

BPV Section IX Distinguished Service Award



This Award is presented for distinguished contributions in the fields of welding, brazing and/or fusing, including but not limited to leadership, participation in Code activities, demonstration of technical ability(s), research and development, and/or publication efforts that have had a significant impact on the content, development, promulgation and expansion of ASME Codes and Standards.

2019 RECIPIENT:

Philip D. Flenner

Philip Flenner has been a highly productive and prolific member of the ASME Section IX since he was appointed in 1982. Phil has been a committee member for over 40 years, his first appointment was to the ASME B31.1 Power Piping Section Committee in 1976. He is also a member of the ASME B31 Code for Pressure Piping Standards Committee, the ASME B31.3 Process Piping Section Committee, and multiple Subgroups of these Committees. Phil's expertise in the areas of welding, heat treatment, fabrication, especially for creep strength enhanced ferritic steels has resulted in a significant number of code revision actions. His knowledge and experience in welding, materials, and fabrication have contributed greatly to the ongoing development of these Codes and Standards. Phil's leadership, work ethic, and technical competence have brought great credit to the work of Codes and Standards volunteers, and to the engineering profession in general. His personal integrity and conviction for public safety and engineering common sense have driven him to steadfastly maintain his objections to proposed actions he believed were inappropriate, often as the sole dissenting vote. He has proven to be a strong mentor in the proper conduct of Codes and Standards committee business, as well as a great encourager to many volunteers.

2018 RECIPIENT(S):

Joel G. Feldstein

Joel G. Feldstein has made many outstanding contributions to ASME BPV Standards Committee IX on Welding, Brazing and Fusing, its subgroups, as well as other BPV Code Committees (Section I and VIII) for over 30 years. His actions have greatly enhanced Standard Committee IX's reputation as a function of his participation on ASME Councils and in Board leadership positions. Mr. Feldstein has provided outstanding technical leadership to ASME Section IX, and is well respected for his clear thinking, sense of purpose, and consideration for all views and opinions. He Chaired the Committee from September 1, 1988 through June 30, 2010 and is highly regarded and respected by fellow Committee IX members. He is the recipient of the 2001 ASME Dedicated Service Award and 2008 J. Hall Taylor Medal. He has held leadership roles in ASME Codes and Standards in areas other than ASME IX including the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Standards Committee, Council on Standards and Certification and the Technical Oversight Management Committee (TOMC) just to name a few. Mr. Feldstein has also held industry leadership and management roles in area of welding, brazing and fusing including Chief Welding Engineer for AMEC/Foster Wheeler Corporation from 1996-present, Director of Research for Teledyne McKay from 1993 through 1996, and he has been a member of American Welding Society A5 Committee on Filler Metals and Allied Materials from 1992 to present.

Walter J. Sperko

Walter J. Sperko is a highly regarded member of the BPV Standards Committee IX. He has served as a Past Chairman for BPV IX, and been a member of multiple Subgroups for 38 years, making significant contributions to ASME Codes and Standards and the joining arts. He has missed one meeting since 1981 when he was appointed to the subcommittee. In 2007, he was elected as an ASME Fellow. Other leadership positions he has held in the area of the joining arts include; AWS Counselor, ASME B31.9 - Past Chairman, AWS Technical Activities Committee - Second Vice-Chairman, International Standards Activities Committee - Past Chairman, Committee D-10 - Past Chairman, Course Director for "Welding and Brazing per ASME Section IX" and "Piping Design, Analysis and Fabrication." Walt is a highly recognized and well respected technical consultant that; resolves technical issues, develops and submits Code interpretations and revisions, provides training for upcoming engineers, has five (5) patents that provide enhanced processes and services that result in increased safety, efficiency, reliability, and cost effective approaches. Mr. Sperko was awarded the J. Hall Taylor medal, and is currently the President of Sperko Engineering Services, Inc., is past Quality Control Manager of Richmond Engineering Company (RECO) North Carolina, Inc., and past Manager of Materials and Welding Engineering of ITT Grinnell Industrial Piping, Inc.