

NWCCA Welcomes New Executive Director

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James Kahler, president of Northwest Partitions, Inc., and board president of the Northwest Wall and Ceiling Contractors Association (NWCCA), announces that the association has hired a new executive director:

“We are excited to have **Ray Baca** as our Executive Director as we enter the next phase of Northwest Wall and Ceiling Contractors’ evolution and growth. He brings decades of professional experience which includes association leadership, labor relations, legislative advocacy, business to business sales, and general management.”



Ray holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resource Management and a Master of Science degree in Organization Leadership from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. He has called Seattle home for over two years now and hails from the Eastlake neighborhood with his 10-year-old rescue Yorkshire Terrier, Zeus.

“I am very enthusiastic and eager for the opportunity to serve as Executive Director for the NWCCA—a highly respected organization that plays such an important role in advancing the interests of the wall and ceiling segment of the construction industry,” Ray said. “It is indeed an honor to have been selected and entrusted with this position, and I look forward to working with our board, our members and our partners to explore new opportunities and to face industry challenges of the future.”

Ray, who grew up along the Rio Grande Valley of northern New Mexico, spending much of his time on a family cattle ranch north of Albuquerque, has enjoyed his transition to the Pacific Northwest. “It’s a really exciting time for me. I like the diversity of people and cultures, the energy and the positive and forward-thinking atmosphere,” he said. In his spare time, Ray likes outdoor adventures and spends time reading and writing. In fact, he is a published author of a historical novel titled “Brotherhood of the Light,” published in 2005.

Ray takes over at the helm of the contractors’ association as Dick Mettler, who has served as executive director since 2008, plans to devote more of his time to his winery business. NWCCA staff are looking forward to working with Ray and wish Dick the best in the next chapter.

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