

editor's note



DURING MY QUARTER-CENTURY AT AISC, I've had a wonderful time meeting and hearing stories from some of the most significant people in the structural steel industry. From Duane Miller to Egor Popov to Jon Magnusson, I've been lucky to share a moment or two of their time.

But other than my knowing them, can you guess what else they have in common?

They're all winners of AISC Lifetime Achievement Awards. During the past 15 years, AISC has presented 68 Lifetime Awards, 70 Special Achievement Awards, seven Robert P. Stupp Awards for Leadership Excellence, five J. Lloyd Kimbrough Awards and six Geerhard Haaijer Awards for Excellence in Education.

I've had the privilege of being the only person to have sat in on every meeting of the various awards committees that nominated these 156 people—and I've been able to suggest those whom I believe have made a significant contribution to AISC and the structural steel industry.

But if you had the opportunity to give an award, who would you nominate? Who deserves an AISC Lifetime Achievement Award? These awards honor living individuals who have "made a difference" in AISC's and the structural steel industry's success. They provide special recognition to individuals who have given outstanding service over a sustained period of years.

The individual should have:

- ▶ made a positive impact on advancing the use of structural steel
- ▶ many years of sustained service to AISC (such as involvement on AISC Committees and Task Groups as well as successful completion of AISC special assignments)
- ▶ earned recognition from other industry groups
- ▶ the respect of their professional peers
- ▶ been generally acknowledged as having reached the pinnacle of their profession
- ▶ demonstrated, over an extended period of time, innovation and originality in design, construction or academic concepts in structural steel design

What about a Special Achievement Award? These awards provide special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated notable singular or multiple achievements in structural steel design, construction, research or education. They honor living individuals who have made a positive and substantial impact on the structural steel design and construction industry. Here are the criteria:

- ▶ The award is presented for achievement on projects or research that showed innovation and originality and helped to advance the use of structural steel. The event for which the individual is honored should have made a positive and substantial impact on the structural steel industry.
- ▶ The event for which the individual is honored should be recognized by the individual's peers as to the impact of the achievement.
- ▶ Individuals are eligible to receive more than one Special Achievement Award if future activities warrant additional awards.

AISC also is accepting nominations for the Stupp, Haaijer and Kimbrough Awards. These awards are only presented occasionally, and only to those who stand head-and-shoulders above their peers.

If you have potential nominees for any of these awards, I'd love to hear them! Visit: www.surveymonkey.com/s/aiscaward and fill out the brief form. And to learn more about these awards and view a list of previous winners, visit www.aisc.org/awards.

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