



Press Release

Shirley Receives Engineering Leadership Award

Indianapolis, Ind. (June 15, 2015) – The Indiana Society of Professional Engineers (ISPE) presented Michael Shirley, PE, its 2015 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, he 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, he supervised the construction of the Central Canal, along with the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad.

Mr. Shirley has been recognized for his nearly four decades of engineering work. In addition to being President of Innovators Research, he is active in many professional and technical organizations, including ISPE. At the national level, he chaired the Board of Ethical Review from 2008 through 2011.

Michael Fink, PE, a past-President of ISPE, presented the award to Mr. Shirley on behalf of ISPE during its 2015 annual conference on June 12, 2015. ISPE President, Scott S. Haraburda, PhD, PE, commented that Mr. Shirley had, “many significant engineering accomplishments necessary to serve as a role and mentor for other engineers, and was a worthy selection as the recipient of this year's award.”

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.