



NCSEA's Robert C. Cornforth Award

This prestigious award is conferred upon an individual, nominated by his or her State Member Organization, for exceptional dedication and exemplary service to the organization and to the structural engineering profession. This year Benjamin Baer and Marc Barter both received the Award.

Benjamin R. Baer is the President of Ruben J. Baer & Associates, Ltd., a structural engineering firm in suburban Chicago which was founded by his father almost 49 years ago. He is a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology with a BS in Civil Engineering, a licensed Professional Engineer in seven states and a licensed Structural Engineer in Illinois. He joined his father's practice 13 years ago, after working as a structural engineer for 11 years in the nuclear industry.



Benjamin R. Baer, P.E., S.E.

Ben Baer has served on the NCSEA Licensing and Continuing Education Committee since 1997. The committee was divided into two separate committees in 2001, at which time Mr. Baer became Chair of the Continuing Education Committee. Ben Baer conceived, developed, organized, and marketed the NCSEA Winter Institute almost single-handedly during the past four years; and he continues to create new continuing education opportunities and programs. He is also involved with continuing education on various AISC committees, serves as a Director of the Structural Engineers Foundation, and is a member of the Illinois Structural Engineering Licensing Board.

Mr. Baer is a Past President of the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI) and served on the SEAOI Board of Directors from 1994-2002. His efforts on behalf of SEAOI were recognized when he received the SEAOI Service Award in 2002. In submitting Ben Baer's nomination for the Robert C. Cornforth Award, SEAOI wrote: "Ben has been a tireless and dedicated volunteer, both as a

member of SEAOI and as a member of NCSEA. As an SEAOI Board member, President of SEAOI, a member of the licensing board, and in his many other SEAOI and NCSEA activities, Ben's record of service is exceptional. He continues to contribute as chair of the Continuing Education Committee and gives countless hours of his time freely, even though he is a sole proprietor who does not earn a living in any hour in which he is not working...there is no more deserving candidate for this prestigious award."



Marc S. Barter, P.E., S.E.

Marc S. Barter is the president of Barter & Associates, Inc., a structural engineering firm in Mobile, Alabama. He is a graduate of the University of South Alabama with a BS in Civil Engineering, a licensed professional engineer in 17 states, and a licensed structural engineer in Illinois. He has been in private practice for 22 years, 21 of which have been in his own firm.

Marc Barter was a founding member of NCSEA and served on its Board of Directors from 1994-2001. He was President from 1999-2000. Mr. Barter is currently serving as the Chairperson of the NCSEA Member Organization Development Committee and the *Structure* Magazine Operations Committee. He is a member of ACI, AISC, SEI, and the AISC continuing education committee. He also served on the SEI BPAD Executive Committee and chaired the SEI Design Practices Committee.

Mr. Barter is a Past President of CASE/Alabama and is again serving as a member of the SEAOAL Board of Directors. In nominating him for this award, SEAOAL

wrote: "Marc helped to found CASE/Alabama in 1990 (which later became SEAOAL), the first structural engineering association in the state. As a member and officer of the state organization, Marc has been instrumental in increasing the awareness of the structural engineering profession in the state and in leading the profession toward increased self-determination of the issues that control it. He led the fight for separate licensing of structural engineers in the state; and he led attempts to place a SEAOAL representative on the state engineering licensure board. He later became president of that organization [CASE/Alabama] and, as such, was its representative to the founding of NCSEA in 1993...On the national level...his clear vision of a structural engineering association in every state has helped many groups across the country organize into productive member organizations of NCSEA...His tenure as president [of NCSEA] was marked by great strides forward in the areas of separate licensing for structural engineers and in building code advocacy. His unique style of leadership pushed the group into new areas with drive and determination."

Past Cornforth winner receives AISC Award



Emile W.J. Troup, P.E.

Emile W.J. Troup, P.E., Canton, Massachusetts, an NCSEA Past President and the first recipient of the NCSEA Robert C. Cornforth Award, recently received the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) Lifetime Achievement Award. This award honors individuals who have made a positive impact on advancing the use of structural steel, received recognition by other industry groups, and earned the respect of professional peers.



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