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Recipients for IFI 2011 Soaring Eagle Awards are Announced in Dana Point, CA

INDEPENDENCE, OHIO – The Industrial Fasteners Institute Soaring Eagle Awards recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the fastener manufacturing industry or the industries served. Contributions shall have advanced the stature, technology and/or application engineering of fasteners and formed parts, provided leadership to the industry in critical times or supplied a service to the industry above and beyond the normal call from a position. These contributions enrich the posture of the North American fastener industry.

An awards reception and formal dinner on the evening of March 15, 2011 honored this year's winners at the St. Regis Monarch Beach, Dana Point, CA as part of IFI's 79th Annual Meeting. The awards categories are as follows:

Leadership Award named after William E. Ward (1821 – 1900)

William E. Ward is one of the great names in the early history of the fastener industry as both a businessman and inventor. He had a long string of inventions, most notably, the patents in 1850 and 1852 for open and closed die headers, respectively. These have formed the basis for the standard production concepts of today. His ideas were especially important for their indisputable originality, both in conception and construction, as well as the evidence they afforded of his complete mastery of mechanical principles and science.

Technology Award named after Roy P. Trowbridge

Roy P. Trowbridge served as Director of Engineering Standards for General Motors Corporation. He was the first industrialist representing a major user to recognize the importance of mechanical fasteners to the assembly function. During his term as President of ANSI (American National Standards Institute), he provided leadership for a special Study Committee to Develop the Optimum Metric Fastener System which involved a total re-engineering of concepts for a completely new metric system of mechanical fasteners.

Meritorious Service Award named after George S. Case, Sr., (1882 – 1950)

George S. Case, Sr. joined the Lamson & Sessions Company as a graduate mechanical engineer in 1904 and subsequently became its President and Board Chairman. In 1931, he was instrumental in the formation of the American Institute of Bolt, Nut and Rivet Manufacturers, which became Industrial Fasteners Institute in 1949. He served as the first elected officer of the newly formed industry association from 1931–1933. He also served as Vice President of ANSI (American National Standards Institute) and was a consultant for the World War II Production Board.

This Year's Honorees

Recipients of the program awards as announced during the March 15, 2011 IFI Annual Meeting reception/dinner at the St. Regis Monarch Beach, Dana Point, CA were as follows:

LEADERSHIP AWARD presented to **George J. Grabner** in recognition as an outstanding leader, providing vision, guidance, and resolve in the timely resolution of strategic issues challenging the mechanical fastener industry and providing an example of what all future industry leaders should seek to become. Mr. Grabner was unable to be present at the banquet in Dana Point, CA, and his son John Grabner, President of Cardinal Fastener & Specialty Co. accepted on his behalf sharing a video acceptance by his father. Mr. Grabner was the Chairman and CEO of Lamson & Sessions and Chairman of the IFI 1976-77.

TECHNOLOGY AWARD presented to **Frank Cosenza** in recognition of his significant contributions to the advancement of fastener technology and the pool of knowledge related to the design, manufacturing, and/or application of mechanical fasteners and formed parts. Mr. Cosenza was a senior engineering manager with Alcoa Fasteners, and holds many, many patents for fastener products.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD posthumously to **Daniel P. Haerther** for his many years of valuable service to the Industrial Fasteners Institute, enabling the Institute to fulfill its mission of continually providing dedicated service to the mechanical fastener manufacturers of North America. Mr. Haerther was the Chairman of the Semblex Corporation and supported many Semblex employees' very active participation in the IFI. Don Cunningham, President of Semblex Corporation, accepted on the recipient's behalf.

Looking Forward

Visit our website at www.indfast.org to submit a nomination for the 2012 Soaring Eagle Awards program.

About IFI

Industrial Fasteners Institute, headquartered in Independence, Ohio, is an Association of the leading North American manufacturers of bolts, nuts, screws, rivets, pins, washers, and a myriad of custom formed parts. Suppliers of materials, machinery, equipment and engineered services, are Associate Members of the Institute. IFI membership currently stands at 94 Company Members and 32 Associate Members.

For over 75 years, IFI's fastener manufacturing member companies have combined their skills and knowledge to advance the technology and application engineering of fasteners and formed parts through planned programs of research and education. Users of fasteners and formed parts in all industries benefit from the continuing design, manufacturing, and application advances made by the Industrial Fasteners Institute membership.

IFI 2011 "Soaring Eagle" Awards Recipients



George J. Grabner
Leadership Award



Frank Cosenza & wife Nancy
Technology Award



Daniel P. Haerther
Meritorious Service Award