

2002 Annual Excellence in Structural Engineering Design Competition

SEAOI (Structural Engineers Association of Illinois) announced the 2002 Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards during its Annual Awards Banquet. Winning the **2002 Best Large Structure Award** was Graef Anhalt Schloemer & Associates for the Milwaukee Art Museum Addition constructed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Don Erickson, architect and **SEAOI** judge, states that this project is, "engineering, art, sculpture, architecture, coalesced into a stunning triumph of creation."



The **2002 Most Innovative Structure Award** was presented to Skilling Ward Magnusson Barkshire for the Experience Music Project constructed in Seattle, Washington. Doug Garofalo, architect and **SEAOI** judge, states that, "the formal complexity of this project and its structural solution point toward a future where digital fabrication processes will be the norm. It is quite an exciting proposition in terms of structural design and fabrication. In this sense, the project is indeed ahead of its time."



The **2002 Best Small Structure Award** was won by Werner Sobek Ingenieure for House R128 constructed in Stuttgart, Germany. Blair Kamin, Chicago Tribune architecture critic and **SEAOI** judge, states that this project is, "a visionary synthesis of engineering and energy-conscious design. Brilliantly conceived and beautifully executed. A blueprint for a new way of building—and living."



Awards of Merit in the Large Structure category were presented to Thornton-Tomasetti Engineers for UBS Tower constructed in Chicago, Illinois and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, LLC for the New International Terminal at San Francisco International Airport constructed in San Francisco, California. An **Award of Merit** in the Small Structure category was presented to C. E. Anderson & Associates for the St. John The Evangelist Catholic Parish constructed in Streamwood, Illinois.



The winning projects were selected by a jury of distinguished leaders in the construction industry which include:

- Don Erickson: Architect, Don Erickson Architect
- Neil Frankel, FAIA, FIIA: Architect, Frankel & Coleman
- Doug Garafalo, Architect and Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago
 - Blair Kamin: Architecture Critic, Chicago Tribune
- Jeffrey A. Riemer: Executive Vice President, Bovis Lend Lease, Inc.
 - Robert A. Wislow: Co-founder, U.S. Equities Realty, LLC.

Meritorious Publication Awards

Two Meritorious Publication Awards were presented. The first was received by David A. Fanella, author of a series of three articles entitled, "Time-Saving Design Aids for Reinforced Concrete." The second Meritorious Publication Award was presented to Nancy L. Gavlin, editor of the book entitled, "Engineering in the City of the Century."

2002 SEAIO Service Award

The 2002 SEAIO Service Award was presented to Benjamin R. Baer. This award is given to an individual for outstanding contributions to **SEAIO** or to the profession of structural engineering in the State of Illinois. Mr. Baer has given freely of his time and efforts to **SEAIO** by serving as: a member on the Board of Directors for the past eight years; **SEAIO** President-Elect, President, and Past-President; and Chair of the Government Relations, Awards, Nominating, and Audit Committees. For the Structural Engineers Foundation, Mr. Baer has held the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary and is currently a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Baer's service to the structural engineering community extends to the national level with his involvement as: a member on the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations (NCSEA) Registration and Licensing Committee; Chair of NCSEA's Licensing and Continuing Education Committee; assistant editor for Structure Magazine, and originator and Chair of the Structural Engineering Winter Institute.

2002 John Parmer Award

The John Parmer Award is named after the late John Parmer, who was a founder of **SEAIO** and served as its first executive director. Mr. Parmer felt that structural engineers had received insufficient recognition both publicly and financially for their important role in creating our constructed environment. As a memorial to their late father, the family of John Parmer has endowed this annual award recognizing an individual whose career has been acknowledged by his or her peers as an example of excellence in the field of structural engineering.

The 2002 John Parmer Award was presented to John J. Zils. Mr. Zils has served as a structural engineer with Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, LLC since 1966. Mr. Zils long list of renowned projects include: the Sears Tower in Chicago, Illinois; the King Abdul Aziz International Airport in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain; the Lakefront Millennium Bandshell being constructed in Chicago, Illinois; and the Fourth Financial Center Bank and Office Building in Wichita, Kansas. Recently, Mr. Zils provided structural engineering support for the search and rescue operations at "Ground Zero" in New York City, following the September 11th terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Mr. Zils has also served the structural engineering community as: Past-President of **SEAIO**; Past-President of the Structural Engineers Foundation; Past-Commissioner of the Illinois Building Commission; Past-President of the Illinois Architect/Engineer Council; and Past-Chairman of the Chicago Committee on High-Rise Buildings. In addition to being honored by **SEAIO**, Mr. Zils has also been awarded: the 2001 American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Lifetime Achievement Award; 1999 ASCE Innovation in Civil Engineering Award; the 1996 Michigan Technical University Engineering Achievement Award; Fellow of ASCE; and Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.