



PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING RESEARCH CENTER

## PHRC 2016-2017 Industry Advisory Council Nominee Bios

### Builder and/or Builder Association *(choose up to 4)*

#### **Curtis Schneck** (incumbent)

**Curtis Schneck, Inc.**

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Curtis Schneck graduated from Parkland High School in 1951. He received a diploma in “Building Construction” (night school) from Penn State University (Allentown Campus) in 1958. He worked for a contractor for 13 years starting at 17 years old. He started his construction business in 1964 and started his land developing in 1967. Curtis had 5 developments.

#### PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Lehigh Valley Builders Association
  - Member since approximately 1968
  - President – 1974 & 1975
  - Board of Directors member since approximately 1970.
  - Builder of the Year – 2 times
  - Life Director
  - Started Education Committee
    - Vo-Tech Scholarship Awards Program
- Pennsylvania State Home Builders
  - Board member since approximately 1972
  - Life Director
  - Committees
    - Education committee for approximately 12 – 14 years
    - Penn State Housing Research
  - Life Spike
- Member of National Home Builders
- Member of NAHB Senior Housing
- Member of NAHB Remodeler Council
- Pennsylvania Housing Research Center at Penn State
  - Member of Advisory Committee
- Completed courses to receive “Graduate Builder” and “Graduate Remodeler” certification from National Association of Home Builders.

#### **Robert (Bob) Shoemaker** (incumbent)

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I'm pleased to be considered for a Builder's seat on the Pennsylvania Housing Research/Resource Center (PHRC) – Industry Advisory Council (IAC). As a motivated and knowledgeable individual with over 40 years' experience in the construction industry, I'd like to take this opportunity to provide an overview of my qualifications that I feel can help serve the education/training and research goals of the PHRC – IAC.

My Construction experience started in the field as Bricklayer and Job Superintendent. I then later transitioned into Construction Estimating, Purchasing and Drafting/Design operations.

I have worked for a diverse group of Local, Regional, and National Home Builders over the years. In 1999 I joined S&A Homes Inc. where I currently serve as the Construction Technical Services Manager. I'm presently responsible for overseeing the Estimating, Drafting, and Purchasing Departments, including, new product design, conceptual costs development, constructability analysis, value-engineering, bid proposal analysis, Subcontractor qualifications, and Sub Contractor scope of works. Other responsibilities include providing the Construction Production Managers with technical assistance in the field, involving structural and building performance best practices training, code compliance instruction, and safety management support.

I hold Liberal Arts Associates Degree from the Pennsylvania State University. I'm currently a PHRC - IAC Council member and have been involve on and off with the PHRC off and on since the 1990's. The Training and Education I received from the PHRC over the years has greatly benefited my personal and professional career as well as my employers. I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the building industry through the PHRC.  
Thanks again for your consideration."

### **John Holahan (nominated by Mike Turns and Lou Tepes)**

#### **Liberty Homes Custom Builders**

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John J. Holahan, President and Partner at Liberty Homes Custom Builders began his career at Liberty Homes in 1985 as a sales person. Having no experience in construction & new home sales, John sought out the local builders' association. With the help of local developer and home builder, Chuck Hannig of Spread Eagle Development, John joined the Pocono Builder's Association, becoming its President in the early 1990's.

In 1994, John Holahan, and partner Frank Repholz took ownership of Liberty Homes, and through their affiliation with the Pocono & Pa. Builders Associations, as well as the National Association of Home Builders soon became one of the highly recognized names in the Northeast Pa. Building Industry.

John Holahan is a Life Director of the Pa. Builders Association & recipient of the Hammers & Gavels Award. John is former Regional Legislative Officer for the Northeast. In 2004 John received the Hall Of Fame award from the Pocono Builder's Association. He is a member of the Building Industry Association of NEPA, Pocono Builders Association, and Carbon County Builders Association.

John holds the NAHB designations of Certified Green Professional (CGP), & Certified-Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS I & II). He is a member of the Pocono Mountains Economic Development Corp and the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau. John is also currently Chairman of the Board for the Greater Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce and a Member of the Board of Supervisors for Tobyhanna Township.

John is married to Millie, a RN with Pocono Medical Centre's Nurse Family Partnership program.

Member of RESNET, HERS Builder

Very interested in Building Science with particular focus on Building Enclosures, Moisture Control, Indoor Air Quality, HVAC Efficiency, Water Usage controls, Comfort and Safety to name a few. "

### **Gary Lenker (nominated by Jerry Leach)**

#### **Donco Construction, Inc./HBA of Metro Harrisburg**

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Gary E. Lenker is Vice President and Director of Operations for Donco Construction, Inc., Dauphin, Pennsylvania. This fifty-two year old family firm specializes in single-family home construction with an emphasis on first-time buyer and affordable housing.

