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St. Joseph Builder Selected to Leadership Position on MAHB Board of Directors

Lansing, MI – Greg Powell of Powell Construction in St. Joseph, Michigan has been installed as Immediate Past President of the Michigan Association of Home Builders. MAHB Board officers elected to a one-year term December 1, 2008 are:

- **President - John Diefenbacher** – Construction Special Tee's, Inc. in Fruitport;
- **First Vice President – Tom Barber** - Barber Construction in Roscommon;
- **Treasurer –Daniel MacLeish** – MacLeish Building, Inc in Troy;
- **Secretary- Colin Heren** – Greenwald & BC Inc in Mt. Pleasant; and
- **Immediate Past President** – Greg Powell- Powell Construction in St. Joseph.

John Diefenbacher (Fruitport) started his construction career in 1977 and in 1985 formed Construction Special Tee's , which specializes in remodeling, renovation, light commercial and interior construction. Diefenbacher served as a board member of the Shoreline Builders Association for 14 years including two years as President. He has also been active with Habitat for Humanity.

Tom Barber (Roscommon) is a 36-year veteran of the construction industry including 22 years as owner of Barber Construction which is a full-service remodeling company specializing in second-story additions. Barber is a past President of the Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association. He has been active in his local community serving on the Gerrish Township Planning commission for 14 years, including a term as board Chairman.

Daniel MacLeish (Troy) has been in the construction industry for 44 years and is owner of MacLeish Building in Troy, which specializes in custom residential and high-end production residential. He is also a developer of commercial and residential projects in southeastern Michigan.

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Colin Heren (Mt. Pleasant) worked for a local builder during his high school years. Heren eventually started his own business, B.C. Builders and later merged with fellow builder Mark Greenwald in 1999 to form Greenwald & BC, Inc, which offers a full line of carpentry services for both residential and commercial projects. Heren has been very active in the Home Builders Association of Central Michigan, serving as an officer for 12 years.

Greg Powell (St. Joseph) is a Western Michigan University graduate, former educator and Eagle Scout who began his building career in the early 1980's. He has served in numerous leadership positions prior to this appointment, including serving as MAHB President in 2008 and stints as President of his local Southwest Michigan Home Builders Association, a Director of the Cornerstone Alliance and a member of the Berrien County Land Preservation Board among others.

The Michigan Association of Home Builders is a professional trade association comprised of 33 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor and supplier members. It works to positively promote the building industry and impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues affecting housing affordability.