

## THE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA INSTALLS 2016/2017 OFFICERS

**Jekyll Island, GA:** The Home Builders Association of Georgia (HBAG) recently installed their new officers for 2016-2017 at the HBAG Fall Board Meeting held at the Westin Jekyll Island. Local leaders in the home building industry came together over the course of 3 days to share knowledge and industry expertise. The installation ceremony was held on the final evening and the theme was “Strength in Numbers”.

HBAG 2016-2017 Senior Officers are:

- President – Lamar Smith, HBA of Greater Savannah, Lamar Smith Signature Group
- Vice President – Bobby Cleveland, HBA of Middle Georgia, Fickling & Company
- Vice President/Treasurer – Jim Brown, Greater Atlanta HBA, JWB Properties
- Vice President/Secretary – Doug McMonigle, BA of Metro Augusta, MRC Construction
- Associate Vice President – Heather Bounds, Greater Atlanta HBA, Northwest Exterminating
- Immediate Past President – Neal Davis, Greater Atlanta HBA, Neal Davis Homes
- GECO President – Patty Rietkovich, HBA of Greater Savannah

Lamar Smith will serve as 2016-2017 President of the association and will play a vital role as leader of the senior officer committee representing thousands of member companies statewide.

Smith, a successful Developer and Home Builder from the Greater Savannah HBA brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to HBAG. He served as a local officer in Savannah in the late 90's and early 2000's and served as President in 2003. He received many awards over the years including Builder Member of the Year and most recently received the coveted Hall of Fame Award from the Greater Savannah HBA.

Over the past 20 years, Smith has built a reputation on vision, integrity, and respect for the natural beauty of Coastal Georgia. From land development to commercial building to residential construction, his goal has always been to enrich communities - to create places that aesthetically and functionally make the community a better place to live.

Over the years, he has studied responsible land development strategies and New Urbanism to maximize green space and decrease unplanned urban sprawl. Lamar grew up in Reidsville, Georgia, and graduated from the University of Georgia. His family includes his wife, Edie, and two sons, Taylor and Steven. His spiritual and family life is an integral part of his professional life.



*Lamar Smith along with his wife, Edie, and two sons, Taylor and Steven*

His dedication to family and community include serving on the Coastal Area YMCA Board, fundraising for The Boy Scouts, supporting the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Pinewood Christian Academy, in addition to assisting many organizations that benefit children and help a community grow. His hobbies and enjoyment span piloting his plane and wing shooting to traveling with his family.

*“On behalf of the HBA of Greater Savannah, I could not be more excited for Lamar to serve as President of HBAG. He is a strong business man, politically connected, a wonderful leader in the community and he will make regulatory issues a top priority for the betterment of the housing industry,” said Patty Rietkovich, Executive Officer, HBA of Greater Savannah.*

**About HBAG:** The Home Builders Association of Georgia is a trade organization representing individuals and companies involved in the building industry. They protect and promote equal housing opportunities for all income levels by working with elected officials and the regulating community on issues related to the building industry. For more information, please visit [www.hbag.org](http://www.hbag.org).