Mr. Lenker served as the 1991 President of the 11,000 employer-member Pennsylvania Builders Association. He has served on the PBA Board of Directors and Executive Committee and has chaired the Pennsylvania

Committee for Affordable Housing, the PBA's Political Action Committee and the Past Presidents' Committee. He was the 2002 recipient of the industry's highest honor, The Distinguished Achievement Award. In 1992, he received the PBA's Builder of The Year Award.

Mr. Lenker has also been active in his local builders association, the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Harrisburg. He served his local association as president in 1985 and 1986. He has chaired the Past Presidents Council and the HBA Political Action Committee. In 2008, he was honored by his local association and received the Distinguished Service Award. In 2009, he was named the Builder of the Year. He serves as a Senior Life Director of the National Association of Home Builders Board of Directors.

Mr. Lenker has also been an active force within the community and government arena. In 2002, Governor-elect Rendell chose Mr. Lenker to Co-chair his administration's Housing Transition Team. In 1994, Governor-elect Tom Ridge selected Mr. Lenker to serve on his administration's Department of Community Affairs Transition Team. In 1990, Governor Casey appointed Lenker to serve on the Economic Development Partnership Board Committee on Housing. He served as the homebuilding industry's representative to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency Board of Directors from 1995 to 2011 where he was vice chairman and chairman of the Program and Development Review Committee. In addition, he currently serves on the Dauphin County Redevelopment Authority, Dauphin County Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, Dauphin County Planning Commission and Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Lenker is a member of the Susquehanna Lodge, No. 364 F & AM, Millersburg Forest, No. 125, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, A.A.S.R. Consistory, Valley of Harrisburg, 32nd Degree, and Rockville United Methodist Church, Harrisburg. He is a graduate of Harrisburg Area Community College and The National Association of Home Builders Graduate Builders Institute. He has completed the N.A.H.B. Green Building for Building Professionals Course. He also holds both a Real Estate Brokers License and Certified Broker Appraiser License. Gary is the Immediate Past Chairman of the Dauphin County Planning Association and serves as a Voting ICC Member on behalf of this government entity.

## Designer (choose up to 4)

### Amy Martino (incumbent)

#### Building Site Synergy LLC

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Amy Martino, AIA, CAASH, LEED AP BD+C, Principal and owner of Building Site Synergy, LLC has focused her 25+ year career on the design and master planning of communities and homes from high-density multi-family buildings to all types of low to mid density homes. Her substantial portfolio focuses on complex urban and suburban infill, mixed use redevelopment, waterfront and 50+ Lifestyle communities. Ms. Martino has designed and documented a range of housing types, from single family homes and cluster housing through mid and high-rise buildings for both for-sale and rental communities. Amy is a frequent presenter to national and regional forums and has been featured in many national articles and publications. At the State Level, Amy has been a member of the Pennsylvania Housing Research Center (PHRC) Operations Committee and Industry Advisory Council for 3 years and Pennsylvania Builders Association (PBA) Uniform Construction Committee (UCC), membership, PWB and Workforce Housing Training committees and the 2016 NAHB Alternate Associate State Director. She is active at her local Bucks & Montgomery Counties HBA as a member of the Board of Directors, PWB and the Education and Outreach Committee. At the national level Amy is a 2011-2016 NAHB 50+ Housing Council Board of Trustee, the 2015-2016 NAHB Professional Women in Building (PWB) Area 3 Trustee and PWB Liaison for the NAHB Student Chapters. Amy is also a member of the NAHB Building Codes & Standards Subcommittee 2015-2016.

It would be my utmost honor to continue to serve on the PHRC Industry Advisory Council. Please consider my nomination. Thank you!

**Chad Owens** (nominated by Mary Gaiski)

**Timber Rock Homes LLC**

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Chad Owens, PE is a home builder and engineer specializing in residential construction including all aspects of code compliance, planning, architecture, design, engineering, and construction management. Chad is a licensed Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Delaware. He has a degree in Civil Engineering with Construction Management focus and a minor in Engineering Entrepreneurship from Penn State. During his years at Penn State, Chad served as President of the National Association of Home Builder Student Chapter and co-reintroduced the Residential Construction Management Competition to Penn State. He currently volunteers as an industry advisor to Penn State's US DOE Race to Zero Student Design Competition. Chad has been an instructor for the PHRC and co-developed PHRC's Building Science workshop. He is a Certified Green Professional, Certified Graduate Builder, and Certified Graduate Associate through the National Association of Home Builders. Chad is the owner of a small custom home building firm in the State College, PA area that is an EPA Energy Star, WaterSense, and Indoor airPlus partner and a PHRC member. He is also a partner in a residential/commercial building consulting and engineering firm. His professional interests include sustainability, energy-efficiency, and building science. Chad has over ten years of experience in the residential construction industry.

