



# The Florida *design-builder*

Summer 2005

Newsletter of the DBIA - Florida Chapter

## *Upcoming Events*

### DON'T MISS

#### Risk Allocation in Design-Build

Wednesday, July 13  
11:00 a.m. registration  
Orlando Marriott  
Downtown

Contracts & Risks  
DBIA Certification Course  
July 25-26  
Broward County Office  
of Environmental Services

Regional Healthcare Project  
Delivery Conference  
October 5-6  
Embassy Suite Hotel  
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## WE'RE MOVING AHEAD

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Joanne Carol, CPPO, 2005 DBIA-FC President



Joanne Carol, CPPO  
Orange County  
Government

**Welcome!** On behalf of the Design-Build Institute of America's Florida Chapter (DBIA-FC) it is my privilege to welcome you to a dynamic new year of programming, networking and connecting opportunities for design-build professionals. With the energetic pace of the construction market and new changes within our organization, this year is turning out to be very busy and exciting.

#### 2005 Takes It to the Next Level.

Having been founded just three years ago, the Florida Chapter is still a very young organization. This year, we have made a huge step forward toward making this our best year yet. We have brought on board a part-time Executive Director, Karen Wallace. Karen brings with her a wealth of association management experience, and we are looking forward to great things. You can read more about her on page 3 of this newsletter.

I would also like to thank our Board of Directors for their support in helping us move to the next level. They are an experienced and enthusiastic group of dedicated individuals

committed to increasing service to you, our members.

Of course, I'd be remiss if I didn't also thank our annual sponsors. **The Collage Companies, Holland & Knight, Hensel-Phelps Construction Company** and **MWH Constructors** have donated the funds that have enabled us to move forward. They have the vision to see the growth potential of this organization and have demonstrated this in a very concrete way. Without their support the steps that we have taken would not have been possible.

**Join the Ranks.** I would like to encourage you to become involved. As a membership-based organization, your support is crucial to DBIA-FC's success. Through your support, we will be able to offer more services and programming. If you personally are unable to devote the time necessary, then consider encouraging a member of your staff to get involved or commit to becoming a sponsor. ♦

# DBIA - FLORIDA CHAPTER LEADERSHIP TEAM:



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Orange County  
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*Vice President*  
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*Regional Director*  
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Jacklyn R. VanderPol  
*Membership Director*  
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International  
Orlando, FL

**Meet the Leadership.** The members of the DBIA - Florida Chapter come from throughout Florida and have different connections to design-build. All devote a great deal of time towards helping DBIA grow within the State.

**Joanne Carol, CPPO, President** - Ms. Carol is a Certified Public Procurement Officer with Orange County government. She is part of a team that is responsible for all of the County's architectural, engineering and construction contracting activities. As with most public agencies in Florida,

the majority of the county's work is delivered by the traditional design-bid-build system. However, Orange County is on the cutting edge of public agencies having delivered more than twenty projects using the design-build delivery system. These projects include vertical, roadway, utility processes and facility renovation. Ms. Carol has worked to expand her knowledge of design-build attending all of the DBIA Annual Conferences since 1998 and two of the three DBIA designation classes. She has served the chapter since 2002.

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DBIA JULY  
ORLANDO MEETING  
PROGRAM

Don't Miss This!

*Risk Allocation in  
Design-Build*

sponsored by:



Teno A. West, Partner  
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*Successful design-build projects require owners and practitioners to recognize and acknowledge each other's risk allocation viewpoints, needs and expectations. This program will provide you with owner and practitioner insight into the growing challenge of risk allocation.*

Networking Lunch Program  
Wednesday, July 13  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION:  
Orlando Marriott Downtown  
400 West Livingston Street

Register Online at  
[www.fldb.org](http://www.fldb.org)

## CHAPTER HIRES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The DBIA - Florida Chapter is pleased to announce that Karen Wallace has signed on as the organization's first Executive Director. She will provide management services to the Chapter on a part-time basis.

Karen has more than 15 years of experience in association management. Most recently she held the position of Associate Executive Director for the National Kidney Foundation of Florida. Prior to that, she worked for both the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association and the Florida Foliage Association. She is a graduate of the Univer-

sity of Central Florida with a degree in marketing.

"We are very excited that Karen has agreed to join us," said Chapter President, Joanne Carol.

"She brings with her a wealth of knowledge in organizational management and marketing which will enable us to better serve our members." ♦



Karen Wallace  
DBIA-Florida  
Chapter  
Executive Director

## WE'RE SEEKING A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN

Have you ever thought that you might enjoy becoming more involved with the DBIA-Florida Chapter? If so, we are looking for you.

As a membership-based organization, we rely upon volunteer support. In return, you will make valuable contacts and increase your insight into the design-build industry. You may also be eligible to receive continuing education credits for your DBIA designation.

Volunteers are needed to serve on regional steering committees in Jacksonville, Orlando, Miami and Tampa. These steering committees plan local membership events such as luncheons. Positions are also available statewide on the membership and program committees.

To become involved, contact one of the board members listed on page 2 or call Karen Wallace at 407-563-1410 or e-mail her at [kwallace@fldb.org](mailto:kwallace@fldb.org). ♦

# MEMBER NEWS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – A 15-year veteran of **The**



Jeff Blount

**Haskell Company** has been promoted. **Jeff Blount**, who was previously a senior

project manager, has been promoted to director of project development for Haskell's Healthcare Facilities Division.

