

News

CGATS Award Named After Society Fellow

The Committee for Graphic Arts Technologies Standards (CGATS) has created an award in honor of Society Life Fellow Roland Zavada, in recognition of his long-standing commitment and effort on behalf of graphic arts standards development. The Roland Zavada Award will be presented annually by CGATS to an individual who has made a significant contribution toward the development of U.S. graphic arts standards through active participation in accredited standards activities.

The recipient of the "Rollie" must meet the following criteria: active participation for more than three years on an accredited standards committee(s), leading to the approval of graphic arts and/or printing and publishing-related standards; promotion or visible support of the need for standards development in the graphic arts and/or printing and publishing industry; leadership in the development of graphic arts and/or printing and publishing standards; and significant technical and/or administrative support to an accredited standards committee(s). This year's winner and first recipient of the award is Dr. S. Thomas Dunn, Dunn Technologies, Inc.

Zavada began his career in 1951, when he became a photochemist at Eastman Kodak in Rochester, N.Y.; he retired from that company in 1990 in the position of Standards Director for Imaging Technologies. In 1985, Zavada became the chair of the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI's) Image Technology Standards Board, the group responsible for planning and coordinating standards development for imaging technologies; he served two terms. He was also the leader of the U.S. delegation to ISO/TC36 — Cinematography for 16 years, as well as the organizer of the ISO-IEC Coordinating Committee on Image Technology, which he chaired for seven years. In 1990, he received the ANSI Meritorious Service Award, presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to voluntary standardization and has contributed outstanding service in enabling ANSI to attain the objectives for which it was founded.

After joining SMPTE in 1962, Zavada became a Fellow in 1968. He has served the Society in a number of positions, including Engineering Vice-President (1976-1983). He was also a member of the President's Task Force on Society Standards Policy (1989-1990) and the keynote speaker at the 133rd

SMPTE Technical Conference in 1991. SMPTE has recognized Zavada's efforts with the Progress Medal in 1985, the Agfa Gevaert Medal for outstanding achievement in film and video image interface in 1986, and Life Fellowship status in 1992.

Nominations for the Roland Zavada Standards Award will be solicited from the industry by the CGATS Awards Committee on an annual basis. The three-person Awards Committee, chaired by the vice-chair of the CGATS Executive Committee and including representatives of vendor and user members of CGATS, will review nominations and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee, which will approve the recommendation by a simple majority vote. Nominations should include documentation illustrating how the nominee meets the award criteria. Nominations should be made to CGATS by October 31, and should be sent to: Roland Zavada Standards Award, CGATS Secretariat, 1899 Preston White Dr., Reston, VA 22091-4367, (703) 264-7200, Fax: (703) 620-0994.

ANSI Forms New Standards Panel

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has formed the Information Infrastructure Standards Panel (IISP) to address how the standards community can ensure the timely development of required standards for the national and global information infrastructure.

According to the ANSI announcement, the IISP will be an open working forum for all materially affected parties, including sectors not traditionally involved in the voluntary standards process. The objective of the panel is to identify, promote, accelerate, and coordinate the development of standards for the information infrastructure.

The SMPTE will be an IISP participant. The first general meeting of the panel will take place September 27-28, 1994. Other organizations interested in participation should contact Chick Hayden, ANSI, 11 W. 42nd St., New York, NY 10036, (212) 642-4920, Fax: (212) 398-0023.

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