**John Watkins** (nominated by Bob Buddenbohn)

**Watkins Architect LTD**

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John C. Watkins is a registered architect and the president of Watkins Architect LTD, founded in 1995. With over 25 years of professional experience, he is responsible for the management and coordination of all architectural and related disciplines from design conception through completion. He has years of experience as a construction worker, designer, project architect and project manager. John's experience was gained through involvement in all phases of architectural design including: contracts, specifications, design, construction drawings, construction management and multi-discipline coordination. John holds architectural registrations in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Florida, Texas, Georgia, Illinois, Washington, Arizona, District of Columbia and Ontario. He holds certifications and accreditations in ICC, PA UCC, NFPA and LEED (BD+C). John is a member of NCARB (National Council of Architectural Registration Boards), AIA (American Institute of Architects) – Past President, ICC (International Code Council), NE Berks Chamber of Commerce and Fleetwood Rotary.

**Donna Weaver** (nominated by Bob Buddenbohn)

**Systems Design Engineering**

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Professional Engineer Commonwealth of PA PE036227E

Master Code Professional, International Code Council #5130187-MP

Construction Code Official PA Dept of Labor and Industry, #000243

PA Dept of L&I 16 commercial/residential certifications #000243.

36 years of professional experience in the private and municipal sectors involved with construction code enforcement, engineering design, and teaching of college level engineering courses.

Former SME, Subject Matter Expert consultant for International Code Council, ICC, and 2006 International Mechanical Code.

Former TR, Technical Reviewer for International Code Council, ICC, and 2006 International Building Code.

Current board of directors member for Pennsylvania Association of Building Code Officials, PABCO.

Currently employed by a consulting engineering firm, primary job responsibilities for municipal clients include Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, PA UCC, plan review for both residential and commercial construction projects in Berks and Schuylkill Counties. For private clients, job responsibilities include building design.

## Code Official *(choose up to 2)*

### **Lora Dombrowski** *(nominated by Jim Franey)*

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Graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering with a special interest in construction technology. Working in the Community Development Department for the Township of Moon in Allegheny County PA for many years, I have gained much experience working with and assisting many different groups; from designers, developers, contractors and property owners through the land development and building permit process to working with special interest groups such as historical architectural review boards and environmental advisory councils and then of course working Township officials and government agencies pursuing resolution of mutual problems.

#### Professional Certifications:

Commonwealth of PA Uniform Construction Code Certification # 000072

- Building Code Official
- Building Plans Examiner
- Building Code Inspector
- Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner
- Energy Plans Inspector/Plans Examiner
- Residential Building Inspector

International Code Council Certification # 169643

- Building Plans Examiner
- Commercial Building Inspector
- Residential Building Inspector
- Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner
- Commercial Energy Inspector/Plans Examiner
- Building Inspector

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#### Professional Affiliations

- International Code Council (ICC) formerly BOCA 1983-present
- Commonwealth Building Officials 1984-present
- Pennsylvania Building Officials Conference (PennBOC) 1984-present
- Pennsylvania Association of Building Code Officials (PABCO) 2005-present
- Pennsylvania Housing Research Center (PHRC)

#### Special Interests

- Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR)
- Moon Township Historical Society
- Mooncrest Advisory Board
- Montour Run Watershed Association
- Western Allegheny Stormwater Awareness Group
- Hollow Oak Land Trust"

**William Kulkacki (nominated by Bob Buddenbohn)**

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I have a vast array of experience in all aspects of the building/construction industry. I was a founding member of the Greater DuBois Area Builders Association. I was the COO of a general construction/development company for 25 years. I am a Master Code Professional with 16 years of building code enforcement experience. Presently, I am General Manager for Pennsafe Building Inspection Services LLC. Pennsafe provides UCC Third Party Inspection Services for over 90 municipalities in Central and Western PA. I previously managed over 225 municipalities in 14 counties prior to joining Pennsafe. I was a PABCO Board of Director and active member of the Governmental Affairs Committee. I have been responsible for the development and passage of several UCC legislative bills.

**James (Jim) Royer (nominated by Chris Warren)**

**Centre Region Code Admin**

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Building inspector with the Centre Region Code Administration for 17 years with all residential and commercial certifications. Instructor for PHRC for 14 years. Helped develop some of the programs for PHRC. Eighteen years of experience in construction prior to becoming a building inspector.

