



INLAND EMPIRE



*Building a  
Green Empire*

## 2012 USGBC-Inland Empire Chapter Board of Directors Candidates



**Symeon Finch, LEED AP**  
*Architectural Representative*  
ORCO Block Co., Inc.

**Membership Category:** Product Mfrs, Service Contractors,  
Distributors

### **Why do you wish to be a member of the Chapter's Board of Directors?**

I believe in what the USGBC is working toward. As someone who lives in the Inland Empire I like being part of an organization that is pushing green development and construction forward in our area. I want to help promote the use of our local professional and physical resources to work together in achieving our goals. I would like to have a small hand in moving our industry toward more sustainable practices that can benefit coming generations.

### **Please provide a summary of your relevant experience, expertise relationships and resources that you can bring that will benefit the Chapter.**

I have spent my working life in the construction industry, from residential design and drafting to estimating and project management. I have knowledge of the construction process and trades. My most recent experience has been largely dealing with the developer, design and engineering community both as an Architectural Reporter with McGraw-Hill Construction and as an Architectural Representative with ORCO Block Co. In those positions my primary responsibilities have been education and relationship development. I have developed and delivered a number of presentations and education programs for use inside and outside those companies. These efforts included the implementation of training and progress tracking to ensure follow through on project goals. Building relationships has been critical to success in both endeavors. I feel both of those skills can be used to benefit our chapter. Having served on the USGBC-IE Board of Directors for the past year and a half has also given me valuable experience. Serving as the Board Secretary and the Membership Committee Chair have allowed me to assist in moving our chapter forward.

### **Please describe your experience serving other volunteer / non-profit /trade organizations and identify any leadership positions held.**

I have served on a number of committees involving building operations, maintenance, design and construction of religious buildings. Additionally, while serving on the USGBC-IE Board I have enjoyed watching the success of our membership recruitment and retention efforts.

### **Identify the areas that you would like to see the chapter grow and better accomplish its vision and how you could assist in that effort.**

I believe creating a sense of community for our chapter's geographic area is essential. I feel it is critical that we continue to build on the idea that the resources required to design and construct a sustainable and/or LEED rated project are available locally. It is also important to highlight how that plays into the overall theme of green and sustainable construction. We need to help people see the value of relationships built on those ideals and that USGBC-IE is THE organization where that is fostered.

It has been fulfilling to be involved in the success of the membership efforts of our local chapter. I feel I can keep that ball rolling by continuing to implement the programs we have begun and reaching into other areas to fulfill our mission.

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