, 2025







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# cmX EMERGING LEADERS

September 10, 2025



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# ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 15, 2025







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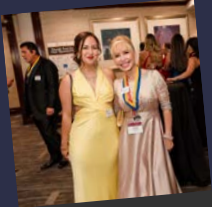
# FOUNDATION RECEPTION

September 15, 2025

SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED  
AT THE ANNUAL  
GOLF CLASSIC











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# 3RD ANNUAL BEACH SOCIAL

September 22, 2025





# PORTS NIGHT WITH POLB & POLA

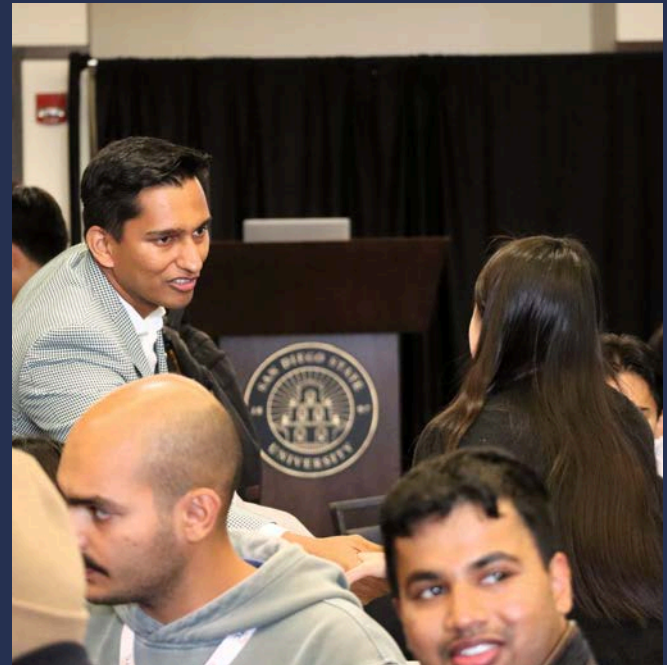
October 15, 2025





# CM RISING CONFERENCE HARNESSING AI

November 15, 2025





# CMAA ANNUAL

# HOLIDAY MIXER









# CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL

December 10, 2025







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# KEEP UP WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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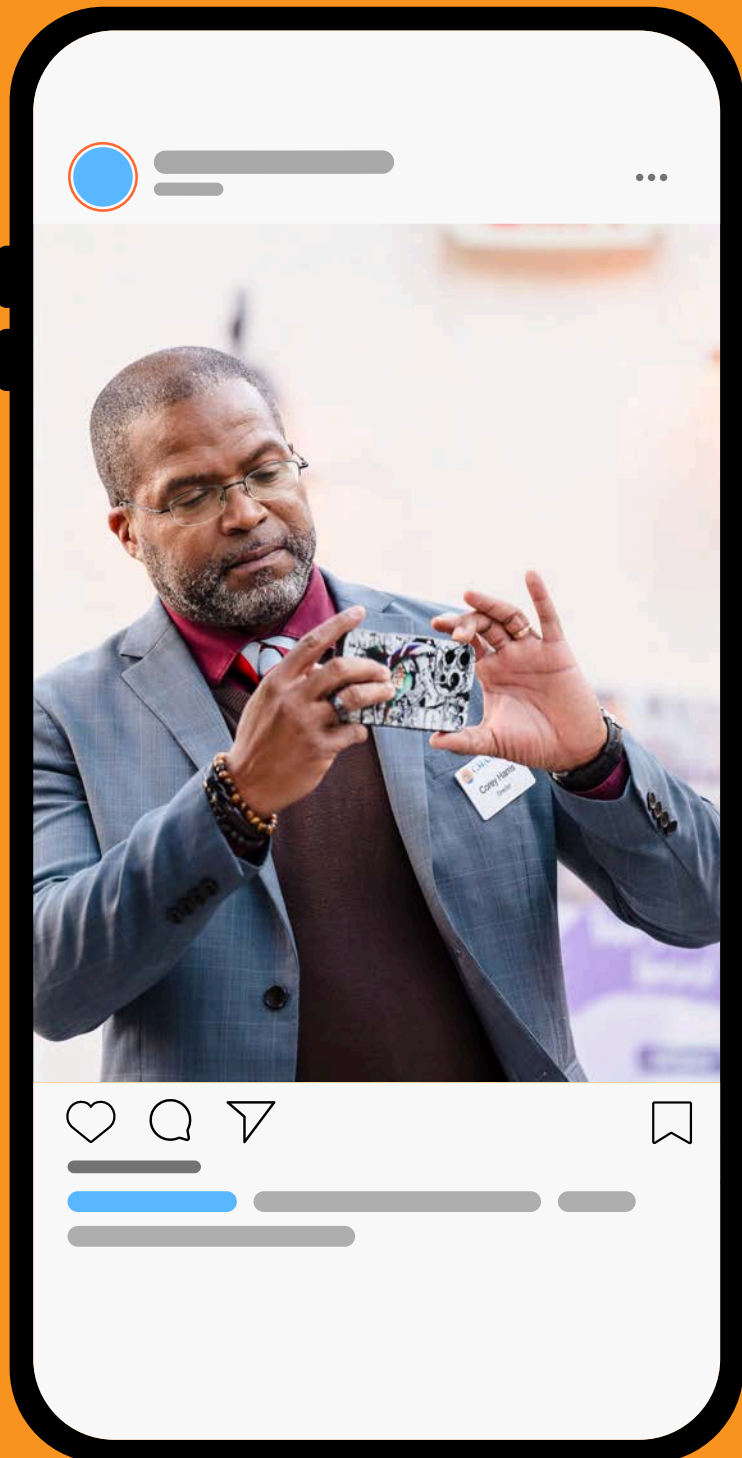
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A special thank you to Adrian Ong for capturing all of CMAA's incredible moments this past year.

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