## **Product Manufacturer (choose up to 2)**

**Allen Hubbel (incumbent)**

**DuPont**

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BS in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State, and went to work for DuPont right out of school in various engineering, R&D and manufacturing roles. Eventually migrated into business oriented roles.

Current role as Global Marketing Manager for DuPont Tyvek Weatherization business. Have been in the Tyvek weatherization business for 10 years. Previous to Tyvek, my experience included 10 years selling into glass/window industry for DuPont, with a lot of my efforts directed at developing the Florida impact window market. So, have been around the construction products market space for 20 years now, working on products and product development, marketing, building codes, sales, and building science.

Live in southern Chester County in Landenberg, PA.

**Mike Tamburello (incumbent)**

**Weyerhaeuser**

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- Born and raised in Hackettstown in Northwest New Jersey
- Worked the last ten years in the building materials industry - doing every possible job from forklift driver to truck driver, inside sales to outside sales, inventory and sales management
- Currently working as the Territory Manager in Eastern Pennsylvania for Trus Joist Engineered Wood Products. My role is to work with architects, engineers, code officials, and builders - promoting proper specification and installation of our products.
- Resident of Easton, PA for the past 8 years
- Married for 11 years with 5 wonderful children
- Interested in music and sports - guitar player and golfer



## Professional or Trade Organization *(choose up to 2)*

### Phil Ehlinger, Jr. (nominated by Bob Buddenbohn)

#### Borough of Doylestown, Pennsylvania Association of Zoning Officials (PAAZO)

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Philip C. Ehlinger, Jr., AICP, CZO, has served Doylestown Borough since 1991 and provides general management of Borough departments and direct management of the Public Works and Planning Departments. As Doylestown's town planner, and in his preceding role as zoning officer and building code official, he authored numerous codes and ordinances and has implemented many smart growth strategies to help Doylestown become an economically vibrant and walkable community. These innovations include planning and building the first two "TNDs" in Bucks County which were built on re-claimed brownfield sites; the "Green Points" sustainable building incentive programs to promote energy efficient buildings; and a fast-track approval processes for worthy projects to reduce regulatory burdens to foster investment and quality economic development.

Phil is a frequent public speaker on zoning, bicycle planning and sustainability issues, and he is the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association of Zoning Officials (PAAZO).

### Matthew Hunter (nominated by Bob Buddenbohn)

#### American Wood Council

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Matthew M. Hunter, BCO, SEO is the Northeast Regional Manager for the American Wood Council (AWC), which produces internationally recognized design standards for wood construction. His work experience includes all phases of commercial and residential land development, building inspection, plan review, wetland delineation, municipal engineering, and consulting. Prior to joining the AWC, Matt was a Building Code Official, Sewage Enforcement Officer, and civil engineering designer, draftsman, and field inspector with Pennoni Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers for fifteen (15) years. Matt has served various townships and boroughs throughout eastern Pennsylvania and has also worked in the trades as a residential framing carpenter and custom deck builder.

## General Industry Representative *(choose up to 3)*

### Mike Turns (incumbent)

#### Performance Systems Development

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Mike is the principal investigator for the Pennsylvania portion of the US DOE's Residential Energy Code Field Study, a project to determine whether an investment in building energy code education, training, and outreach can produce a significant change in residential building energy savings. Mike also led a commercial energy code compliance study in Pennsylvania supported by the DOE State Energy Program. In addition, Mike manages implementation of the FirstEnergy, PPL, and PECO residential new construction program in Pennsylvania. Previously, he was the Associate Director of the Pennsylvania Housing Research Center (PHRC) at Penn State University.

### Robert (Bob) Hart (nominated by Terry Loughran)

#### Watts and Howe Townships

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I am a retired technician from Bell Atlantic and currently employed part time for Watts and Howe Townships Perry County as Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer. I have personally been involved in building two homes, the last of which won the Metro Harrisburg Single Residence Green Home of the year 2014. I believe

in energy efficiency and live that way. I spent almost 10 years of personal research prior to building my last home. One of the IAC members was my general contractor and attest to my dedication to energy efficiency.

**Robert Yerger** (nominated by Bob Buddenbohn)

**Berkshire Systems Group, Inc.**

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Earned an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering from Penn State, served as Technician, Salesmen, Branch Manager, Regional Manager from a National Company for 17 years, Started my own business in 1982 providing low-voltage electronic systems for commercial facilities, presently employing approximately 100 employees in 3 offices serving Eastern PA, including the Fire Alarm Systems for most Penn State facilities. Currently NICET Level IV certified for Fire Alarm Systems. Designed and participated in the construction of 3 homes for personal use in my career. My primary interest is in Life Safety issues of the construction industry.