

THE STA ANNOUNCES 48TH ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION AWARDS DINNER HONOREES

The Subcontractors Trade Association's 48th Annual Construction Awards Dinner is coming up on Thursday, April 6! The dinner will be held at the iconic Pierre Hotel in Manhattan.

The STA recently announced the slate of awardees for the night:

The STA is proud to be honoring Richard Kennedy, President & CEO of Skanska USA Building as the Builder of the Year for 2017.



Mr. Kennedy, a 21-year veteran of the construction industry, joined Skanska in 2004 as the company's General Counsel, and in 2009, served as the Chief Operating Office for the Metro New York and New Jersey operations. As COO, he focused on building the company's market position and talent base, and more than doubled the company's New York City revenue. He played a key role in winning major projects such as the \$4 billion redevelopment of LaGuardia Airport Central Terminal B, and oversaw the successful completion of projects such as the United Nations Headquarters Renovation, The World Trade Center Transportation HUB, and the MetLife Stadium in New Jersey.

In his current role as President & CEO of Skanska USA Building, Mr. Kennedy leads the company's senior management team and its more than 2,300 construction professionals nationwide to deliver world-class construction services across the United States. He serves as one of the company's Ethics Champions and is a strong supporter of the Skanska Women's Network and the Skanska Mentoring Program.

Mr. Kennedy also serves as Co-Chair for the Building Trades Employers' Association of New York City (BTEA), Director of the New York Building Contractors Association, and Board member of the New York ACE Mentor Program.

The 2017 Ronald Berger Subcontractor of the Year Award will be given to Joseph Leo, President of Atlantic Contracting & Specialties.



Atlantic Contracting & Specialties specializes in mechanical insulation, abatement, and fire stop systems within the commercial and industrial markets. Mr. Leo oversees all project operators, safety, labor relations and business development for Atlantic's locations in New York City, Fishkill, Albany, Syracuse, Hartford and Boston.

Mr. Leo has been in the construction industry for over 37 years, the last 18 being with Atlantic. He has overseen the construction of many high-profile projects in New York City, including the World Trade Center's Transportation Hub, Columbia University, One Bryant Park, among many others.

Mr. Leo is the Treasurer of the STA Board of Directors, President of the Insulation Contractor's Association of New York City (ICA), and Treasurer of the Insulation Contractor's Association of Southern New York (ICASNY). He serves on the board of the National Insulation Association (NIA), the Eastern States Insulation Contractor's Association (where he formerly served as President) (ESICA), and the National Union Insulation Contractor Alliance (NUICA).

The Labor Leader of the Year for 2017 will be presented to Patrick Dolan, the President of Enterprise Association of Steamfitters Local Union 638.



Mr. Dolan has been a part of the union since 1987 when he joined as an apprentice and subsequently completed the five-year program in 1992. In 1996, he was elected to the Finance Board for three years; this was followed by a six-year term on the Local 638 Executive Board. In 2004, Mr. Dolan was elected to his first salaried position as Business Agent which he served as for eight years until his election as President in February of 2011.

Among his duties as President of Local 638, Mr. Dolan has negotiated several collective bargaining agreements between the Union and the Mechanical Contractors Association in both the construction and metal trades division. These negotiations set the wages and working conditions for 8,300 members.

Mr. Dolan was appointed by the Governor of New York and then selected by the New York State Assembly and Senate to serve on the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council. He is also a seated Executive Board Member of the Long Island Federation of Labor, Member of the NYC BCTC, the Suffolk Building Trades Council, among many other organizations.

The Michael Mazzucca Lifetime Achievement Award for 2017 will be presented to Mr. Joseph A. Ferrara of Ferrara Bros.



Mr. Ferrara began his career as a contractor with his family upon his discharge from the U. S. Army in 1957. He operated JVJ Construction until the formation of Ferrara Bros. Building Materials Corp. in 1969. Along with his four brothers, the Ferrara Bros. firm grew from the smallest supplier of ready mixed concrete to the largest in New York City. The firm continues today under the leadership of his son, Joseph J. Ferrara, for the publicly traded US Concrete.

Throughout his long career, Mr. Ferrara he has served on many Construction Industry Committees. Since 1992, he has been an Employer Trustee for Teamster Local 282 Trust funds and recently appointed Trustee of the Sandhogs Local 147 Benefit Funds.

Mr. Ferrara is also Chairman Emeritus of the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens, having served for many years as its President and Chairman, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of Jamaica Hospital since 1999. He and his family have been generous supporters of The Ferrara Family Center for Hospice Care at Jamaica Hospital, which recently embarked on a \$1.2 million capital campaign to renovate and expand the existing hospice unit.

After another long and busy year, it's important to pay tribute to those construction professionals and companies who have accomplished great feats and continue to make a significant impact on our industry.

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