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New president for Contractors' Association

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In a changing of the guard, long-serving president of the Cayman Contractors' Association Steve Hawley has stepped down.

The Association's new president is Royal Bodden, who was unanimously elected by the members.

Mr Hawley said it was not wise to have any one person remain president of an association for too long.

"The CCA is fortunate in having quite a few very capable, very dedicated members and I felt that it was time to pass the baton. I was particularly interested in seeing a younger contractor in a leadership role and I am very pleased that Royal Bodden has accepted the Presidency," said Mr. Hawley.

Incoming President Royal Bodden is a Director of Robson's Construction. Mr. Bodden's name is associated with Captain Royal Bodden, one of Cayman's finest shipbuilders during the great Caymanian shipbuilding era. Since that time, Mr. Bodden's family has been continually involved in the construction industry and he follows the tradition that was taught to him by his forebears.

"I was raised by a very traditional Caymanian family and ethics were always at the centre of my training.

"The CCA works to assure that all its members follow a high standard of ethics in the industry and the continuation of that standard in the industry will be a prime focus for me as President," commented Bodden.

Past President Tommie Bodden commented it was wonderful to have a young man of Bodden's stature as the Association's new president.

"The CCA is an unusually democratic association and we all have an equal say, but it's important to us that we have a spokesman whom we all respect and we all have a very high regard for Royal. We had a fine president in Steve Hawley and we all feel that Royal is the best choice to succeed him."

Mr. Hawley noted that the CCA has a full plate ahead for 2010 and said Bodden is quite eager to move ahead with the work at hand.

"He will have the support and assistance of all of us members. I look forward to serving under him."

Mr. Bodden observed the Association's membership does not change direction dramatically with a change in president, as the members are quite united in their view of what they are there to do.

"The CCA has always striven to assure that the construction industry serves the Caymanian public well.

"That interest became heightened after Hurricane Ivan and since that time, the CCA has worked tirelessly to do everything it can to create increased consumer protection and to assist up-and-coming contractors to establish and maintain high standards. Like previous presidents, my task is to continue that effort to the best of my ability. I look forward to doing just that," he said.

Bodden invited contractors interested in joining the Association to investigate its website.

"I would be happy to hear from any contractors who are interested in membership.

"The CCA welcomes all contractors to join, regardless of their size. All contractors and subcontractors can benefit from membership," he added.

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