



## Robert C. Cornforth Award

The Robert C. Cornforth 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, Michael J. Tylk, nominated by the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI), received this prestigious award.

Mike Tylk is a principal in the firm of Tylk Gustafson Reckers Wilson Andrews, LLC (TGRWA, LLC). He received his M.S. in Architectural Engineering and his Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL. Mike is a licensed structural engineer and architect in the State of Illinois. He has been in practice since 1966, when he started with the Chicago firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

Mike held the positions of president, treasurer and director for NCSEA as well as SEAOI. Roger Reckers, President-Elect of SEAOI, submitted the SEAOI nomination letter. The letter said: "Mike Tylk served with distinction as a member of the SEAOI Board of Directors for over 10 years, including the

office of President (1995-1996). He also served on the Structural Engineers Political Action Committee (for SEAOI); and he served on, and is serving another term on, the Structural Engineers Foundation. He is currently a member of the Chicago Committee on High Rise Buildings and the AISC Code of Standard Practice Committee. In addition, he has served on many ad-hoc committees and advisory boards for the Building Department of the City of Chicago. He continues to be a major contributor to the revisions of the Chicago Building Code and to the development of standards and guidelines for permitting of structural drawings through the Building Department. Mike has also been a major contributor to the technical advancement of structural engineering in the City of Chicago. From developing erection procedures and details for the roof structure of the Thompson Center in the 1970's to figuring out how to support a new high rise structure over and around the existing foundation system of an old bus station, Mike has demonstrated a unique ability to solve difficult engineering problems. Rather than taking the easy approach and saying

something can't be done, he has always looked for the creative answer. Developers, contactors and architects often call Mike first when they are faced with a difficult structural problem."

Roger Reckers added his own personal note, as follows: "I am the current President-Elect of SEAOI and have known Mike for 25 years. In that time, Mike has been my co-worker, my employer and currently, my partner. He is also my trusted friend. I have witnessed first hand his dedication to the Structural Engineering profession in our many years together. I am proud that I have known and worked with Mike for these many years and look forward to many more years together as partners." NCSEA affirms those remarks. Congratulations, Mike! ■



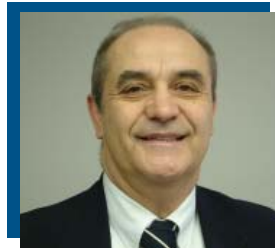
Mike Tylk

## NCSEA Service Award

This year, the NCSEA Service Award was presented to Craig A. Cartwright, President of Cartwright Associates in Logan, Utah, and Chair of the NCSEA Magazine/Publications Committee. For eight years, Craig chaired the Editorial Board of STRUCTURE magazine, from 1995-2003. During those years, STRUCTURE grew from a 24-page, quarterly publication to the 52+page, monthly publication that it is now. Craig brought expertise and experience to the position, having published another magazine, Structural Engineer's Forum, prior to his work with STRUCTURE. Craig always displayed patience and respect when working with the necessarily diverse personalities of the members of the STRUCTURE Editorial Board. He wanted nothing more than an excellent magazine for NCSEA and the profession. We think he was successful. Thank you, Craig! ■



John Joyce & Craig Cartwright



Jim Rongoe

## NCSEA honors Jim Rongoe

Jim Rongoe, Principal, Rongoe Engineers, LLC, Darien, Connecticut, a registered engineer in 16 states and a past president of the structural Engineers Coalition of Connecticut, was recently

honored by the Code Advisory Committee of NCSEA. The Committee presented him with a special, first-time award "In recognition of outstanding service to the structural engineering profession as a member of the International Building Code (IBC) Structural Committee".

In 1999, Jim Rongoe was selected as one of the first practicing structural engineers to serve on the Structural Committee of the IBC. The building officials of the International Code Council appreciated his knowledge and experience in the regulations that govern the construction of buildings. Jim served for 5 years, during which time the building code underwent drastic transformations. He was at the heart of that transformation, working diligently to ensure that new code provisions were understandable, practical to apply, and in the interest of public safety. The committee learned to depend on his wisdom and insight at the annual public hearings; and they were sorry to see him retire earlier this year. ■

# NCSEA Winter Institute, February 18-19, 2005

If Only I'd Known -- for Engineering Firm Owners

## Friday, February 18, Program:

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Keeping Up With the Law**  
 Justin L. Weisberg, JD, Schuyler, Roche & Zwirner, PC, will discuss recent rulings affecting engineering firms.  
 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Lowering Your Insurance Premiums**  
 Mark Blankenship, CPCU, AIC, Vice President, Hobbs Group/AVA Insurance Agency, will advise owners on how they might lower their insurance premiums.  
 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Implementing Value-Based Compensation**  
 Jon Magnusson, Chairman/CEO of Magnusson Klemencic Associates, a 140-person structural and civil engineering firm based in Seattle, will explore business practices in other industries to illustrate how engineers can develop a deeper understanding of pricing philosophies for their services.  
 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Round Table Discussion**

Michael J. Tylk, Principal, TGRWA, LLC, Chicago, Illinois, will lead a round table discussion on the day's presentations.  
 6:00 p.m. **Dinner**

(7.5 Continuing Education Hours Per Day)

## Saturday, February 19, Program:

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
**Foreseeing the Testimony of an Expert Witness**  
 Dr. W. Gene Corley, Senior Vice President, CTL Group, Inc., will talk about what a designer needs to do, to keep experts from abusing a design.

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Selecting Your Successor**  
 Sandy Blaha, Owner, Sandy Blaha Performance Consulting, will describe how to identify and develop an effective key employee group, including entrepreneurs, client managers, business managers, mentors, teachers and visionaries.  
 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Recognizing and Preventing Embezzlement**  
 Maria Kieras Vedral, President, SilverEdge Systems Software, Inc., will describe the tell-tale signs of embezzlement and will recommend procedures and tools that have proved to be critical in its prevention.  
 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Round Table Discussion**

6:00 p.m. **Reception**



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Single or Double Room Rate: \$149 plus 11.92% tax. Mention NCSEA to receive this special room rate. This room rate is guaranteed only through January 28, 2005.



Discounted airfares are available for travel to and from Phoenix on United or United Express between February 13 and February 23, 2005. Receive 5% off the lowest applicable discount fare, or 10% off the unrestricted coach fare. Purchase your airline tickets through the Meeting Reservations Center at least 30 days before your departure date and save an additional 5% on your airfare. To receive these special fares, you or your travel agent must call the United Airlines Meeting Reservations Center at (800) 521-4041 and refer to Meeting ID Number 529CB.

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**Registration - \$695 per person**  
 Registration includes all presentations, program notes, continental breakfasts, lunches, breaks Friday evening dinner, and Saturday evening reception.

**Companion Registration - \$95 per person**  
 Companion registration includes continental breakfasts, Friday evening dinner, and Saturday evening reception.

**Friday Registration - \$395 per person** \_\_\_\_\_  **Saturday Registration - \$395 per person** \_\_\_\_\_

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