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Lancaster County builder elected president of local builders association

EPHRATA, Pa. – Rick Martin, president of Wheatland Custom Homes, has been elected president of the Building Industry Association of Lancaster County (BIA) for 2009. Martin was officially installed at a BIA banquet held at Clipper Magazine Stadium in Lancaster on January 8.

Rick Martin is a graduate of Pequea Valley High School. He received his BA in anthropology at Millersville University, and began employment at EG Stoltzfus, Jr., Inc. where he was responsible for sales, design, cost control and estimating. Martin founded Wheatland Custom Homes, Inc. in 1994, building and remodeling homes in Lancaster, Cumberland, York and Dauphin Counties.

Martin has served at the BIA as a board member, treasurer, and secretary, and will receive his life directorship from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) this month. He holds Certified Graduate Builder and Certified Green Professional designations from NAHB.

In 1999, Martin was a winner of the Remodelers Awards of Excellence, in 2000 won the Parade of Homes Fulton Award, and in 2001 he was the recipient of the BIA Distinguished Builder award. In 1999, Martin serviced as BIA president and has remained an active volunteer with the BIA ever since.

In his installation speech, Martin addressed the strength of Lancaster County and the people who live and work there. He also implored the attendees to take part in association networking, government affairs activities, and public outreach in order to ensure continued strength in the coming year. In his closing remarks, Martin confidently announced:

“All I ask of each you is to join me in getting our message out that Lancaster is a great place to live and work because of the one resource that cannot be replaced or improved: its citizens. And because of these citizens, people just like each one of us in this room, we will not only survive, but we will prosper in 2009.”

About Wheatland Custom Homes

Founded in 1994, Wheatland Custom Homes is a home builder and remodeler based in Ephrata, Pa. Wheatland has won numerous awards from both the Building Industry Association of Lancaster County and the Home Builders Association of Metro Harrisburg. Their most recent honor came at the 2008 Pennsylvania Parade of Homes where they won 5 of 6 awards for their first Energy Star home certified green by the Green Communities Alliance. Wheatland builds green certified and ENERGY STAR® qualified homes in the Lancaster, Lebanon, Dillsburg and Harrisburg areas.

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