## *We're interested in your news.*

*We are especially interested in DBIA member networking stories, member accomplishments, and company news. We also welcome contributions of stories of interest to the design-build industry.*

*If you have information that you would like to share, please send it to Karen Wallace at [kwallace@fldbia.org](mailto:kwallace@fldbia.org).*

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The DBIA-FC is pleased to welcome the following individuals and companies that have joined DBIA since January 1:

## Industry Partners

### **CDC Publishing LLC dba CDC News**

Charles A. De Andrade  
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Rex D. Huffman, DBIA  
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## COMING TO ORLANDO



### Regional Healthcare Project Delivery Conference

October 5-6

Embassy Suites Hotel  
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### Check It Out!

Check out our re-designed website at [www.fldbia.org](http://www.fldbia.org). Special thanks to Gibbs & Register for their donation of the software and web design services and to Shelia Burt for her time.

## DESIGNATED DESIGN-BUILD PROFESSIONAL™ PROGRAM

The *Designated Design-Build Professional™* is a powerful and respected credential for those who wish to demonstrate educational mastery plus practical knowledge, skills and experience in design-build project delivery.



Successful completion of the education, experience, and examination requirements of the program earn individuals the right to display "DBIA" after their names, identifying them to design-build end-users and the community at-large as experienced professionals in design-build project delivery.

Watch your e-mail for information on certification courses coming soon to Florida. For additional program information, please visit [www.designbuilddeducation.com](http://www.designbuilddeducation.com). ♦

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**Chris Kuhn, AICP, Vice President** - Since 1997, Mr. Kuhn has worked for The Haskell Company, one of the largest integrated design-build firms practicing in the general building and civil infrastructure markets. His work experience includes both the design and construction arenas. He is currently Manager of Project Development serving in Haskell's Civil/Public Facilities Group. He has served on the Board of the Florida Chapter of DBIA in 2004 and 2005.

**Brian Walsh, DBIA, Treasurer** - Mr. Walsh is owner and director of The Collage Companies, a 21-year-old design and construc-

tion management company headquartered in Lake Mary, FL. In 2004 he was awarded DBIA's Designated Design-Build Professional award. Mr. Walsh served the Florida Chapter as membership director prior to assuming the role of treasurer. In addition, he has served on national committees, including the DBIA designation board.

**Russ Alcorn, P.E., DBIA, Secretary and Central Florida Regional Director** - Mr. Alcorn began his professional career in construction in 1978 upon his graduation from Southern Illinois University. In his current position as Operations Manager

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## MEMBERS GATHER IN TAMPA

Nearly 40 people attended the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting in Tampa. Participants heard from the experts about two very exciting and different design-build projects.

First up were **Roger Frakes** and **Mike Wozney** of **Clark Construction Group**. They reviewed how they successfully and competitively designed and constructed the \$73,000,000 Ft. Stewart Project in 142 days.

**Bob Fisher** of **MacDill Federal Credit Union** and **Linda Simmons** of **R.R. Simmons** then discussed the new MacDill Federal Credit Union Corporate Headquarters. In this project, the design-builder and the owner worked together to evaluate various project sites and together helped to accelerate the design-build process while saving more than \$1 million.

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for Hensel Phelps Construction Co.'s Southeast District, Mr. Alcorn is responsible for projects in the southeastern states and the Caribbean. He has served on the DBIA-FC Board for the last few years.

**Rick Lentz, Tampa Bay Regional Director** - As vice president of Cutler Associate's Tampa office, Mr. Lentz has the responsibility for managing all Southeast regional operations, including business development, construction operations, pre-construction and personnel. In 2004, he served as the DBIA-FC treasurer.

**Pedro P. Ramos, RA, DBIA, South Florida Regional Director** - Mr. Ramos is vice president of Design-Build InterAmerican and president of its sister company The Architects Group. He has more than 20 years of experience as an architect directing projects valued at more than \$200 million. He was vice president of the Chapter in 2004 and is currently leading the region in South Florida.

**John A. Giachino, Program Director** - Mr. Giachino is Regional Director of Client Services for Boyle Engineering Corporation in its Orlando Office. He is responsible for major project business development in Boyle's east region. He brings with him more than 30 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry. He served as co-chair for DBIA's

2005 Water/Wastewater Conference held in Orlando in January 2005 and is an executive member of DBIA's Water Committee.

**Jackie VanderPol, Membership Director** - Ms. VanderPol has worked in the engineering and construction industry for approximately 20 years. This includes work with some of the leading companies in design-build. She is the owner of The Fulcrum International, a web-based employment resource for engineering, architectural and construction companies. In addition, she provides business development and public involvement consulting services. Ms. VanderPol joined the DBIA-FC Board in 2005.

**Rex D. Huffman, DBIA, National Liaison** - As Sr. Vice President for Gibbs & Register, Inc., Mr. Huffman is responsible for the Jacksonville, Florida Division and Corporate Design-Build Operations. Gibbs & Register is a civil/site work general contractor headquartered in Orlando and operating throughout Florida. Previously, Mr. Huffman served as vice president for The Haskell Company and led Haskell's Transportation Division. He has more than 30 years of experience and is actively involved with DBIA on a national level. ♦



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