



Press Release

Drnevich Receives Engineering Leadership Award

Indianapolis, Ind. (June 18, 2013) – The Indiana Society of Professional Engineers (ISPE) presented Vincent P. Drnevich, PhD, PE, its first Thomas A. Morris Engineering Leadership Award in recognition of his outstanding engineering leadership and ability to exhibit the highest level of integrity and ethics in all conduct, and his continuous demonstration of breadth and depth of engineering knowledge.

The award is awarded to an Indiana professional engineer in honor of a famous Indiana engineer known for planning and constructing the Indiana Statehouse. As a graduate of West Point, Morris served as a Brigadier General in the Union Army. During the Civil War, he also served as the overall Union commander in the Battle of Philippi, the first organized land action of the war. After the war, he oversaw the construction of the Union Railway and Union Depot in Indianapolis. And as Indiana's Resident Engineer, Morris supervised the construction of the Central Canal, along with the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad.

Dr. Drnevich has been recognized for his engineering accomplishments with numerous national awards. He is active in many professional and technical organizations, including ISPE. In 2008, Governor Mitch Daniels appointed him to the Indiana Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and was elected chair for 2013. ISPE President-Elect Scott S. Haraburda, PhD, PE, commented that Dr. Drnevich had, "accumulated numerous successful engineering accomplishments necessary to serve as a role and mentor for other engineers, and was a worthy selection as the inaugural recipient of this award.

Michael Fink, PE, a past-President of ISPE, presented the award to Dr. Drnevich on behalf of ISPE during its 2013 annual conference on June 14, 2013. At this conference, Vince presented a short course on Indiana Statutes and Rules for Engineering Licensure.

The National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) is the national society of licensed professional engineers from all disciplines that promotes the ethical and competent practice of engineering, advocates licensure, and enhances the image and well-being of its members. Founded in 1934, NSPE serves more than 35,000 members and the public through 53 state and territorial societies and more than 400 chapters. The ISPE is the state society that supports Indiana.